

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2025

A Tax Abatement Hearing was held at the Worthington High School Band Room, 1211 Clary Street, Worthington, Minnesota on May 20, 2025, 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 May 20, 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: Congratulated Gisel Martinez on placing 3rd in the Section 2AA Speech Meet. Congratulated WMS 6th grade writer, Elizabeth Gomez Monterroso for placing 3rd in the region in the 21st Annual SWWC Creative Writing Contest. Congratulated the WHS Culinary Challenge participants Fabiola Morales Soto, Kelly Diaz Roblero, Sandy Lagos, and Alis Lo who placed 1st in the Culinary Competition, and each earned \$2,000 scholarships to attend SMSU. Congratulated Annabelle Kremer a 4th grade student at the Intermediate School on being awarded 2nd place in the Regional Elementary Science and Engineering Fair at MSUM. Congratulated Liv Vander Kooi, Madison Sieve, Lauryn Ahlers, and Autumn Luinenburg on earning the MN FFA State Degrees. Congratulated WHS FFA Ag Communications team – Madison Sieve was awarded 1st place in the MN State FFA Convention competition and the additional team members of Liv Vander Kooi, Kennedy Woodbury, and Myranda Widboom also placed 1st. Congratulated the WHS BPA members that participated in the National BPA Convention and Alondra Leon Flores a long list of awards this past year in BPA and impressive amount of work that went into each of them. Congratulated Claire Mahlberg, Ava Schutz, and Claire Meyer for earning Big South All Conference Honors in Girls Golf. Congratulated District 518 School as been honored with being named with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Congratulated Scott Burns as being named Worthington's 2025 Teacher of the year.

Recognized the following tenured Teachers/Administrators – Ashley Ahlers, Steven Barber, Brianna Bautista, Elizabeth Bertrand, Kathryn Christopher, Brayden Curry, Jessica De Kam, Heather Doerr, Travis Frazee, Kailey Glebe, Kristi Groth, Rebecca Hahn, Britney Hartmann, Taylor Hastings, Mikayla Hendrickson, Sondra Hinnenkamp, Kyle Johnson, Rebecca Linder, Nichole Lupton, Ingri Mastel, Brennan McGlauchlen, Lisa Mischke, Lisa Nissen, Trysten Olson, Hannah Peterson, Jeanne Prekker, Grace Roskamp, Sandra Sand, Andrea Schmidt, Michelle Smith, Payton Stofferan, Elizabeth Swenson, Derek Tano, Lisa Waldner, Lisa Woll and Tatym Zins.

A presentation was given by Josh Dale, Activities Director regarding activities information.

1. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve the Consent Agenda for the May 20, 2025, School Board meeting.
2. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve the Main Agenda for the May 20, 2025, School Board meeting.
3. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Parrish and unanimously passed to approve the April 15, 2025, Regular School Board meeting minutes.

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

4. Motion by Member Mills, 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 May 20, 2025, as per Board Check Register

	<u>May 20, 2025</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$2,774,109.40
FOOD SERVICE	\$91,067.21
TRANSPORTATION	\$156,189.77
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$54,271.54
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$110,708.67
NCIC	\$31,915.34
STUDENT ACTIVITY	<u>\$18,640.12</u>
MONTH TOTAL	\$3,236,902.05

- D. Approved the Community Education Imprest Cash Account in the amount of \$0 for April 2025.

- 4.2.1. Approved retirement of Julie Ebbers as ABE Teacher at Community Education effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.2.2. Approved resignation of Paul Landberg as Custodian at the High School and District Office effective May 2, 2025.
- 4.2.3. Approved resignation of Joshua Langseth as Staff Development/Data Assessment Coordinator effective June 30, 2025.
- 4.2.4. Approved resignation of Elizabeth Ramos Loza as Temporary Cultural Liaison at Community Education effective January 17, 2025.
- 4.2.5. Approved resignation of Kelli Tlam as 4th Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.2.6. Approved resignation of Brayden Curry as Physical Education Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.2.7. Approved resignation of Ariadne Barrera-Cerda as EL Paraprofessional at the High School effective May 31, 2025.
- 4.2.8. Approved resignation of Samantha Baumhoefner as Special Education Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.2.9. Approved resignation of Erin Ahrens as Special Education Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.2.10. Approved retirement of Molly Fenske as Cook at the High School effective June 1, 2025.
- 4.2.11. Approved retirement of Lauri VanderVeen as Cook at the High School effective July 1, 2025.
- 4.2.12. Approved resignation of Charon Doyscher as Special Education Teacher at the High School effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.3.1. Approved an increase in assignment from .4 FTE to .6 FTE for Sara Hartquist as School Psychologist at the Intermediate School effective August 25, 2025.

- 4.3.2. Approved employment of Stacy Altman as Summer Custodian at Prairie Elementary effective June 4, 2025.
- 4.3.3. Approved employment of Karen Burns as Summer Custodian at Prairie Elementary effective June 4, 2025.
- 4.3.4. Approved employment of Tamara Meinders as Summer Custodian at Prairie Elementary effective June 4, 2025.
- 4.3.5. Approved employment of Ethan Meyer as Summer Custodian at Prairie Elementary effective June 4, 2025.
- 4.3.6. Approved employment of Hunter Nelson as Summer Custodian at Prairie Elementary effective June 4, 2025.
- 4.3.7. Approved employment of Phyllis Nitch as Summer Custodian at Prairie Elementary effective June 4, 2025.
- 4.3.8. Approved employment of Ashley Schock as Summer Custodian at Prairie Elementary effective June 4, 2025.
- 4.3.9. Approved employment of Duane Schuck as Summer Custodian at Prairie Elementary effective June 4, 2025.
- 4.3.10. Approved employment of Anna Van Westen as Summer Custodian at Prairie Elementary effective June 4, 2025.
- 4.3.11. Approved employment of Kirk Schelhaas as Custodian at the District Office effective April 25, 2025.
- 4.3.12. Approved a reduction in assignment from 1.0 FTE to a 0.8 FTE for Abby Alfson as School Psychologist at the High School effective the 2025-2026 school year.
- 4.3.13. Approved employment of Patty Lindner, Lori Mulder, Holli Finke, Stacy Dykstra and Melinda Ferry as ECSE Birth-3 Part C Summer Teacher with Special Programs effective April 23, 2025.
- 4.3.14. Approved Tucker Sorenson, Ian Stamer, Dana Swanson, Beth Wiertzema White, Konner Honius, Teri Reller, and Paula Ahrens as Summer Custodian at the Middle School effective June 2, 2025.
- 4.3.15. Approved employment of Morgan Powers as 2nd Grade Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective August 11, 2025.
- 4.3.16. Approved employment of Maranda Thier as 1st Grade Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective August 11, 2025.
- 4.3.17. Approved employment of Emma Hansen as Math Teacher at the High School effective August 11, 2025.
- 4.3.18. Approved employment of Theresa Steve as Science Teacher at the High School effective August 11, 2025.
- 4.3.19. Approved employment of Benjamin Lopez as Math Teacher at the High School effective TBD.
- 4.3.20. Approved employment of Logan Somnis as Summer School ESY Paraprofessional effective June 9, 2025.

4.4 The board approved the acceptance of the following donations for the month of April 2025: Worthington Optimist Club for girls basketball; Worthington Eagles Club for BPA Nationals; Hy-Vee Shop N Share for BPA; Bedford for BPA Nationals; Worthington Optimist Club for BPA Nationals and the Prom Class of 2026 and Worthington Community Football Club for Suenos Student Activity.

- 5. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Schutte to approve Resolution #1 Approving Tax Abatement for Certain Property Pursuant to Minn.Stat.469.1813. Motion passed by roll call vote 7 to 0. Resolution is on file at the District Office.
- 6. Motion by Member Parrish, seconded by Member Dudley to approve Resolution #2 Approving Tax Abatement for Certain Property Pursuant to Minn.Stat.469.1813. Motion passed by roll call vote 7 to 0. Resolution is on file at the District Office.

7. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve the Procurement Procedures for US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs.
8. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve the budget amendment.
9. Motion by Member Parrish, seconded by Member Schutte to approve 2025-2026 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Motion passed by roll call vote 7 to 0. Resolution is on file at the District Office.
10. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Schutte to consent to transfer Bud's Bus Service contract to 4.0 School Services for the District's transportation needs effective July 1, 2025.
11. The board discussed the West site softball fields collaboration with the City of Worthington and the Middle School field turf project along with a list of priority renovations at the High School.

The Board further discussed and reviewed the following matters: Investments and financial status; Superintendent's Report – Mr. Landgaard reported the following: MSBA handout and trainings; enrollment projects update; graduation at the Learning Center on May 29th at 6 p.m. and the High School on May 30th at 6 p.m.; legislative update and the Watershed project update. Instructional Committee Report – Ms. Dudley reported the following: None. Operations Committee Report – Mr. Widboom reported the following: None. Other Reports – Ms. Dudley reported that the 25-26 Crailsheim exchange student was chosen by the name of Fiona Kaiser and mentioned that Kingstin Nguyen is the 25-26 Worthington Crailsheim exchange student. Other Business – the regular June 17, 2025, board meeting time was moved to 7 p.m. and Mr. Blume mentioned the District's special education teacher shortage. Future Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Matt Widboom, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk