

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Independent School District #480

Secondary School Media Center

December 16, 2024

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, Michael Balder, Brian Barnett, Lisa Anderson. Members Absent: None. Also present were administration and staff: Superintendent JJ Vold, PreK-8 Principal Amy Herfindahl, Onamia Academy Principal Jennie Stumpf, 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 Ms. Anderson 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 November 18, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Raider Recognition: Mr. Vold recognized Alicia Laughery for all of her hard work and dedication to Onamia Public Schools.

Communications and Public Forum: None.

Presentations/Reports:

A. Reports:

1. Work Session Report: An update was given on the work session held on December 2, 2024. The items included Superintendent evaluation.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Finance/Facilities Committee Report: An update was given on the finance/facilities committee meeting held on December 9, 2024. The items included grant writer position, parking lots, audit.
2. Policy/Personnel Committee Report: An update was given on the policy/personnel committee meeting held on December 16, 2024. The items included Special Education Record Retention Policy.

C. Administrator Reports:

1. Superintendent Report: Mr. Vold updated the board regarding holiday break, audit, holiday concert, holiday party, ICS – parking lot project, thank you to Lisa Anderson for her 12 years of service on the board, Mille Lacs Energy donation, 21CCLC grant renewal, graduation.
2. PreK-8 Principal Report: Ms. Herfindahl updated the board regarding the 12 days of dress up, holiday concert, staffing, long term sub positions, family fun night, staff development day, instructional support.
3. 7-12 Assistant Principal Report – Mr. Vold for Ms. Dols updated the board regarding 2nd semester registration, jazz band, holiday concert, penny drive, door decorating contest, OY trip to AZ, honor roll, Ojibwe quiz bowl, dress up days, newsletter.
4. Onamia Academy Principal Report – Ms. Stumpf updated the board regarding PBIS training, weekly shout outs to staff, daily goals, school dollars awards, school staff lunch volunteers, graduation, college options, guest speaker Jeff Larson, holiday baking, dress up days, school store.
5. Activities Director Report –Mr. Hackett updated the board regarding girls basketball, boys basketball, wrestling, speech, game workers needed.

6. 21CCLC/Community Education Report – Mr. Vold for Mr. Blomer updated the board regarding 21CCLC program progress, community collaborations, professional development, community events, family outreach, school year programming updates, 2025 summer program update, Lion’s gym update, ROC rentals.
7. Student Board Member Report – Brooklyn Orazem updated the board regarding elementary concert, 6-12 concert, jazz band to lake song, boys basketball, girls basketball, penny wars, food drive, quiz bowl, Raider BINGO, girls basketball tournament.

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

1. Approve Recommended Cash Disbursements
2. Approval of Personnel Transactions
3. Accept Donations
4. Approve Field Trips
5. Approve Fundraisers

Business/Board Action:

1. Superintendent Evaluation Summary – Mr. Wind gave a summary of the Superintendent evaluation held on December 2, 2024. The board moved to a closed session on December 2, 2024 at 6pm to conduct the evaluation with Mr. Vold. The board moved back to an open session at 7:40pm, ending the evaluation.
2. Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Balder to approve the 2025-2028 Superintendent/9-12 Principal contract as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion by Mr. Blomer, seconded by Ms. Anderson to approve the updated American Indian Policies and Procedures as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Balder to certify the 2024, payable 2025 final levy at the maximum. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion by Mr. Balder, seconded by Mr. Blomer to approve the resolution establishing combined polling places as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Balder to approve Policy 201 – Legal Status of the School Board, Policy 202 – School Board Officers, Policy 203 – Operation of the School Board Governing Rules and Policy 209 – Code of Ethics. Motion passed unanimously

Board Communication:

No Work Session

1/6/2025 at 6pm – Reorganizational Meeting

1/21/2025 at 5:30pm – Policy/Personnel Committee

1/13/2025 at 4pm – Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting

1/21/2025 at 6pm – Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Barnett seconded by Mr. Balder to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Signed,

Brian Barnett
School Board Clerk
Independent School District #480