

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Independent School District #480

Secondary School Media Center

February 18, 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: Matt Olson, Josey Duffee, Mike Balder. Members Absent: Virgil Wind, Brian Barnett. 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. Blomer led the Board and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion by Mr. Balder, seconded by Mr. Olson to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on January 21, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Raider Recognition: Mr. Vold recognized Brian Lathrop, Becky Dahl, Katie Lindberg and Amanda Chandler for their acts of heroism when involved in a bus accident and for all of their hard work and dedication to Onamia Public Schools.

Communications and Public Forum: None.

Presentations/Reports:

A. Presentations:

1. Band/Choir Tour to Wisconsin Presentation – Jennifer VanReese gave a presentation on the upcoming band/choir tour trip to Wisconsin.
2. Parking Lot Layout Presentation – Chris Ziemer from ICS gave a presentation on the new parking lot layout.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Finance/Facilities Committee Report: An update was given on the finance/facilities committee meeting held on February 10, 2025. The items included the 21st Century Grant
2. Policy/Personnel Committee Report: An update was given on the policy/personnel committee meeting held on February 18, 2025. The items included Policy 524.5, 533 and 536.

C. Administrator Reports:

1. Superintendent Report: Mr. Vold started by thanking Brian, Becky, Katie and Amanda for their acts of heroism. Mr. Vold updated the board regarding the 100th day of school, student advisory committee luncheon, parking lot project, Raiders Rumble, Timberwolves game, I love to read month, Wolf Ridge, graduation.
2. PreK-8 Principal Report: Ms. Herfindahl updated the board regarding I love to read month, attendance committee, staffing, ELA curriculum review, ELT, PBIS.
3. 7-12 Assistant Principal Report – Ms. Dols updated the board regarding Counselor Appreciation week, honor roll reward, Onamia High School Career day, Snow Daze week, law conference, helpful staff, thank you to nurse Carrie! Also, Happy School Board Appreciation month.
4. Onamia Academy Principal Report – Ms. Stumpf updated the board regarding paraprofessional appreciation week, Industrial Arts class, I love to read month, guest speakers Onamia Police Chief Amy and Deputy Michael Boser, new students.
5. Activities Director Report –Mr. Hackett updated the board regarding girls basketball, boys basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, speech.

6. Student Board Report – Brooklyn Orazem updated the board regarding the band/choir trip, student advisory luncheon, boys and girls basketball, Wolf Ridge.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Mr. Balder, seconded by Mr. Olson to approve the Consent Agenda with many thanks to Deb Tabor for her 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

Business/Board Action:

1. The Board had their first reading of Policy 524.5 – Personal Electronic Communication Devices.
2. The Board had their first reading of Policy 533 – Wellness.
3. The Board had their first reading of Policy 536 – Retention and Destruction of Student Records for Special Education Students
4. The Board had a discussion on Snow Days/Inclement Weather. The Board agreed to move this topic to the next work session on Monday, March 3, 2025.

Board Communication:

3/3/25 at 6pm – Work Session

3/17/2025 at 5pm – Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting

3/10/2025 at 4pm – Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting

3/17/2025 at 6pm – Regular Board Meeting

Board Member Blomer wanted to list “limbo items”

1. Community Education/Lions Gym (Jason is spending a lot of time there)
2. Committee meetings – can these be public?
3. LIEPC

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Olson seconded by Mr. Balder to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Signed,

Brian Barnett
School Board Clerk
Independent School District #480