

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278  
HELD ON MARCH 14, 2022

Present: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Kristine Flesher, Ali Howe, Laura Wallander

Absent: Martha Van de Ven, Sarah Borchers

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, March 14, 2022 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:01 PM.

3. – Consideration of the Agenda

4. – Consent Agenda

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Laura Wallander, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 28, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Julie Maas-Kusske, as full-time Floating Substitute Special Education Teacher at Orono Public Schools, effective March 7, 2022 through June 9, 2022
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Cheryl Sladek, full-time Third Grade Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective June 10, 2022
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Victoria Kocsis, full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective June 30, 2022
- Approved the resignation of Shelby Iverson, full-time Early Childhood Special Education Teacher at Orono Discovery Center, effective June 10, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Callie Vershum, part-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective March 2, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Aimee Hansen, part-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective March 1, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Caleb Bottier, full-time Custodian at Orono High School, effective March 14, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Robert Kovach, full-time Technology Support Specialist at Orono Middle School, effective March 18, 2022
- Accepted donations totaling \$14,720.18
- Approved Bill Vouchers: 312442-312609, 1519-1523, EP Register: 901440-901456, EFT Vouchers: 214-215, 6329-6334 and Capital One: 51676-51697

5. – Superintendent's Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher began her report by sharing with the board that sophomore Aliza Botzet-Johnson's amazing ceramic artwork, "So Sweet," won top honors in the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts K-12 Exhibition. Aliza's piece was selected from among thousands of entries and will be featured this month at the NCECA annual conference. Congratulations were extended to Aliza and special thanks given to Orono High School art teacher, Jayne Hudgins.

Next, Dr. Flesher highlighted some Orono student athletic achievements. The Boys Swim and Dive team competed in the State Tournament earlier this month and placed 8th overall. In the Championship Final, the following Orono swimmers placed in the Top 10:

- Walter Royal Placed 5th in the 100 Yard Butterfly and 8th in the 200 Yard Freestyle
- Owen Gagne placed 8th in the 100 Yard Breaststroke
- Nick Fogle earned 9th place in Diving
- Four swimmers placed 6th in the 200 Yard Medley Relay: Kaden Starczinski, Owen Gagne, John Fort and Walter Royal

Boy's Basketball won their section semifinal against Hutchinson on Saturday to advance to the Section Final game on Thursday, March 17 against Mound Westonka. Dr. Flesher wished the boys the best of luck!

Dr. Flesher concluded her report by reminding everyone that nominations are due March 28 for the Orono Alumni Association Promising Alumni and Distinguished Alumni Awards. This is a prestigious awards program that honors the achievements of Orono High School graduates. Details and application are available on the Orono Foundation for Education website.

#### 6. – Board Members Questions and Comments

#### 7. – Old Business

##### 7. A – Policy Review

The following revised policies were presented to the board for a second reading and approval.

- Policy 201: Legal Status of the School Board
- Policy 206: Public Participation in School Board Meetings
- Policy 208: Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies
- Policy 209: Code of Ethics
- Policy 211: Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee, Student
- Policy 214: Out of State Travel by School Board Members

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Laura Wallander, the board approved the proposed changes to policies 201, 206, 208, 209, 211 and 214.

Motion approved unanimously.

##### 7. B – Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

#### 8. – New Business

##### 8. A – Policy Review

Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Executive Director of Learning and Accountability, presented to the board the following revised policies for first reading and review.

- Policy 301: School District Administration
- Policy 302: Superintendent
- Policy 303: Superintendent Selection
- Policy 304: Superintendent Contract and Evaluation
- Policy 305: Policy Implementation
- Policy 306: Administrator Code of Ethics

##### 8. B – Budget Assumptions

Executive Director of Business Services, Jim Westrum, presented the underlying assumptions that are being used in development of the proposed 2022-23 district budget.

##### 8. C – 2022-23 Operating Capital Budget

Executive Director of Business Services, Jim Westrum, made remarks regarding the 2022-23 operating capital budget and recommended that the board approve the budget as proposed.

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Ali Howe, the board approved the proposed 2022-23 operating capital budget.

Motion approved unanimously.

8. D -- 2022-23 Technology Levy Budget

Executive Director of Business Services, Jim Westrum, made remarks regarding the 2022-23 technology levy budget and recommended that the board approve the budget as proposed.

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Laura Wallander, the board approved the proposed 2022-23 technology levy budget.

Motion approved unanimously.

8. E -- Other New Business as Necessary

No other new business was brought forward.

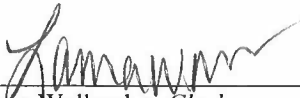
The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Ali Howe, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.



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Bob Tunheim, *Chair*



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Laura Wallander, *Clerk*