

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS • INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748
MARCH 18, 2024 • DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER BOARDROOM

The regular school board meeting of Independent School District 748 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Tricia Meling. Members present: Meling, chair; Matt Moehrle, vice chair; Emily Larson, clerk; Jen Smith, treasurer; Jason Nies, director; Scott Wenshau, director and Thomas R. Lee, interim superintendent. Members absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Moehrle and seconded by Larson to APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Discussion was held. Smith motioned to amend the agenda to add individual contracts for individual consideration. The motion to amend was seconded by Larson. Discussion was held. Smith, Wenshau and Larson voted yes. Meling, Nies and Moehrle voted no. 3-3, the motion failed. A vote on the original motion took place. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public forum was held.

A motion was made by Larson and seconded by Wenshau to APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS A.5.a – A.5.d AS PRESENTED BELOW. All in favor. Motion carried.

A.5.a. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Feb. 26, 2024

Minutes of the Feb. 26, 2024 special meeting.
 Minutes of the March 6, 2024 special meeting
 Minutes of the March 7, 2024 special meeting
 Minutes of the March 11, 2024 special meeting

A.5.b Checks in the amount of \$924,150.45 as presented:

General Fund	405,521.63
Food Service Fund	147,654.27
Transportation Fund	231,827.63
Community Service Fund	10,457.07
Capital Expenditure Fund	88,550.36
Building Fund	15,753.32
Activity Accounts	4,991.43
Internal Service Fund	19,394.74
Check numbers 188960 – 189170	

AP ACH History in the amount of \$15,029.43 as presented:

General Fund	14,772.79
Food Service Fund	140.86
Activities Accounts	115.78
Check Number 232400152 – 232400167	

Receipts in the amount of \$5,262,257.57 as presented:

General Fund	4,516,784.19
Food Service Fund	671,276.19
Transportation Fund	38.40
Community Service Fund	37,310.38
Capital Expenditure Fund	12,817.60
Activity Accounts	15,093.24
Internal Service Fund	8,937.57
Receipts 52798 - 52924	

Wire transfers in the amount of \$1,576,087.60 as presented:

General Fund	1,196,538.38
Food Service Fund	55,622.83
Transportation Fund	22,194.49
Community Service Fund	26,359.39
Capital Expenditure Fund	3,217.36
Activity Accounts	7,980.60
Internal Service Fund	264,174.55
Wire transfers 202300570 – 202300628	

A.5.c Approve resolution accepting the following donations; Rich Cat Supply, Riverview Intermediate School, 14 pickleball paddles: value \$1,120-\$1,680, Introduce pickleball to students; Sartell Music Association, Riverview Intermediate School, \$358, orchestra supplies; Community Theatre Supporters, Sartell Middle School, \$1,236, spring musical; Scheels, Sartell High School, \$500, golf simulator project; St. Cloud Optimist Club, Oak Ridge Early Learning Center, \$536.80, chairs for student seating.

A.5.d Accept resignations: Troy Baumann, Districtwide, groundskeeper, 3/11/24; Kim Hartman, RIS, morning cashier, 3/15/24; Gabrielle Johnson, RIS, paraprofessional, 3/12/24; Robert Roob, RIS, food service worker, 2/23/24; Becky Studniski, SMS/RIS, cashier, 3/11/24.

Accept release of employment: None

Accept retirements: Jean Harthan, PMPS, second-grade teacher, 5/31/24; Mark Hedstrom, SMS, head custodian, 6/7/24; Mike Maurer, RIS, lunch supervisor, 3/22/24.

Sabre Staff Star Report:

• High School Principal Shayne Kusler presented the February Sabre Staff Star Award and Middle School Principal Angela Safran

presented the March Sabre Staff Star Award.

School Board Student Representative Report:

• High School Student and Student Board Representative Bennett Prose reported on the exciting things happening around the district.

Superintendent Report:

• Lee reported on happenings around the district. Lee reminded us of the \$1.2-million right-sizing project he and his administrative team are currently processing. Staff will be notified this coming Friday. He attended a Benton Stearns Education District meeting to discuss specific facility needs as their Sauk-Rapids location is deteriorating at a rapid pace. Lee has developed example 2025-26 school calendars and will bring before the board at their April work session. He gave an update on the book vetting process and on the Braver Angels organization.

District Finance Report:

• District Finance Director Joe Prom presented the district's finances and updated the board on the status of a few construction projects.

School Board Committee Report:

• Moehrle – Senior Connection: They have coffee and conversation every Thursday. It's highly recommended as they discuss relevant topics and bring in several excellent speakers.

• Moehrle – SEE: The new School Resource Officer bill passed. This bill takes SROs off the list of who are prohibited from using a prone restraint. He also mentioned HF4117 regarding financial challenges that school boards face. Moehrle and Lee also attended the Day at the Capital to advocate for more time for the required READ ACT professional development training.

• Larson – Community Ed Advisory: They are working on a new mission statement.

• Meling – Communication & Technology: They created a new purpose statement. They saw a preview of the new website. Discussion was held on device buy backs in June and our district has been awarded \$1.1 million in federal E-rate grants.

A motion was made by Moehrle and seconded by Larson to APPROVE PERSONNEL OMNIBUS RESOLUTION #1-22: All in Favor. Motion carried.

New Employees: Andrew Berger, SHS, assistant clay target coach, \$1,130 (2.25 percent), BA, Step 4, new position, 4/1/24; Patricia Boom, transportation, bus monitor, \$19.42/hour, RII, Step 2, replacing Lynda Hallerman, 4/2/24; Dylan Erickson-Thoemke, SMS, golf coach, \$2,106 (4.5 percent), BA, Step 1, new position, 3/19/24; Amy Finnern, RIS, special education teacher, \$51,998, BA10, Step 1, replacing Britney Sold-

ner, 8/26/24.

Lucia Laituri, TBD, speech language pathologist, \$61,287 MA, Step 1, new position, 8/26/24; Jody Miland, RIS, morning cashier, \$18.03/hour, RII, Step 1, replacing Kim Hartman, 3/12/24; David Nyssen, SHS, spring musical set painter, \$1,053 (2.25 percent) BA, Step 1, replacing Mariah Athas, 4/1/24; Stacey Osterholt, SMS, cashier, \$18.03/hour, RII, Step 1, replacing Becky Studniski, 3/18/24.

Catherine Pelka, Districtwide, sub cleaner, \$15.50/hour, additional sub, 3/7/24; Karlye Rude, SMS, sixth-grade science teacher, \$82,456, MA30, Step 11, replacing Emma Bolt, 8/26/24; Krista Schmitz, SMS, special education teacher, \$81,269, MA30, Step 10, replacing Lori Connolly, 8/26/24; Haley Schoenberg, TBD, speech language pathologist, \$63,664, MA, Step 3, replacing Amelia Klemp, 8/26/24; Joseph Siemieniak, Sartell High School spring musical sound designer, \$1,053 (2.25 percent), BA, Step 1, replacing Aaron Athas, 3/4/24;

Lisa Stangler, RIS, food service worker, \$17.02/hour, RI, Step 1, replacing Robert Roob, 3/18/24; Becky Studniski, RIS, temporary cashier, \$18.03/hour, RII, Step 1, sub for Val Gruba, LOA 2/12/24; Becky Studniski, RIS, lunchroom supervisor, \$15/hour, RI, Step 1, replacing Mike Maurer, 3/11/24; Sarah Theisen, SMS, art teacher, \$81,293, MA, Step 16, replacing Lily Brutger, 8/26/24.

Leaves of Absence: Craig Braun, SMS, seventh-grade science teacher, LOA, 2/19/24-4/12/24; Allison Bunkers, RIS, fourth-grade teacher, LOA, 3/11/24-5/31/24; Mark Hedstrom, SMS, head custodian, LOA, intermittent 3/7/24-6/7/24; Erin Nies, PMPS, first-grade teacher, LOA, 8/28/24-12/4/24; Karl Scharnweber, SHS, health & physical education teacher, LOA, 4/1/24-4/12/24.

All in favor. Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Wenshau to APPROVE the 2024-2027 superintendent contract. Discussion was held. All in Favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Moehrle and seconded by Smith to APPROVE RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR POTENTIAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS. Discussion was held. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion:

• Second Reading: Revision of Policy – 102 and 104

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:21 p.m. was made by Moehrle and seconded by Nies. All in favor. Motion carried.

Scheduled Committee Meetings

• Operations and Facil-

ities Committee Meeting – 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 20 at District Services Center.

• Future Policy Committee Meeting – 5 p.m. Thursday, April 4 at District Service Center

• Future Board Work Session – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 at District Service Center

• World's Best Workforce Meeting – 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 9 at District Service Center

• Future Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 15 at St. Stephen City Hall

• Career & Tech Ed – 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 8 at Sartell High School

/s/ Emily Larson, clerk

Publish: April 19, 2024