

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Independent School District #480

Secondary School Media Center

January 21, 2025

6:00 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #480 was called to order by Vice-Chairman Richard Blomer. Other Board members present: Brian Barnett, Matt Olson, Josey Duffee. Members Absent: Virgil Wind, Mike Balder. Also present were administration and staff: Superintendent JJ Vold, Board Secretary Shannon Brandt.

Mr. Blomer led the Board and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Mr. Barnett seconded by Ms. Duffee to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Ms. Duffee to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on December 16, 2024 and to approve the minutes of the reorganizational board meeting held on January 6, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Raider Recognition: Mr. Vold recognized Parker Krueger for all of his hard work and dedication to Onamia Public Schools.

Communications and Public Forum: None.

Presentations/Reports:

A. Presentations:

1. FY24 Audit Presentation: Brian Opsahl with Brady Martz & Associates gave a presentation on the FY24 audit.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Finance/Facilities Committee Report: An update was given on the finance/facilities committee meeting held on January 21, 2025. The items included the audit.

C. Administrator Reports:

1. Superintendent Report: Mr. Vold started by welcoming new board members Matt Olson and Josey Duffee. Mr. Vold updated the board regarding the end of first semester, State of the Band, Tribal consultations, annual public hearing 2/6/25, Raiders leadership meeting, audit, parking lot project, MSBA, graduation.
2. PreK-8 Principal Report: Ms. Herfindahl submitted a written report. The report updated the board regarding the Raider Rockstar celebration, Donuts with adults, staffing, professional development, screener data.
3. 7-12 Assistant Principal Report – Ms. Dols submitted a written report. The report updated the board regarding paraprofessional recognition week, 2nd semester, electives, Ojibwe Quiz bowl, snow days, Onamia Youth movie night, attendance challenge.
4. Onamia Academy Principal Report – Ms. Stumpf submitted a written report. The report updated the board regarding reading and math diagnostic testing, family and team member communication, annual chili cook off, winter graduation ceremony.
5. Activities Director Report –Mr. Hackett submitted a written report. The report updated the board regarding girls basketball, boys basketball, wrestling, speech, cheerleading.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Olson to approve the Consent Agenda with tabling the fundraiser until next month when more information can be given. Many thanks to Teresa and Evie for their years of service and dedication to the district. Also, many thanks for the donations. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approve Recommended Cash Disbursements
2. Approval of Personnel Transactions
3. Accept Donations
4. Approve Field Trips
5. Approve Fundraisers – tabled until February 2025

Business/Board Action:

1. Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Ms. Duffee to approve the FY24 audit as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Communication:

2/3/25 at 5pm – At-Will Negotiations Committee Meeting

2/3/25 at 6pm – Work Session

2/18/2025 at 5pm – Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting

2/10/2025 at 4pm – Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting

2/18/2025 at 6pm – Regular Board Meeting

Board Member Blomer wanted to list “limbo items”

1. Old vehicles – bid & sell
2. Special Education vehicles – buying new?
3. LP buses
4. Cameras
5. 21CCLC & Community Ed – bring Jason in for finance or work session
6. ALC (math aide) – Mr. Vold spoke on this matter
7. Jason & Community Education - charges?

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Barnett seconded by Mr. Olson to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Signed,

Brian Barnett
School Board Clerk
Independent School District #480