

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Independent School District #480

Secondary School Media Center

March 17, 2025

6:00 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #480 was called to order by Chairman Virgil Wind. Other Board members present: Richard Blomer, Brian Barnett, Matt Olson, Josey Duffee, Mike Balder. Members Absent: None. Also present were administration and staff: Superintendent JJ Vold, PreK-8 Principal Amy Herfindahl, Onamia Academy Principal Jennie Stumpf, 7-12 Assistant Principal Karn Dols, Activities Director Austin Hackett, Board Secretary Shannon Brandt.

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

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

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion by Mr. Blomer, seconded by Mr. Balder to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on February 18, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Raider Recognition: Ms. Herfindahl recognized Deb Tabor for all of her hard work and dedication to Onamia Public Schools.

Communications and Public Forum: None.

Presentations/Reports:

A. Presentations:

1. Attendance Campaign Committee – Sara Funk and Emily Funk gave a presentation on attendance and changes they would like to see made.
2. Achievement & Integration Plan – PreK-8 Principal Amy Herfindahl gave a presentation on the district's A & I Plan and goals.

B. Reports:

1. Work Session Report – An update was given on the work session held on March 3, 2025. The items included a special presentation by Dr. Fred Ness and Dr. Lisa Marten, 2025-2026 school calendar, snow days/inclement weather procedures and MOU, cold weather procedure discussion.

C. Committee Reports:

1. Finance/Facilities Committee Report: An update was given on the finance/facilities committee meeting held on March, 2025. The items included the revised FY25 budget.
2. Policy/Personnel Committee Report: An update was given on the policy/personnel committee meeting held on March 17, 2025. The items included Policy 524.5, 533 and 536.

D. Administrator Reports:

1. Superintendent Report: Mr. Vold updated the board regarding the end of 3rd quarter, wolf ridge trip, music trip, FY25 revised budget, 25-26 school year planning, activities, 21st century grant, open positions, parking lot project, graduation.
2. PreK-8 Principal Report: Ms. Herfindahl updated the board regarding PBIS meeting, I love to read month, personnel and staffing, staff development, FastBridge.
3. 7-12 Assistant Principal Report – Ms. Dols updated the board regarding school social worker appreciation week, 3rd quarter, prom, activities, field trips, band/choir concerts, blood drive, credit recovery, anonymous reporting system.
4. Onamia Academy Principal Report – Ms. Stumpf updated the board regarding I love to read month, ACT testing, Pi day celebration, PBIS, end of 3rd quarter.

5. Activities Director Report –Mr. Hackett updated the board regarding girls basketball, boys basketball, wrestling, speech, baseball, softball, track, golf.
6. Business Manager Report – Ms. Abrahamson submitted a written report.
7. Student Board Report – None.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Mr. Olson, seconded by Ms. Duffee to approve the Consent Agenda with 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

Business/Board Action:

1. Motion by Ms. Duffee, seconded by Mr. Balderto approve the Achievement & Integration Plan as presented with the changes discussed. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion by Mr. Balder, seconded by Mr. Blomer to approve the revised FY25 budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion by Ms. Duffee, seconded by Mr. Blomer to approve the 2025-2026 Onamia Academy school calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Olson to table the approval of the 2025-2026 Elementary/High School/ALC school calendar. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion by Mr. Blomer, seconded by Mr. Olson to approve the lease-purchase agreement with Stock Growers Public Finance, LLC for a 2024 Chevy Tahoe. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Ms. Duffee to approve the bereavement MOU for the Superintendent/9-12 Principal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion by Mr. Olson, seconded by Ms. Duffee to approve Policy 524.5 – Personal Electronic Communication Devices as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion by Mr. Olson, seconded by Ms. Duffee to approve Policy 533 – Wellness as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Blomer to approve Policy 536 – Retention and Destruction of Student Records for Special Education Students as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Communication:

4/7/25 at 6pm – Work Session

4/21/2025 at 5pm – Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting

4/14/2025 at 4pm – Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting

4/21/2025 at 6pm – Regular Board Meeting

3/31/2025at 6pm – Volte of Concurrence

Board Member Blomer gave an update on Mid-State meetings.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Barnett seconded by Mr. Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Signed,

Brian Barnett
School Board Clerk
Independent School District #480