

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2025

A Tax Abatement Hearing was held at the Worthington High School Band Room, 1211 Clary Street, Worthington, Minnesota on March 18, 2025, at 6:10 p.m. Hearing adjourned at 6:11p.m.

A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 518, Worthington, Minnesota, was held at the Worthington High School Band Room, 1211 Clary Street, Worthington, Minnesota on March 18, 2025, at 6:15 p.m.

The following were present: BOARD MEMBERS – Adam Blume, Erin Schutte, Matt Widboom, Darla Agard, Ann Mills, Eric Parrish, Lori Dudley

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, Superintendent, Josh Noble, Assistant Superintendent, Carmen Johnson, Human Resources Director

Correspondence and Recognition: The board recognized the following employees/students: The Prairie Elementary and Intermediate School students on raising \$5,498.00 through their annual coins for cancer fundraiser and donating it to the Children’s Miracle Network of Sioux Falls. Alondra Leon Flores as the recipient of the President’s Regional Forensics (Speech) scholarship from SW Minnesota State University. Trojans Gymnastics team was awarded the section 3A academic champion team, Wrestler Chase Byrne who earned 1st place in sections and advanced to the state wrestling tournament and was also named to the Big South Conference Wrestling All-Conference team. Leslie Hernandez Herriquez a second grader at Prairie Elementary in placing 2nd in the Wilmont VFW Auxiliary Annual Illustrating American art contest for grades K-8. First place winners of the Intermediate School Science Fair who advanced to the Regional Science Fair in Mankato: Katherine Standafer, Brady Schulz, Annabelle Kremer and Clara Hietbrink. Worthington’s Trojette Dance Team Members who have been named to the Big South Dance All Conference: Jazz All Conference-Zoe Martinez, Kayley Garcia Seifert and Kick All Conference-Roselyn Castillo Loza. The following WHS Business Professionals of America students that competed in the MN BPA State Spring Leadership Conference: Peer Htoo 3rd place and advancing to Nationals in Fundamental Desktop Publishing; Martha Garcia-Fonseca-First place advancing to Nationals in Business Communication Skills Concepts and placing 2nd in word processing, business math concepts and computer literacy concepts and competing in all events at Nationals; Kaw Tha Blay 4th place and advancing to Nationals in advanced desktop publishing; Alondra Leon Flores-2nd place and advancing to Nationals in Administration Research Projects, Individual and Statesman Torch award winner; Alexia Puente, National Runner-up in Fundamental Desktop Publishing; Administration Team of Alondra Leon Flores, Kaw Tha Blay, Peer Htoo, and Edgard Mendez Ochoa in finalizing and will be a National Runner-up. High School Choir, Band and Orchestra Solo and Ensemble contest at Minnesota State University Mankato with 56 students in 47 entries with 40 Superior ratings and 7 Excellent ratings.

A presentation was given by Spencer Wieneke, Learning Center Principal and Katie Pedersen, Dean of Students regarding the Learning Center/VIBE Program.

1. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve the Consent Agenda for the March 18, 2025, School Board meeting with the removal of item 4.3.2 approval of employment for Shari Nelson and to move item 4.5 approval of Service Cooperative contracts to 5.11 on the Main Agenda.
2. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve the Main Agenda for the March 18, 2025, School Board meeting.
3. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve the February 18, 2025, Regular School Board meeting minutes.

Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to accept the school board committee meeting minutes as received.

4. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve the action of the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

4.1 Financial Reports -

- A. Approved Investments Matured and Purchased
- B. Approved Wire Transfers
- C. Approved Claims and Accounts for March 18, 2025, as per Board Check Register

	<u>March 18, 2025</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$3,311,214.05
FOOD SERVICE	\$88,932.89
TRANSPORTATION	\$159,490.22
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$19,234.97
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$10,128.27
TRUST	\$36,260.44
NCIC	\$20,114.96
STUDENT ACTIVITY	<u>\$17,555.39</u>
MONTH TOTAL	\$3,662,931.19

- D. Approved the Community Education Imprest Cash Account in the amount of \$23.00 for February 2025.

- 4.2.1. Approved termination of Kristine Morris as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective February 14, 2025.
- 4.2.2. Approved termination of Aleida Garcia Calzada as Enrichment Facilitator at Community Education effective February 4, 2025.
- 4.2.3. Approved termination of Sofia Anguiano as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective February 20, 2025.
- 4.2.4. Approved resignation of Myra Kramer as Early Childhood Secretary at Community Education effective March 21, 2025.
- 4.2.5. Approved resignation of Ruben Alvarez as VIBE K-6 Teacher with the VIBE Program effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- 4.2.6. Approved resignation of Tonisha Miller as EBD Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.2.7. Approved resignation of Pam Westendorf as Class I Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective March 5, 2025.
- 4.2.8. Approved retirement of Julie Ebbers as First Grade Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.2.9. Approved retirement of David Blanchard as Visual Arts Teacher at the Middle School effective June 6, 2025.
- 4.2.10. Approved resignation of Duong Nguyen as High School Assistant Gymnastics Coach effective March 7, 2025.
- 4.2.11. Approved resignation of Katie Christopher as Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor at the High School effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.2.12. Approved retirement of Mara Jirele as Speech/Language Clinician at Prairie Elementary effective June 3, 2025.

- 4.3.1. Approved employment of Victoria Garza as Human Resources Specialist at the District Office effective February 20, 2025.
- 4.3.2. Approved employment of Tah So Ghay Colliah as Middle School Track Coach effective February 26, 2025.
- 4.3.3. Approved employment of Meghan Willems as Targeted Services EDGE Educational Assistant Rover at Prairie Elementary effective February 26, 2025.
- 4.3.4. Approved employment of Lauren Madsen as Orchestra Pit Helper at the High School effective January 6, 2025.
- 4.3.5. Approved employment of Jonathan Carmine Cristobal as Orchestra Pit Helper at the High School effective January 6, 2025.
- 4.3.6. Approved employment of Adam Madsen as Orchestra Pit Helper at the High School effective January 6, 2025.
- 4.3.7. Approved employment of Edgar Sanchez Ortega as Youth Development Leader at Community Education effective March 5, 2025.
- 4.3.8. Approved employment of Patricia Navarro Valladares as Class I Evening Custodian at the Intermediate School effective March 12, 2025.
- 4.3.9. Approved employment of Dan Bruns as Middle School Baseball Coach effective March 17, 2025.
- 4.3.10. Approved employment of Katherine Janssen as Learning Center Night School Rover Teacher effective March 31, 2025.
- 4.3.11. Approved employment of Christina Keovilay as Targeted Services EDGE Educational Assistant Rover at Prairie Elementary effective March 13, 2025.
- 4.3.12. Approved employment of Alison Stumpf as Speech Language Pathologist at Prairie Elementary effective March 13, 2025.

4.4 The board approved the acceptance of the following donations for the month of February 2025: WAMBO to Honor Choir; Eagles Club to Learning Center; Rock/Nobles Cattlemen Association to FFA and New Vision to FFA.

5. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve second reading of Policy 522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process.
6. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Dudley to approve a Resolution Approving Tax Abatement For Certain Property Pursuant to Minn.Stat.469.1813. Motion passed by roll call vote 7 to 0.
7. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve first reading of Policy 704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System.
8. Motion by Member Parrish, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve a three-year Trojan Field impact testing agreement with IEA, Inc. in the amount of \$3,510.00.
9. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Dudley to approve the budget reductions as presented. Motion passed 4 to 3 with Members Parrish, Schutte and Agard dissenting.
10. Motion by Member Schutte, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve city maintenance and scheduling agreement at a cost of \$12,826.
11. Motion by Member Schutte, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve turning over a playground area to the City of Worthington.
12. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve a lease with the City of Worthington for a \$1.00 to install five soccer fields at Prairie Elementary.

13. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to accept the Sanford Health Insurance bid at a 6% increase as the District's insurance provider for a 2-year renewal period with a not to exceed rate cap of 12.9% for 2026 and to ask the teachers union to vote on eliminating the \$500 deductible plan.
14. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve the Southwest/West Central Cooperative Contracts for 2025-2026 as follows:

	<u>2024-2025 Fee</u>	<u>2025-2026 Fee</u>
Environmental/Occupational Health & Safety Management Program	\$7,830.00	\$13,152.00
Business/SMART Systems Services	\$46,088.95	\$55,519.10
Technology Services	\$322,519.00	\$358,799.00
Special Education Services	\$1,008,871.00	\$728,812.00
Total Contract	\$1,343,908.95	\$1,156,282.10

The Board further discussed and reviewed the following matters: Investments and financial status; Superintendent's Report – Mr. Landgaard reported the following: Compensatory revenue update and the National Superintendent Conference update. Instructional Committee Report – Ms. Mills reported the following: None. Operations Committee Report – Mr. Widboom reported the following: Watershed Crailsheim property update. He also asked the board to draft a letter of recommendation to the DNR and our elected officials in support of the Watershed and it's drainage project. Other Reports – Three way stop at Crailsheim and Oxford streets and March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day and to wear blue and yellow to raise awareness. Other Business – None. Future Business – None.

Into closed session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss negotiations planning.

The board adjourned closed session at 8:24 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

Chairman Blume recapped the closed session. The board discussed negotiations planning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Matt Widboom, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk