OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22
BECKER AND OTTERTAIL COUNTIES, DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA 56501

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2026, 5:30 PM
City Hall ~ 1025 Roosevelt Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN, 56501

Present: John Steffl, Mary Rotter, Michelle Okeson, Sanford Nelson, Michael Walther, Julie Smith-Yliniemi

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Board Chair Steffl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Okeson, seconded by Walther, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No Recognition was given.

Program Presentation: Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Report and the Achievement and Integration progress update, presented by Education Director: Renee Kerzman. [Exhibit]

A motion was made by Rotter, seconded by Walther, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting.
B. Approve DONATIONS from the following entities:
    1. Backpacks and school supplies from the Family Medicine Team at Essentia Health (Detroit Lakes).
    2. Shoes from the Mark Knutson Shoes for Kids Legacy Fund.
    3. Hat and scarves from Wanda Opland and Cormorant Lutheran Church.
    4. $75.00 from the Custom Card Program at Bell Bank (Detroit Lakes).
    5. $75.00 to the Laker Cupboard from Deb Krogsgaard.
    6. $203.48 to the Laker Cupboard from Trinity Lutheran Church.
    7. $250.00 to the FFA Student Activity Account from the Detroit Lakes Chamber of Commerce.
    8. $400.00 to the Laker Cupboard from United Methodist Church.
    9. $500.00 for Elementary School needs from Detroit Lakes Jaycee's Water Carnival.
    10. $500.00 for Middle School needs from Detroit Lakes Jaycee's Water Carnival.
    11. $500.00 for High School needs from Detroit Lakes Jaycee's Water Carnival.
    12. $500.00 to the Laker Cupboard from Detroit Lakes Jaycee's Water Carnival.
    13. $500.00 to Laker Transitions from Special Olympics.
    14. $3,750.00 to the DLHS Manufacturing Program from VFW Post #1676 (Detroit Lakes).
    15. $14,332.50 to Detroit Lakes Public Schools from R&G Subaru Share the Love Program.
C. Approve K-12 Computer Checks #713336-713599 and Voided Check #713028 for a total of $900,923.38. Approve ACH/Wire Payments #18701-18707, #18719-18736, #18747-18757, #18857-18863, and #18873-18899 in the amount of $1,578,370.04. Approve Net Payroll Transfers on 9/15/26 and 9/30/26 in the amount of $1,405,690.71 for a total of $3,884,984.13. [Exhibit]
D. Approve Personnel Agenda Items. [Exhibit]
E. Approve the Snow Removal Contract for Rossman Elementary and Bus Garage for the 2026-2027 school year.
F. Approve the Snow Removal Contract for Roosevelt Elementary, Detroit Lakes Middle School, and Detroit Lakes High School for the 2026-2027 school year.

G. Approve Second Reading of Policies
    1. 203.5 - SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
    2. 615 - TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS FOR IEPS, SECTION 504 Plans AND LEP STUDENTS
    3. 616 - SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY
    4. 618 - ASSESSMENT OF STANDARD ACHIEVEMENT
    5. 618 - ASSESSMENT OF STANDARD ACHIEVEMENT
    6. 624 - ONLINE INSTRUCTION
    7. 625 - RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
    8. 628 - RELEASED TIME RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Discussion was had on the following items:

A. First Reading of Policies:
    1. 621 – LITERACY AND THE READ ACT
B. Building Goals for:
    1. Rossman [Exhibit]
    2. Roosevelt [Exhibit]
    3. Middle School [Exhibit]
    4. ALC [Exhibit]
    5. High School [Exhibit]

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smith-Yliniemi, to approve Staffing Request for an additional Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

A motion was made by Smith-Yliniemi, seconded by Okeson, to approve the Form A application to Minnesota's State High School League Foundation. Motion carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

A motion was made by Walther, seconded by Rotter, to approve the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Report for 2026-2027. Motion carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smith-Yliniemi, to approve the Fall 2026-2027 Lane Change Requests. Motion carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

A motion was made by Okeson, seconded by Walther, to approve the expulsion of a High School student from further attendance for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made Walther, seconded by Smith-Yliniemi, to rescind policy 629 - ASSURANCE OF MASTERY. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Jenson reported on happenings in the School District. [Exhibit]

Vice Chair Rotter gave an update on the District Advisory Committee. [Exhibit]

Student Board Representatives Wilson and Rufer reported on student activities.

Board Treasurer Okeson gave an update on the Finance Committee. [Exhibit]

Board Treasurer Okeson gave an update on the SUP Committee.

Vice Chair Rotter gave an update on the Becker County Children's Initiative (BCCI).

Board Chair Steffl announced upcoming meetings and events.

Comments were heard from ten members of the public.

A motion was made by Smith-Yliniemi, seconded by Rotter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith-Yliniemi, Clerk

PERSONNEL AGENDA
October 26, 2026

1) **Resignations:**
   Abbey Bohlman - Rossman Special Education Paraprofessional, effective October 12, 2026.
   Jennifer Skaro - Rossman Custodian, effective September 30, 2026.
   Suki Peterson - Roosevelt Special Education Teacher, effective October 9, 2026.
   Lisa McCloskey - Roosevelt Education Assistant, effective October 1, 2026.
   McKenzie Oistad - MS Basketball Coach, effective October 9, 2026.
2) **Retirements:**

3) **Appointments:**
   Anna Anderson - HS Stage Manager - Musical, at the rate of $500.00 per season, effective October 1, 2026 through November 8, 2026.
   Kirstin Bird - Roosevelt General Education Assistant, at the rate of $18.38 per hour, working 8 hours per week, effective October 12, 2026.
   Macy Bird - Rossman Laker Kids Assistant, at the rate of $17.90 per hour, working 5 hours per week, effective October 19, 2026.
   Emily Bliss - Roosevelt Long Term Substitute 1st Grade, at the rate determined by sub policy, effective October 22, 2026 through November 20, 2026.
   Emily Bliss - Roosevelt Long Term Substitute 1st Grade, at the rate determined by sub policy, effective December 21, 2026 through March 15, 2026.
   Austin Dodd - .5 MS Girls Basketball Coach, at the rate of $1256.35 per season, effective October 26, 2026.
   Ryan Erickson - HS Varsity Boys Swimming Coach, at the rate of $5114.78 per season, effective September 28, 2026
   Ruby Espinoza - Laker Transitions Project LIFE Skills Trainer, at the rate of $18.38 per hour, working 29.75 hours per week, effective October 5, 2026. *Pending HQ
   Greta Kaseman - Rossman Special Education Paraprofessional, at the rate of $17.88 per hour, working 37.5 hours per week, effective October 13, 2026.
   Carin Krueger - Roosevelt Special Education Paraprofessional, at the rate of $17.88 per hour, working 37.5 hours per week, effective October 26, 2026.
   Nick Lenzen - MS Girls Basketball Coach, at the rate of $2415.30 per season, effective October 26, 2026.
   Kalista Owens - Roosevelt Special Education Paraprofessional, at the rate of $17.88 per hour, working 37.5 hours per week, effective October 5, 2026.
4) **Amended Assignment**:
   Cassie Feldt - amending assignment from Rossman ADSIS/Noon Duty working 27.5 hours per week to HS Special Education - EBD working 20 hours per week, effective October 21, 2026.
   Garrett Jensen - amending assignment from 1.0 MS Girls Basketball Coach to .5 MS Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026/2027 season, effective October 8, 2026.
5) **Leave of Absence**:
   Julie Hanson - Roosevelt Teacher requesting leave from October 22, 2026 through November 20, 2026.
   Garrett Jensen - MS Teacher requesting leave from October 28, 2026 through November 24, 2026.
   Kari Lane - Roosevelt Paraprofessional requesting leave from November 19, 2026 to

December 22, 2026.
Sam Murphy - Roosevelt Social Worker requesting intermittent leave from November 19, 2026 through December 18, 2026.
McKenzie Oistad - Roosevelt Teacher requesting leave from January 4, 2027 through May 21, 2027.

6) **Terminations:**