

REORGANIZATIONAL MINUTES

Independent School District #480

Secondary School Media Center

January 6, 2025

6:00 p.m.

The Reorganizational meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #480 was called to order by Chairman Virgil Wind. Other Board members present: Brian Barnett, Michael Balder, Richard Blomer, Josey Duffee, Matt Olson. Members Absent: None. Also present were administration and staff: Superintendent/9-12 Principal JJ Vold, Board Secretary Shannon Brandt.

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

Swearing in of new Board Members: Virgil Wind, Josey Duffee and Matt Olson were sworn in as school board members of Onamia Public School District #480.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Mr. Blomer, seconded by Mr. Balder to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Reorganization of the Board:

1. **Chairperson** – Mr. Blomer nominated Mr. Wind for Chairperson. Mr. Wind was the only candidate nominated for the office of Chairperson and it is declared by acclamation that he serve as Chairperson.
2. **Vice-Chairperson** –Mr. Balder nominated Mr. Blomer for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Blomer was the only candidate nominated for the office of Vice-Chairperson and it is declared by acclamation that he serve as Vice-Chairperson.
3. **Clerk** – Mr. Blomer nominated Mr. Barnett for Clerk. Ms. Barnett was the only candidate nominated for the office of Clerk and it is declared by acclamation that she serve as Clerk.
4. **Treasurer** – Mr. Barnett nominated Mr. Balder for Treasurer. Mr. Balder was the only candidate nominated for the office of Treasurer and it is declared by acclamation that she serve as Treasurer.

Compensation:

1. Motion by Mr. Balder, seconded by Mr. Barnett to set the per diem rates as follows: Per Diem has been set at the following rates: Monthly salary. Every board member will receive a monthly salary of \$425, as set at the annual reorganizational meeting. The monthly salary is compensation for regular board meetings, special board meetings, the annual MSBA Conference and monthly committee meetings (as assigned during the reorganizational meeting). Motion passed unanimously.
2. The monthly salary does not include: training sessions, member of an interview committee, negotiation committee meetings, or meetings attended by board members outside the school district boundaries, other than as appointed during the reorganization meeting, with the exception of the Mid-State meeting (to be paid at the hourly rate of \$20 per hour). Motion by Mr. Blomer, seconded by Mr. Barnett to set the reimbursement rates for these meetings at \$80.00 for up to four-hours, and \$20 per hour for any time after the four-hours. This does not include travel time. School Board members will be reimbursed upon presentation of an expense voucher, signed by the member. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Balder to set the yearly compensation rates as follows: Treasurer yearly compensation is \$200, Clerk yearly compensation is \$200 and Board Chairperson yearly compensation is \$500. Motion passed unanimously.

Electronic Fund Transfers: Motion by Mr. Balder, seconded by Mr. Blomer to delegate authority to the Business Manager and Superintendent to make electronic fund transfers, as required by State Statute § 471.38. Motion passed unanimously.

Weekly Check Processing: Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Balder to authorize the District Business Office to do weekly check processing. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Date and Time – Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Balder, to set the Regular Board Meeting dates at the third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary School Media Center and set the regular Work Session dates at the first Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary School Media Center with the exception of January and February meetings since they fall on a holiday. The January meeting will be January 22, 2024 and the February meeting will be February 18, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Depository – Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Blomer, to appoint Woodlands National Bank of Onamia and MN Trust as the official school depositories. Motion passed unanimously.

Newspaper – Motion by Mr. Balder, seconded by Mr. Blomer, to designate Mille Lacs Messenger as the official school newspaper. Motion passed unanimously.

School Board Attorney – Motion by Mr. Blomer, seconded by Mr. Balder to designate The Law Firm of Ratwick, Roszak & Maloney P.A. as the official attorney for school business. Motion passed unanimously.

MILES, MEALS and LODGING – Board members, administration and staff, when requested by the administration to go to workshops, will receive full reimbursement for miles, meals and lodging within reasonable limits as determined by the Superintendent.

1. **Miles** – Motion by Mr. Balder, seconded by Mr. Blomer, to set the mileage reimbursement rate at 70¢ per mile (Does not include mileage to Board or Committee meetings held on school district premises.) Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Meals** – Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Balder to set the meal reimbursement rate as follows: \$20 per breakfast, \$30 per noon meal and \$50 per evening meal, not to exceed \$100 per day. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Lodging** – Motion by Mr. Balder, seconded by Ms. Duffee to set the lodging reimbursement rate at \$150 per night. Motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Committee Members: Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Balder to set Committee Members as follows:

- At-Will Negotiations Committee – Designated Certified Staff Negotiation Committee
- Certified Staff Negotiations Committee – Virgil Wind, Brian Barnett, Matt Olson
- Certified Meet and Confer Committee – Designated Certified Staff Negotiation Committee
- Community Education Committee – Richard Blomer, Brian Barnett
- Finance/Facilities Committee – Virgil Wind, Richard Blomer, Mike Balder
- Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) with the City of Onamia – Virgil Wind, Matt Olson
- Local Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee (LIEPC) – Designated Board Chairperson, Matt Olson
- Mid-State Board Representative – Richard Blomer, Josey Duffee
- Policy/Personnel Committee – Brian Barnett, Josey Duffee, Matt Olson
- Superintendent Evaluation Committee – Virgil Wind, Richard Blomer, Michael Balder

- Support Staff Negotiations Committee – Richard Blomer, Michael Balder, Josey Duffee
- Support Staff Meet and Confer Committee – Designated Support Staff Negotiations Committee
- Technology Committee – Richard Blomer, Virgil Wind
- Wellness Committee – Brian Barnett
- World’s Best Work Force Committee (WBWF) – Brian Barnett

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Signed,

Brian Barnett
School Board Clerk
Independent School District #480