

MINNETONKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #276
District Service Center
5621 County Road 101
Minnetonka, Minnesota

Minutes of August 4, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting

The School Board of Minnetonka Independent School District #276 met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022 in the Community Room at the District Service Center, 5621 County Road 101, Minnetonka, Minnesota. Chairperson Chris Vitale presided. Other Board members present were: Mark Ambrosen, Katie Becker, Patrick Lee-O'Halloran, Meghan Selinger, Lisa Wagner and Superintendent David Law, ex officio. Absent: John Odom. The meeting was also livestreamed on the District's YouTube channel.

Chairperson Vitale called the regular meeting to order and asked that everyone stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. **AGENDA**

Wagner moved, Becker seconded, that the School Board approve the agenda as presented. Upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

2. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION CALLING THE SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL ELECTION**

Executive Director of Finance and Operations Paul Bourgeois presented this item to the Board. He explained that in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 205A.07 Subd. 3, the school board of a school district must adopt a resolution to call a school district special election. As he explained, the district must give written notice of the special election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part no later than 74 days before the election. In 2022, Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, resulting in the final day to notify the county auditor being August 26, 2022. The filing period is August 2, 2022 – August 16, 2022. The deadline for a candidate to withdraw is 5:00 PM on August 18, 2022.

Wagner moved, Lee-O'Halloran seconded, that the Board approve the resolution calling for a School Board Special Election. Upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

3. **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Chairperson Vitale noted that this opportunity for comment was available to community members who wished to address the Board on any item on that night's agenda. No one responded to this invitation to speak.

4. APPROVAL OF AP, IB, SUPPLEMENTAL AND NEW COURSE MATERIALS

Minnetonka Public Schools Policy #606 states that all instructional materials, whether core or supplemental, must align with and advance the district's vision and mission. This policy requires that all instructional materials challenge each student and prepare them to thrive in American society and the world at-large. As in past years, departments and programs have identified instructional material needs for the upcoming school year. As the English Language Arts, Health, and Science departments continue with the curriculum review and standards implementation process during the 2022-23 school year, additional resources will be reviewed, piloted, and brought to the Board for future implementation.

Ambrosen moved, Selinger seconded, that the Board approve the instructional materials that have been evaluated by departments over the past year, were available for public review this summer, and were recommended for full implementation at the start of the 2022-23 school year. Board member Wagner asked whether parents who reviewed the materials had any comments or questions. Superintendent Law responded that the District did receive some requests to review the materials, and there were no questions or comments following that review. Dr. Amy LaDue, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, added that the District can also provide the materials digitally for parents who would like to review them at home.

Upon vote being taken on the foregoing motion, the motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION ON PARENT SURVEY

Each year, Minnetonka Public Schools surveys parents about their family's educational experience in our schools. The 2022 Parent Survey was administered from mid-May to mid-June of 2022 and captured more than 2,800 completed responses. All parents were invited to participate in the online survey, and multiple reminders were sent to increase participation. Although this is not a random sample survey, the district is confident in the results. Demographic questions indicated that respondents were consistent with the distribution of our student population. As Executive Director of Communications Dr. JacQui Getty shared, results of the survey were again outstanding, showing high confidence in our programs, schools, teachers and leadership.

- 96% of respondents rate the education provided by the Minnetonka School District as excellent or good, up 2% over last year.
- 95% of parents believe the community receives a good value from its investment in Minnetonka's local public schools.
- 95% of elementary school parents, 92% of middle school parents and 89% of high school parents would recommend their school to friends or neighbors.
- 92% of parents, on average, believe their school principal is accessible to them when they have questions or concerns.

- 93% of parents, on average, believe their child’s school provides a safe learning environment.

New in this year’s survey, the district asked parents about student well-being and belonging and about the successes and challenges families had with the COVID-19 Safe Learning Plan.

- 93% of elementary parents, 90% of middle school parents and 85% of high school parents said their student’s school provides an environment that supports their student’s sense of well-being.
- 93% of elementary parents, 87% of middle school parents and 82% of high school parents said their student’s school provides an environment that supports their student’s sense of belonging.
- Elementary school parents said the top successes of the District’s Safe Learning Plan were accessible, reliable technology; communication from teachers; and connection with teachers. They said the top challenges were student self-motivation and connection with classmates.
- Middle school parents said the top successes of the District’s Safe Learning Plan were accessible, reliable technology and communication from the principal and District. They said the top challenges were student self-motivation and engagement with learning.
- High school parents said the top successes of the District’s Safe Learning Plan were accessible, reliable technology; communication from the principal and District; and communication from teachers. They said the top challenges were connection with classmates and engagement with learning.

While the overall survey results are very positive, a segment of the parent population expressed their advice and suggestions to the district regarding a variety of topics, including but not limited to: the desire for the district to avoid political and social agendas, to limit or adjust iPad use for students, to address an academic/curriculum or teacher/staff issue, to provide a stronger focus and support for diversity, equity and inclusion and to consider what protocols to have in place, should COVID continue to be an issue to manage in the upcoming 2022-23 school year. Additionally, each school principal and district leader will be provided with school-specific or program-specific results for goal setting for the coming year. Board member Wagner thanked Dr. Getty and her team for all the work on the parent survey to process the results and to code the more than 9,000 comments for themes. She also thanked the parents who took time to take the survey. Chairperson Vitale reiterated those points

6. APPROVAL OF SALE OF 2022B GENERAL OBLIGATION LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BONDS

At the School Board Meeting of May 5, 2022, the School Board authorized the sale of the \$8,985,000 2022B General Obligation Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Bonds to pay for the design and completion of long-term facilities maintenance projects

scheduled to be completed in summer 2023 as part of the District's 10-Year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan.

As Executive Director of Finance and Operations Paul Bourgeois shared, the sale of the \$8,985,000 2022B General Obligation Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Bonds took place on July 21, 2022. The 2022B Bonds were sold at a total interest cost of 3.66%.

Becker moved, Ambrosen seconded, that the Board approve the resolution approving the sale of the 2022B General Obligation Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Bonds, as prepared by the district's bond counsel Dorsey & Whitney. Upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Wagner moved, Becker seconded, that the School Board approve the recommendations included within the following Consent Agenda items:

- Minutes of June 16 Closed Session and Special Meeting
- Study Session Summary of June 16, 2022
- Payment of Bills—in the amount of \$7,920,361.82 for May and \$12,323,720.74 for June
- Recommended Personnel Items
- Gifts and Donations for July 2022: \$450.00 from the Blackbaud Giving Fund and \$40.00 from Target c/o Cyber Grants, LLC, both to be placed in the Deephaven Elementary School Principal Discretionary Account. \$23,198.00 from the Deephaven PTA and \$2,000.00 from the Deephaven PTA, both to be placed in the Deephaven Elementary School PTA Enrichment Account. \$8,094.00 from the Groveland Elementary School PTO to be placed in the Groveland Elementary School Field Trip Account. \$33.32 from FrontStream to be placed in the Groveland Elementary Principal Discretionary Account. \$8.40 from the Blackbaud Giving Fund to be placed in the Excelsior Elementary School Principal Discretionary Account. \$61,269.00 from the Minnetonka Skippers Booster Club to be placed in the MHS Athletic Clubs and Teams Accounts. \$14,419.85 from the MMW PTO to be placed in the MMW Field Trip and Classroom Supplies Accounts. \$10,000.00 from the City of Deephaven, \$5,000.00 from the Minnetonka Preschool and ECFE PTO, and \$10,000.00 from the Excelsior Rotary Foundation, all to be placed in the MCE Playground Account. \$25.00 from the Edward Jones Trust to be placed in the MHS Arts Center Account. \$8.40 from the Blackbaud Giving Fund to be placed in the MMW Principal Discretionary Account. \$100.00 from the Minnetonka Skippers Booster Club to be placed in the MHS DESI Club Account. \$100.00 from the Minnetonka Skippers Booster Club to be placed in the MHS Fencing Club Account. \$100.00 from the Minnetonka Skippers Booster Club to be placed in the MHS Ultimate Frisbee Club Account. \$100.00 from the Minnetonka Skippers Booster Club to be placed in the MHS Robotics Club Account. \$100.00 from the Minnetonka Skippers Booster

Club to be placed in the MHS Jazz Band Account. \$100.00 from the Minnetonka Skippers Booster Club to be placed in the MHS Marching Band Account. \$5,000.00 from the MHS Soccer Booster Club to be placed in the MHS Striker Club Account. \$100.00 from Thomas & Laurie Burns, \$960.00 from the Blackbaud Giving Fund, \$330.00 from the Blackbaud Giving Fund, \$100.00 from Brenda Van Dixhorn, and \$10.00 from Anonymous, all to be placed in the MHS Principal Discretionary Account. \$6,092.59 from the Minnetonka Hoops Booster Club to be placed in the MHS Basketball Coach Stipend Account. \$300.00 from Gap, Inc. to be placed in the MHS Fastpitch Team Account. \$5,757.50 from Minnetonka Girls Lacrosse Boosters to be placed in the MHS Girls Lacrosse Coach Stipend Account. \$500.00 from the Optimists Club of Glen Lake to be placed in the MHS Supermileage Program Account. \$33,253.64 from the MTFCCA to be placed in the MHS Track and Field Account. \$300.00 from Shannon Richter, \$500.00 from Thomas and Laurie Pohlad, and \$1,000.00 from Kurt and Janet Swiecichowski, all to be placed in the MHS Dr. Dennis Peterson Scholarship Account. \$2,000.00 from the Lions Foundation of Victoria to be placed in the MHS Scholarship Account for Graduating Seniors. \$10,000.00 from the Rotary Club of Lake Minnetonka-Excelsior to be placed in the MHS Tonka Prep Account. \$67.14 from Jeff & Erin Anderson and \$333.00 from the Blackbaud Giving Fund, both to be placed in the MHS Minnetonka Research Account. \$400.00 from Digineer Consulting to be placed in the MHS Tonka Hacks Account. \$650.00 from Paul Bourgeois to be placed in the Admin Council Spirit Wear Account. A 2004 Toyota Corolla from Carrie Webber and a 2002 Jeep Liberty from Kelly Keading, both to be donated to the MHS MOMENTUM Program for educational purposes. A cello from Sandy Weigel to be donated to the Deephaven Elementary School Orchestra Department. Plants from the Tonkadale Greenhouse to be placed in the MHS Secret Garden. A trombone from Suzanne LaCroix to be placed in the Minnetonka Schools Band Department (Grades 5-8). \$40,000.00 from the Minnewashta PTO to be placed in the Minnewashta Principal Discretionary Account. Total Gifts and Donations thus far for 2022-23: \$242,469.84.

- Electronic Fund Transfers
- Collective Bargaining Agreement with Custodial and Maintenance Employees

Upon vote being taken on the foregoing Consent Agenda items, the motion carried unanimously.

8. **BOARD REPORTS**

There were no Board reports this evening.

9. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Law said his first month on the job has been spent meeting with district administrators and principals, community members, the School Board members and parents and students. He is excited for the school year to begin and to have students

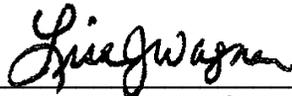
back. He also reminded the public about the community bike ride Tour de Tonka, which takes place this Saturday, August 6.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Vitale officially welcomed Superintendent Law to the district.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Wagner moved, Becker seconded, adjournment at 7:37 p.m. Upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Wagner".

Lisa Wagner, Clerk