

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2024

A Tax Abatement Hearing was held at the Worthington High School Band Room, 1211 Clary Street, Worthington, Minnesota on March 19, 2024, at 6:10 p.m. Hearing adjourned at 6:11 p.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 19, 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: Hali Bullerman on placing 1st on the floor and 2nd in the all-around competition at the Gymnastics State tournament. The Trojans gymnastics members that have been named to the Big South West Division All-conference team: Olivia Barber, Addison Gerber, Hali Bullerman and Brooklyn Dykstra. Caden VanBriesen on being named to the Big South Conference Hockey All-Conference Honorable Mention Team for 2023-2024. The following Minnesota Business Professionals of America students who received state recognition: Kaw Blay 2nd in Fundamental desktop publishing and 3rd in Administrative Support Team. Sophie Gohler, Alondra Leon Flores and Cristina Mireles received 3rd in Administrative Support Team. This May, Kaw Blay, Sophie Gohler, Alondra Leon Flores and Cristina Mireles will compete at the 59th Annual National Leadership Conference in Chicago. Students that participated in the Region 2AA solo and ensemble contest. The choir took a total of 12 vocal entries and earned superior ratings for each. Sophomore Aiden Harwood earned a perfect score on his solo and received the best in site honor. Quinn Benz, Bennett Oberloh, Ayana Leovan, Suzanna Shwe, Raegan Phelps and Lucy O'Donnell received superior ratings in a Vocal Solo and Adrianna DeLeon and Katlyn Hill received a superior rating in a Vocal Duet. Aiden Harwood, Sebastian Kron, Raegan Phelps and Ayana Leovan received a superior rating in a Vocal Quartet. The Orchestra received 2 superior ratings for violin solos from A Carit and Ayana Leovan and a superior rating for a viola solo from Isabella Kouame. A Carit & Ka Yae Htoo, received a superior rating in a violin/cello duet and excellent ratings for a violin solo by Moo Tha Wah and a string quintet of A Carit, Friendly Paw, Eh Na, Ka Yae Htoo and Suzanna Shwe.

1. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Prins and unanimously passed to approve the Consent Agenda for the March 19, 2024, School Board meeting and to change the resignation date for item 4.2.17 to August 9, 2024.
2. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Prins and unanimously passed to approve the Main Agenda for the March 19, 2024, School Board meeting with the addition of item 5.8 Resolution of Support for MACTA Efforts to Modernize Public Education and Government (PEG) Programming/Public Access Funding.
3. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve the February 20, 2024, 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 Schnieder, seconded by Member Dudley 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 19, 2024, as per Board Check Register

	<u>March 19, 2024</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$2,586,388.18
FOOD SERVICE	\$144,217.76
TRANSPORTATION	\$162,449.12
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$58,740.83
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$17,587.29
NCIC	\$4,973.12
STUDENT ACTIVITY	<u>\$26,019.76</u>
MONTH TOTAL	\$3,000,376.06

- D. Approved the Community Education Imprest Cash Account in the amount of \$35.00 for February 2024.

- 4.2.1. Approved resignation of Rebecca Linder as Middle School Assistant Softball Coach effective February 15, 2024.
- 4.2.2. Approved termination of Araceli Barajas Segoviano as Cook at the High School effective February 13, 2024.
- 4.2.3. Approved resignation of Kelsey Hagen as Human Resources Assistant at the District Office effective March 22, 2024.
- 4.2.4. Approved resignation of Penny Troe as High School Video Board Designer effective June 3, 2024.
- 4.2.5. Approved resignation of Amarilis Bentez as Cook at the Middle School effective January 23, 2024.
- 4.2.6. Approved resignation of Kelly Thelen as Early Childhood Teacher at Community Education effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- 4.2.7. Approved resignation of Maggie Blume as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective March 11, 2024.
- 4.2.8. Approved resignation of Christy Menke as Middle School Softball Coach effective February 28, 2024.
- 4.2.9. Approved resignation of Eric Morales as EL Paraprofessional at the High School effective March 15, 2024.
- 4.2.10. Approved resignation of Jose Galvez Garcia as Enrichment Program Aide with Community Education effective February 24, 2024.
- 4.2.11. Approved resignation of Klementina Walu as ABE Childcare Paraprofessional with Community Education effective March 21, 2024.
- 4.2.12. Approved resignation of Karla Manzo as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective March 4, 2024.
- 4.2.13. Approved resignation of Lizette Castillo-Luna as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective March 7, 2024.
- 4.2.14. Approved resignation of Heather Schock as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective March 6, 2024.
- 4.2.15. Approved resignation of Jesse Duitsman as Physical Education/Health Teacher at the Learning Center effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

- 4.2.16. Approved termination of Dawn Hannan as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective March 1, 2024.
- 4.2.17. Approved resignation of Tah So Ghay Collah as Youth Development Leader with NCIC effective August 9, 2024.
- 4.2.18. Approved retirement of Susan Poss as Class I Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective May 31, 2024.
- 4.2.19. Approved resignation of Carrie Adams as Counselor at the Middle School effective June 3, 2024.
- 4.2.20. Approved resignation of Kelli Stenzel as Third Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School effective June 30, 2024.
- 4.2.21. Approved resignation of Makayla Hardy as ECSE Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective March 22, 2024.
- 4.2.22. Approved resignation of Jessica Olsem as LD Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective June 3, 2024.
- 4.2.23. Approved resignation of Morgan Ober as Head Cook at the Intermediate School effective February 25, 2024.
- 4.2.24. Approved resignation of Caitlin Werder as High School Head Dance Team Coach effective March 7, 2024.
- 4.2.25. Approved resignation of Ashlyn Altman as Gymnastics Aide with Community Education effective March 7, 2024.

- 4.3.1. Approved employment of Dominic Burns as High School Knowledge Bowl Assistant Coach effective February 13, 2024.
- 4.3.2. Approved employment of Darrick Baartman as Middle School Baseball Coach effective March 18, 2024.
- 4.3.3. Approved employment of Taylor Loosbrock as Prairie Educational Assistant with Targeted Services effective February 15, 2024.
- 4.3.4. Approved employment of Emily Collin as High School Speech Judge effective February 12, 2024.
- 4.3.5. Approved employment of Jairo Perez as Interpreter/Translator at the Middle School effective February 26, 2024.
- 4.3.6. Approved employment of Ashlyn Wendland as High School Assistant Softball Coach effective March 11, 2024.
- 4.3.7. Approved employment of Payton Marquardt as High School Assistant Boys Golf Coach effective March 18, 2024.
- 4.3.8. Approved employment of Leyvi Hinojosa as Night School EL Support Teacher at the Learning Center effective March 13, 2024.
- 4.3.9. Approved employment of Sheila Olson from Cook to Assistant Head Cook at the Intermediate School effective January 28, 2024.
- 4.3.10. Approved employment of Kasen White as Targeted Services Prairie Educational Assistant effective March 7, 2024.
- 4.3.11. Approved employment of Eli Gaul as High School C-Squad Baseball Coach effective March 6, 2024.
- 4.3.12. Approved employment of Michelle Meza as Cook to Assistant Head Cook at the Middle School effective March 1, 2024.
- 4.3.13. Approved employment of David Cross as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective March 11, 2024.
- 4.3.14. Approved employment of Stacy Ackerman as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective March 11, 2024

- 4.4 The board approved the acceptance of the following donations for the month of February 2024: JBS donated for 420 students to attend the private showing of “Radical” at the new Grand theatre; Robyn Moser at the Stag donated blankets, hygiene items and new clothing to the Wellness Room and Rock-Nobles Cattlemen’s Association donated to the FFA for students that worked at their banquet.

- 4.5 Approved an employee's request for childcare leave (without pay) from August 19, 2024, through September 27, 2024.
5. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve to declare various band items listed as surplus property.
 6. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Blume to approve Resolution Approving Tax Abatement for Certain Property Pursuant to Minn.State.469.1813. Motion passed by roll call vote 7 to 0. Resolution is on file at the District Office.
 7. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Blume and unanimously passed to approve a maintenance and scheduling agreement with the City of Worthington for the baseball fields in the amount of \$11,660.00.
 8. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Prins and unanimously passed to approve to add a section of kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year.
 9. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Dudley to approve to submit the Review and Comment for the High School building project. Motion passed 5 to 2 with Members Blume and Prins dissenting.
 10. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Schnieder to approve a community garden collaboration with the University of Minnesota Extension, the City and the County. Motion passed 6 to 1 with Member Prins dissenting.
 11. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Widboom to approve a Resolution of Support for MACTA Efforts to Modernize Public Education and Government (PEG) Programming/Public Access Funding. Motion passed by roll call vote 7 to 0. Resolution is on file at the District Office.

The Board further discussed and reviewed the following matters: Investments and financial status; Superintendent's Report – Mr. Landgaard reported the following: MSBA information on 2023 K-12 state revenue appropriations analysis; legislative updates; daycare/preschool numbers and funding; Intermediate School Assistant Principal interviews are the first week in April and will need a couple of board members to serve on the interview committee. Instructional Committee Report – Ms. Dudley reported the following: None. Operations Committee Report – Ms. Schutte reported the following: None. Other Reports – Ms. Dudley reported Melanie Cerda was selected as Worthington's Crailsheim student for next year and Lilli Gebert will be the exchange student from Germany. Other Business – Mr. Noble mentioned that Mr. Hastings sent out information to students and faculty regarding a student school board representative. Future Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Steve Schnieder, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk