

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**February 20, 2024**

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 February 20, 2024, at 6:15 p.m.

The following were present: BOARD MEMBERS – Lori Dudley, Steve Schnieder, Joel Lorenz, Tom Prins, Adam Blume, Erin Schutte, Matt Widboom

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, Superintendent, Dave Skog, Director of Operations and Josh Noble, Director of Instruction

Correspondence and Recognition: The board recognized the following employees/students: Worthington Girls Gymnastics team in capturing the Big South Conference and being named Section 3A champions 10 years in a row. Also, along with the team advancing to state, the following individual gymnasts qualified for individual state: Hali Bullerman, Addison Gerber, Kenadie Thiner, Jordis Weber and Brooklyn Dykstra. The team also earned the Section 3A academic award for a combined GPA of 3.97.

1. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve the Consent Agenda for the February 20, 2024, School Board meeting.
2. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve the Main Agenda for the February 20, 2024, School Board meeting.
3. Motion by Member Prins, seconded by Member Blume and unanimously passed to approve the January 16, 2024, Regular School Board meeting minutes, the January 25, 2024, Special School Board meeting minutes and the February 7, 2024, School Board Work Session meeting minutes.

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

4. Motion by Member Dudley, 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 February 20, 2024, as per Board Check Register

	<b><u>February 20, 2024</u></b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$879,172.82
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>	\$177,057.28
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	\$1,566.39
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	\$20,042.18
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	\$23,403.01
<b>TRUST FUND</b>	\$17,855.00
<b>NCIC</b>	\$46,343.18
<b>STUDENT ACTIVITY</b>	<b><u>\$89,616.15</u></b>
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,255,056.01</b>

D. Approved the Community Education Imprest Cash Account in the amount of \$8.00 for January 2024.

- 4.2.1. Approved resignation of Konner Honius as Middle School Baseball Coach effective January 16, 2024.
- 4.2.2. Approved resignation of Brian Iverson as Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach effective January 16, 2024.
- 4.2.3. Approved retirement of Debora Sandhurst as Class I Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective May 31, 2024.
- 4.2.4. Approved resignation of Rosa Granados as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective February 2, 2024.
- 4.2.5. Approved resignation of Clara Fuentes as Science Teacher at the High School effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- 4.2.6. Approved resignation of Yareli Rodriguez as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective February 6, 2024.
- 4.2.7. Approved termination of Peyton Conover as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective February 8, 2024.
- 4.2.8. Approved retirement of Jean Boucher as Class I Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective June 1, 2024.
- 4.2.9. Approved resignation of Katie Clarke as Principal at the Intermediate School effective January 1, 2024.
  
- 4.3.1. Approved employment of Sarah Wieneke as Class I Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective January 15, 2024.
- 4.3.2. Approved employment of Clara Reynaga as Class I Paraprofessional at the High School effective January 29, 2024.
- 4.3.3. Approved employment of Mekides Kinati as Class I Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective January 17, 2024.
- 4.3.4. Approved a change in employment for Sarah Browen from a Paraprofessional to a FACS Teacher at the Middle School effective January 22, 2024.
- 4.3.5. Approved employment of Arlette Rodriguez as ABE Teacher at Community Education effective January 16, 2024.
- 4.3.6. Approved employment of Steven Souksawan as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective January 22, 2024.
- 4.3.7. Approved employment of Randine Crouch as Rover EDGE Intermediate Teacher with Targeted Services effective January 18, 2024.
- 4.3.8. Approved employment of Emily Ruml as High School Assistant Girls Golf Coach effective March 18, 2024.
- 4.3.9. Approved a change in employment for Samantha Cerda from a Class I to a Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective January 19, 2024.
- 4.3.10. Approved employment of Pam Deuel as a long-term Substitute Early Childhood Teacher at Community Education from February 1, 2024, through March 22, 2024.
- 4.3.11. Approved employment of Azeb Riemersma as Cook at Prairie Elementary effective January 18, 2024.
- 4.3.12. Approved employment of Clara Reynaga Martinez as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective January 22, 2024.
- 4.3.13. Approved employment of Marisa Lehnhoff as Interventionist at the Intermediate School effective January 24, 2024.
- 4.3.14. Approved employment of Kelly Henkels as Enrichment Program Facilitator at Community Education effective January 19, 2024.
- 4.3.15. Approved employment of Chelsea Reese as SLD Teacher at the Intermediate School effective January 22, 2024.
- 4.3.16. Approved employment of Brianne Ihnen as Rover EDGE Intermediate School Teacher with Targeted Services effective January 23, 2024.

- 4.3.17. Approved a change in employment for Cynthia Carabantes Martinez from a Class II to a Class I Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective January 29, 2024.
- 4.3.18. Approved employment of Emma Eppler as VIBE Teacher with the VIBE Online Program effective January 29, 2024.
- 4.3.19. Approved employment of Andrea Schmidt as VIBE Teacher with the VIBE Online Program effective January 29, 2024.
- 4.3.20. Approved employment of Aldo Rodriguez as Enrichment Program Facilitator at Community Education effective January 25, 2024.
- 4.3.21. Approved employment of Blanca Espino as Class I Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective February 2, 2024.
- 4.3.22. Approved employment of Hkee La Htoo as Cultural Liaison long term substitute with Community Education effective January 31, 2024.
- 4.3.23. Approved employment of Eh Ku as part-time Early Childhood Paraprofessional at Community Education effective February 5, 2024.
- 4.3.24. Approved employment of Bridget Borer as ABE Teacher-Adrian with Community Education effective February 1, 2024.
- 4.3.25. Approved employment of Michelle Meza as Cook at the Middle School effective February 12, 2024.
- 4.3.26. Approved employment of Yareli Rodriguez as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective January 31, 2024.
- 4.3.27. Approved employment of Joshua Enriquez as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective February 9, 2024.
- 4.3.28. Approved employment of Gail Rahn as Class I Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective February 12, 2024.
- 4.3.29. Approved employment of Ashley Pedraza as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective February 12, 2024.
- 4.4 The board approved the acceptance of the following donations for the month of January 2024: STEM from SW Initiative Foundation, Middle School Renaissance Program from Early Risers Kiwanis, Wellness Room from Great Life Worthington and from the SEAT Team, Brandl 2024 Scholarship from Rick Brandl, Trojan Legacy Wall from the Class of 1983 and Girls Basketball from Jill Hansen.
- 4.5 Approved the 2025-2029 Wide Area Network Consortium Services Agreement with the SW/WC Service Cooperative.
- 4.6 Approved the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative Contracts for 2024-2025 as follows:

	<b><u>2024-2025 Fee</u></b>	<b><u>2023-2024 Fee</u></b>
Service Coop Membership	\$0	\$0
Technology Coordinator Services/Integration Services	\$284,844.00	\$270,024.00
Cyber Security Services	\$36,130.00	\$40,670.00
SMART Finance	\$46,088.95	\$49,164.00
Special Education Services (Includes Psychologist, Autism Consulting/Behavior Analyst Services/ECSE Coordination/Visually Impaired Services/Special Ed Administration)	\$738,190.00	\$688,587.00
E-rate Coordination	\$3,650.00	\$3,650.00

5. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve capital outlay requests as presented.
6. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve the 2024-2025 NCIC budget.
7. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve to declare High School mythology books as surplus property.

8. The board had a discussion on the idea of a student school board representative.

Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve to proceed with the application and interview process for a student school board representative.

9. The board had a discussion on the Intermediate School Principal positions.

Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve to offer the Intermediate School Principal position to Interim Principal Cory Van Briesen effective July 1, 2024, and open up the Intermediate School Assistant Principal position to recruit and hire.

10. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Prins and unanimously passed to approve the AIPAC (American Indian Parent Advisory Committee) compliance report.
11. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve a request to go out for bids for the installation of the Middle School rooftop units and replacing the roof.
12. The board discussed contributing funds for the baseball improvements.

Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Prins to contribute \$50,000 to WAYBA for baseball field improvements.

13. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve a service maintenance agreement with Parallel Technologies at a yearly cost of \$27,170.
14. The board discussed the community venue (ice arena).

Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Dudley to approve a commitment of \$5 million towards an Ice arena on stipulation that it is a new building with the location being made by the City of Worthington.

Motion by Member Prins, seconded by Member Schutte to amend the motion to add a 5-year stipulation to start the project.

The motion to amend passed 6 to 1 with Member Schnieder dissenting.

The original motion as amended passed 6 to 1 with Member Blume dissenting.

15. The board discussed the High School remodel/addition.

Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve Option #3 minus the West Site project to complete a \$27.5 million High School addition, a \$5 million commitment to a community venue (ice arena) and a \$5 million commitment to the Middle School project (football field turf and improvements).

16. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Blume and unanimously passed to approve the National Insurance Services Consulting Agreement.

The Board further discussed and reviewed the following matters: Investments and financial status; Superintendent's Report – Mr. Landgaard reported the following: Watershed project update and the idea of an August or November bond referendum election, which the board favored an August election. Instructional Committee Report – Ms. Dudley reported the following: Cable 3 funding changes. Operations Committee Report – Mr. Schutte reported the following: Watershed project update. Other Reports – None. Other Business - None. Future Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Steve Schnieder, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk