



Cloquet Public Schools Regular Meeting

Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:15 PM
Garfield Board Room
302 14th Street
Cloquet, MN 55720
302 - 14th Street, Cloquet, MN

5:30 pm Working Session
Madrigals Holiday Performance
CHS Music Department News and 2026 NYC Trip
6:00 pm Truth in Taxation Meeting
6:15 pm Regular Meeting

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November 25, 2024

Board Chair, N. Sandman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Topics discussed:

Dr. Cary gave an update on the annual immunization exclusion process. He recognized Paul Riess for receiving the 7AA AD of Year award and CAAEP teacher, Rod Syck, for receiving a MREA award. The board discussed options for filling the open 2-year board position, adding a committee meeting on 12/9 to review applicants and setting the organizational meeting date of January 6, 2025. Dr. Cary gave an update on the remaining negotiations. There being nothing further to discuss, Board Chair N. Sandman adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

November 25, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 94, in the City of Cloquet on November 25, 2024, was called to order by Board Chair N. Sandman at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – The following members were present on roll call:

- Dave Battaglia
- Sarah Buhs
- Gary Huard
- Melissa Juntunen
- Nate Sandman

Present in Person:

- Dr. Michael Cary, Superintendent
- Mary Marciniak, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent
- T.J. Smith, IT Director
- Ashlee Lennartson, EMC Representative
- LeAnn Butler, School Board Member Elect
- Jana Peterson, Pine Knot Newspaper Rep.

Building principals, teacher representatives, AIE Director, Community Education Director, District Facilities & Grounds Director will be excused from attending Board meetings until further notice.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

- RESOLVED by S. Buhs to approve November 25, 2024, regular board agenda, as presented. D. Battaglia seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- RESOLVED by G. Huard to approve the November 11, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes, as presented. N. Sandman seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.

OPEN FORUM AND RECEPTION OF DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

- No public comment. Building and Department Reports were reviewed.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, TREASURER'S REPORTS AND INVESTMENT REPORTS

- RESOLVED N. Sandman to approve Claims, November 8 & 15, 2024; Hand Checks, November 11 & 12, 2024; Treasurer's Reports, September 2024; Investment Reports, September 2024; Food Service Report, October 2024, as presented. D. Battaglia seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.

CONSENT ITEMS

- RESOLVED by G. Huard to approve the Consent Items, as presented.

1. Resignations:

- a. Sarah Buhs, School Board member, effective January 3, 2025
- b. Jeff Ojanen, Head Football Coach, effective December 1, 2024
- c. Leilani Thomas, Paraprofessional at NLA, effective November 29, 2024
- d. Casi Keuten, Paraprofessional at NLA, effective November 29, 2024

2. Recommendations of Employment:

NAME	POSITION/LOCATION	SALARY**	START DATE
a. Ray Timmerman	6.75 hrs./day Paraprofessional at NLA	\$19.43	11/26/24
b. LileeAna O'Neil	6.75 hrs./day Paraprofessional at NLA	\$19.43	12/02/24
c. Alex Smedhammer	6.75 hrs./day Paraprofessional at NLA	\$19.43	11/26/24
d. Diane Kuklis	14 hrs./week Paraprofessional at NLA	\$19.43	11/27/24
e. Gabe Zago	20.25 hrs./week Paraprofessional at NLA	\$19.43	11/26/24

f.	Stephen Maio	3 hrs./day Food Service Floater	\$18.18	11/26/24
g.	Prisilla Pluff	Program Assistant at Kids Corner	\$16.17	11/26/24
h.	Katelynn Lockling	Program Aide at Kids Corner	\$12.78	11/26/24
i.	Brandon Crotteau	Program Assistant (Lead Teacher) at L'I LJ/LT	\$16.17	11/26/24
j.	Rupa Erie	Program Assistant (Lead Teacher) at Li'I LJ/LT	\$17.04	11/26/24
k.	Seth Norton	Program Assistant (Lead Teacher) at Li'I LJ/LT	\$17.04	11/26/24
l.	Makayla Linden	Program Assistant at Kids Corner	\$16.17	11/26/24
m.	Makayla Linden	Program Aide at Li'I Lumberjacks/Thunder	\$13.47	11/26/24
n.	Elinor Cich	EXCEL Teacher at Churchill (3 hrs./week)	\$37.29	
o.	Allison Jerde	EXCEL Teacher at Churchill (3 hrs./week)	\$37.29	
p.	Emily Mcleod	EXCEL Paraprofessional at Churchill (3 hrs./week)	per contract	
q.	Sheila Kahlstorf	EXCEL Teacher at Washington (3 hrs./week)	\$37.29	
r.	Julie Midas	EXCEL Teacher at Washington (3 hrs./week)	\$37.29	
s.	Abbi Sewell	EXCEL Teacher at Washington (1.5 hrs./week)	\$37.29	
t.	Cassie Abrahamson	EXCEL Teacher at Washington (1.5 hrs./week)	\$37.29	
u.	Kim Broman	EXCEL Teacher at Washington (3 hrs./week)	\$37.29	
v.	Jason Godnai	EXCEL Teacher at Washington (1.5 hrs./week)	\$37.29	
w.	Amanda Gustafson	EXCEL Teacher at Washington (1.5 hrs./week)	\$37.29	
x.	Aubree Jaeger	EXCEL Teacher at Washington (3 hrs./week)	\$37.29	
y.	Patti Anderson	EXCEL Paraprofessional at Washington (3 hrs./wk)	per contract	

3. Extra Services Contracts

a.	Chandra Allen	Fall Musical Helper	\$700.00	
b.	Warren Hietela	Wrestling Helper	\$3,729.00	
c.	Griffen Fjeld	Wrestling Helper	\$3,729.00	
d.	Ken Ripp	Nordic Ski Volunteer		

4. Permission to Post

- Head Football Coach
- Two (2) 6.75 hrs./day Setting IV Paraprofessional at NLA

5. Grant Applications

- No Child Left Inside Mini Grant Application with MN Dept of Natural Resources for CMS/CHS Unified PE Archery Program
- N. Sandman seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

- Enrollment report from November 21, 2024, was reviewed.

AGENDA ADDENDUMS

- There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

- RESOLVED by G. Huard to approve the 2024-2026 AFSCME Dietary Agreement, as presented. S. Buhs seconded the motion and the resolution was approved by unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.
- RESOLVED by D. Battaglia to approve 2024-2026 AFSCME Secretarial Agreement, as presented. G. Huard seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.
- RESOLVED by S. Buhs to approve the resolution accepting the grant from the Northland Foundation towards CAAEP's aquatics program, as presented. N. Sandman seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.
- RESOLVED by D. Battaglia to appoint a new school board member for the remaining two (2) year term. M. Juntunen seconded the motion, and the resolution passed by a 4-0-1 vote with S. Buhs abstaining.
- RESOLVED by D. Battaglia to set the organizational meeting date as January 6, 2024. M. Juntunen seconded the motion, and the resolution passed by a 4-1 vote with G. Huard voting against.

- RESOLVED by N. Sandman to approve the revisions to policy 423.5 retirement benefits for non-union employees and waiving the 2nd and 3rd readings, as presented. G. Huard seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by unanimous yeas of all members present on roll call.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Dr. Cary covered the items in the working session.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 7AA Activities Director of the Year - Paul Riess
- MREA 2024 Innovation Program Award (Rod Syck)

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to discuss, Board Chair N. Sandman adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the School Board

Chair of the School Board

Department Reports

Churchill Elementary:

Hello From Churchill,

Thank you to Bill Howes for his school presentations during Native American Heritage month. Afterschool Excel reading and math begins the week of December 2nd. A trimester one outside reward event takes place for students on Thursday, 12/5. Teachers spent the staff development day on December 6th with LETRS training. Churchill PIE will host the annual Holiday Expo on Saturday, 12/7. Grade one will host their annual music program for families on Friday, December 13. Churchill students and staff will participate a week of holiday festivities the week of December 16th. The days will include dress up days and a visit from the Madrigals. Happy Holidays!

Submitted by David Wangen, Churchill Elementary Principal

Washington Elementary:

December is exciting and very busy!!

-Our Partners in Education group just wrapped up a frozen pizza fundraiser!!

-Last week students in 1st grade selected "Class Color Day" as our spirit day theme. Somewhat surprisingly, black was the top choice!

-EXCEL after school reading and math groups started this week. We have over 60 students in grades 1-4 participating, and a huge thank you to our staff who are teaching and running the program: Sheila Kahlstorf, Julie Midas, Kim Broman, Cassi Abrahamson, Abbi Sewell, Amanda Gustafson, Jason Godnai, Aubree Jaeger, and Patti Anderson! A well-deserved shout out to Tara Fast for her excellent organization of registrations and support for transportation and logistics too!

-1st graders have a music program coming up on the evening of December 12th, and it's sure to be outstanding!

-Lastly, the week of December 16th is packed with many exciting dress up days and events! We are especially excited for the CHS Madrigals to visit and for our students to get the chance to go to Premier Movie Theater as a special treat from our P.I.E. group (who fully sponsored the movie for our entire school)!

-From all of us at Washington, we wish the board a wonderful holiday season and a great winter break!

Submitted by Robbi Mondati, Washington Elementary Principal

Cloquet Middle School:

Student Council Leadership Forum Jamie Jazdzewski:

Our 8th-grade student council members had the opportunity to attend the Minnesota State Leadership Forum at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd. At the conference, they listened to speakers discussing what being a leader means. They were challenged to find ways to bring people hope and take care of themselves along the way! One of their favorite parts of the event was the idea fair, where they gathered ideas from other schools to bring back to their school. They felt empowered and equipped to do some fantastic things in Cloquet.





Just Kids Dental:

CMS had 70 students sign up for services this year, which was a huge success. Last year, they only had 29 students and almost did not have enough students to support the program. To meet the demand, the hygienist had to be onsite for 3 days this year. When asked about the change, they said it came from just adding the enrollment to the OLR. Just Kids Dental does not partner with the County or do any other advertisement.

CMS celebrated Native American Heritage Month in November

All CMS students were shown a presentation in class and then attended a drum ceremony by CHS and CMS students.



Submitted by Thomas Brenner, Cloquet Middle School Principal

Cloquet High School:

- The first band concert was held on 11/25.
- The first choir concert will be held on 12/16.
- Our CDL class visited a weigh station last week. 9
- Winter sports are in full swing.

- Our second round of parent/teacher conferences were held on 12/4.
- CHS held a FAFSA night for parents of college bound students.

Submitted by Steve Battaglia, Cloquet High School Principal

Cloquet Area Alternative Education Programs:

CAAEP is running smoothly with 90 students currently enrolled, and referrals coming in almost daily. We will offer our traditional Winter Symposium the week before Winter Break with the goal of engaging students and encouraging the opportunities to connect to each other and their teachers while learning new skills, experiencing new adventures in the area, and volunteering in the community. We are busy planning each of these days to be meaningful and experiential.

Submitted by Dr. Marcia Nelson, CAAEP Principal

Community Education

After School Enrichment

We are wrapping up our Arts Education grant funding for 2024. With the \$25,000 grant we received from the Minnesota State Arts Board, we were able to purchase a new kiln for Churchill Elementary and hold a week long theater camp in early August for 22 elementary and middle school students. The funding also assisted us in providing 76 arts and crafts classes for 910 participants at Churchill, Washington and the middle school. Classes included painting, ceramics, and holiday themed crafts. Overall, it was a very successful program to be able to implement this year!





Submitted by Erin Bates, Community Education Director

Business Department:

Candace Nelis, Business Manager, will be attending in person

American Indian Education Department:

Greetings School Board Members,

The quiz bowl teams will compete twice this month and host Cloquet's first annual Ojibwe Quiz meet in January. In years past, Cloquet Quiz Bowl teams have placed in many area competitions, including taking first place at MIEA. More information will be shared closer to our hosted event so that you can stop in and check out the action.

Makoons Club has been highly attended. This week we introduced a local author, Allie Tibbetts, book "Zaagi & Biboonkeonini". Now that there is snow on the ground we are able to dive into the literature that contains Ojibwe origin stories. In addition to the reading the book, participants get to take a copy of the book home with them. The activity included beaded snowflake ornaments. The next couple sessions introduce "How the Birds got their Songs" and a movie/present popper evening.



Our first senior meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 11th. We have several senior check-in meetings throughout the year to connect with AIE 12th graders to go over post-secondary options, check on on time graduation credits, offer support and services, plan the AIE Senior banquet and bring in special guests. Class of 2025 is by far the most seniors AIE has seen in over a decade.

December JOM & LIEC Meetings will be held on Wednesday Dec. 18th at the Cloquet Library beginning at 5:30pm. This will be a potluck and winter clothing drive.

Submitted by Teresa Angell, American Indian Education

Building and Grounds

Brock Wilton, Building and Grounds Director, will be attending in person

Technology

T.J. Smith, Technology Director, will be attending in person

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Fund Summary

Fund	Description	Total
01	General	\$160,298.36
02	Food Services	\$732.98
03	Transportation	\$10,998.25
04	Community Services	\$5,226.15
05	Capital Expenditure	\$30,146.81
12	Activities	\$10,413.13
45	OPEB Irrevocable Trust	\$5,185.28
Report Total		\$223,000.96

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			105626	25499	Check	1	8867		BELPEDIO, NICOLE	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	57.49
			105638	25500	Check	1	9799		BERGANKDV	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	15,250.00
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			105579	25503	Check	1	05150		BEST OIL COMPANY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	296.06
			105586	25504	Check	1	10877		BILDEN JOLI	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	54.43
			105635	25505	Check	1	9781		BRAIN POP	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	2,394.00
			105623	25506	Check	1	7378		BSN SPORTS LLC	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	3,039.60
			105580	25507	Check	1	08337		CARLTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICE	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	190.00
			105628	25508	Check	1	9301		CARMENS RESTAURANT	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	600.00
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			105629	25514	Check	1	9529		DOTY LINDSEY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	135.00
			105602	25515	Check	1	16790		ECLIPSE PAINT AND SUPPLY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	1,185.23
			105625	25516	Check	1	8229		ESSE, DAVID	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	442.20
			105603	25517	Check	1	19730		FOND DU LAC COMMUNITY COLLEG	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	60,000.00
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			105610	25519	Check	1	3537		GAGNE, JESSICA	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	70.96
			105600	25520	Check	1	12271		GREAT LAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	671.60
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			105584	25524	Check	1	10790		HUSETH KEVIN	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	22.63
			105627	25525	Check	1	9072		INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	203.13
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			105605	25527	Check	1	2526		ISD #0094 - VAN	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	1,116.89
			105581	25528	Check	1	10154		JAMAR COMPANY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	2,500.00
			105608	25529	Check	1	29600		L & M SUPPLY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	544.16
			105609	25530	Check	1	30365		LCS COACHES INC	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	5,782.22
			105637	25531	Check	1	9792		LEAF	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	2,803.07
			105632	25532	Check	1	9569		LEMAE SARAH	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	386.24
			105612	25533	Check	1	3602		LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	717.33
			105613	25534	Check	1	38650		MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANC	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	7,892.45
			105640	25535	Check	1	9879		MARSHALL SCHOOL	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	40.50
			105611	25536	Check	1	35902		MCEA	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	935.00
			105595	25537	Check	1	11387		MDE-MCIS ACCT 621892	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	1,512.40

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		105620	25540	Check	1	5743		MIDAMERICA ADMINISTRATIVE	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	60.00
		105583	25541	Check	1	10765		MINERS INCORPORATED	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	8,885.69
		105633	25542	Check	1	9628		MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMF	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	5,410.59
		105593	25543	Check	1	11365		NELSON MARCIA	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	380.56
		105634	25544	Check	1	9654		O'DONNELL SARAH	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	273.70
		105588	25545	Check	1	10998		OLSON LAURA	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	707.23
		105615	25546	Check	1	5087		PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	957.84
		105641	25547	Check	1	9882		PMA ASSET MGMT	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	1,045.28
		105604	25548	Check	1	2012		READ NATURALLY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	7,223.70
		105607	25549	Check	1	2868		SAMS, SHANNON	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	53.97
		105596	25550	Check	1	11388		SAVAGE ALYSSA	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	250.00
		105631	25551	Check	1	9545		SCHMITT DIRECTOR CENTER	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	20.00
		105639	25552	Check	1	9835		SOURCEWELL TECHNOLOGY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	1,519.00
		105585	25553	Check	1	10802		SWANSON YOUNGDALE	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	876.52
		105598	25554	Check	1	11390		TAYLOR PEYTON	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	101.00
		105606	25555	Check	1	27353		THE JAMAR COMPANY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	3,165.38
		105636	25556	Check	1	9791		TYSON FOODS INC	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	560.70
		105616	25557	Check	1	56350		UPPER LAKES FOODS	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	141.12
		105597	25558	Check	1	11389		VENDITTO ANTHONY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	478.20
		105592	25559	Check	1	11361		VESTIS	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	88.95
		105618	25560	Check	1	57280		WANGEN, DAVID	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	147.40
		105622	25561	Check	1	7042		WATSON COMPANY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	412.40
		105582	25562	Check	1	10482		WOOD CITY MOTORS	Yes	No	No	USD	11/21/2024	5,623.28

Bank Total: 2 \$223,000.96
Report Total: \$223,000.96

Cloquet Public Schools
Detail Payment Register By Check
Fund Summary

Fund	Description	Total
01	General	\$4,290.50
04	Community Services	\$340.53
05	Capital Expenditure	\$520.00
12	Activities	\$289.42
Report Total		\$5,440.45

Cloquet Public Schools Check Register by Bank and Check

Batch Co	Bank	Pymt No	Check No	Pay Type	Grp	Code	Rcd	Vendor	Print	Recon	Void	Currency	Pmt/Void Date	Amount
0094	2	105652	25563	Check	1	9026		BRENNER, JILL	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	101.42
		105642	25564	Check	1	11090		CHROMEBOOKPARTS.COM	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	520.00
		105643	25565	Check	1	11103		CICH ELINOR	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	79.42
		105647	25566	Check	1	1474		DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	340.53
		105646	25567	Check	1	1314		GODNAI, JASON	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	87.88
		105645	25568	Check	1	12271		GREAT LAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	1,127.44
		105653	25569	Check	1	9449		ISD #6096 NORTHERN LIGHTS ACAD	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	1,484.10
		105648	25570	Check	1	2692		MASSP	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	989.00
		105644	25571	Check	1	11391		MN NORTH VOLLEYBALL	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	170.00
		105650	25572	Check	1	6299		NELSON, BETH	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	105.66
		105649	25573	Check	1	44930		PREMIERE THEATRES	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	210.00
		105651	25574	Check	1	6402		REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY	Yes	No	No	USD	11/27/2024	225.00
Bank Total: 2													\$5,440.45	
Report Total:													\$5,440.45	

From: [Wendy Newcomb](#)
To: [Mary Marciniak](#)
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 8:46:46 AM

Mary,

Good Morning!

Could you please forward this note to administration.

I am applying to finish the school year as a nurse at the Middle School.

It has been a pleasure to serve at the CMS.

In the past, I have been impressed with the school district and the quality of education provided to the students.

After being employed these past months, I have met many fine educators and have a greater admiration for this district.

It will be a privilege to continue on as a nurse here at the Cloquet Middle School.

Thank you,
Wendy Newcomb RN



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Michael Cary, Superintendent
FROM: Thomas Brenner, CMS Principal
DATE: December 2, 2024
RE: Recommendation for Employment

I am recommending the employment of Wendy Newcomb for the CMS nursing position.

RATE OF PAY:	\$23.37 – step one
HOURS TO BE WORKED:	6.75 hours/day (Monday – Friday) on student service days
START DATE:	December 10, 2024
LENGTH OF CONTRACT:	2024-2025 school year and ongoing
BUDGETED CURRENT YEAR:	yes
POSTED:	Posted internally and externally
RATIONALE FOR HIRE:	CMS would like to offer the open nursing position to Wendy Newcomb. Wendy is a retired school nurse from Virginia. We think that she is a great fit for CMS nursing needs. She is currently working in this position and doing a fabulous job.
STAR CODE:	99936

(Employment is contingent upon Cloquet School Board approval.)

Linking school and community to provide life-long learning and success for all.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Cary, Superintendent
DATE: December 2nd, 2024
FROM: Erin Bates, Community Education Director
Jovanna Dobransky, Kids Corner Program Coordinator
RE: Hiring of Seth Norton

I am recommending that Seth Norton be hired as a Program Assistant

RATE OF PAY: \$ 16.17

HOURS TO BE WORKED: up to 40

STARTING DATE: December 11th, 2024

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: Ongoing

BUDGETED CURRENT YEAR: Yes

REASON FOR HIRE: afternoon Fill in

QUALIFIES FOR BENEFITS: N/A

“Employment is subject to Cloquet School Board Approval”



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Michael Cary, Superintendent
FROM: David Wangen, Churchill Elementary Principal
DATE: December 4, 2024
RE: Recommendation for Employment

I am recommending the employment of Ashlee Lennartson with the stipend amount of \$500.00 and Jessica Gagne with the stipend amount of \$1000.00 as the Churchill Gifted and Talented Coordinators for the Churchill Elementary School for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

RATE OF PAY:	\$ 1500.00 Stipend
HOURS TO BE WORKED:	Ongoing
START DATE:	November 6, 2024
LENGTH OF CONTRACT:	Ongoing
BUDGETED CURRENT YEAR:	Yes
POSTED:	Posted, internally
RATIONALE FOR HIRE:	Coordinate Gifted and Talented Program

(Employment is contingent upon Cloquet School Board approval.)

DW:mb



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302 14th Street ~ Cloquet MN 55820
Office Phone ~ 218-878-3060
Fax ~ 218-878-3061

Barb Mackey, Asst. Special Education Director
bmackey@nlacoop.org

To: Dr. Michael Cary, Superintendent for the Cloquet Public Schools

From: Barb Mackey, Assistant Special Education Director for the Northern Lights Academy

Date: December 3, 2024

Re: Permission to Post for an Anticipated Additional Special Education Teacher (ASD Preferred)

The Northern Lights Academy is requesting permission to post for a 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher - ASD licensure preferred. This position is an additional position due to student need.

This position is accounted for in the updated FY 25 NLA working budget and will be voted on by the NLA board at our meeting this Friday, December 6, 2024.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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Barb Mackey, Asst. Special Education Director
bmackey@nlacoop.org

To: Dr. Michael Cary, Superintendent for the Cloquet Public Schools

From: Barb Mackey, Assistant Special Education Director for the Northern Lights Academy

Date: December 5, 2024

Re: Permission to Post for an Anticipated Special Education Paraprofessional

The Northern Lights Academy is requesting permission to post for an additional 6.75 hrs./day paraprofessional. This position is due to a staff resignation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Michael Cary, Superintendent

FROM: David Wangen, Churchill Elementary Principal

DATE: December 5, 2024

RE: Permission to Post for 20 hrs./week ECSE Consistent Support Paraprofessional

I am requesting permission to post for a 20 hrs./week ECSE Consistent Support Paraprofessional at Churchill Elementary for the remainder of the 24-25 SY. This position is open due to a new ECSE student who needs assistance.

(Employment is contingent upon Cloquet School Board approval.)



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Cary, ISD 94 School Board

FROM: Paul Riess, Activities Director

DATE: November 25th, 2024

RE: **Permission to Post**

I am requesting permission to post for a **Head Girls Swim/Dive Coach** due to the resignation of former coach.

PR

2024-2025 Student Enrollment Report

5/31/2024	Dates	9/6	9/18	10/9	10/23	11/6	11/21	12/4												
CHURCHILL																				
10	Early Five/Dev Kindergarten	18	19	19	19	19	19	19												
75	Kindergarten - All Day	60	61	61	62	62	63	63												
69	First Grade	69	68	67	67	67	68	68												
73	Second Grade	69	68	68	68	68	67	67												
46	Third Grade	80	81	79	79	79	79	79												
81	Fourth Grade	56	56	56	56	55	55	55												
354	TOTAL CHURCHILL	352	353	350	351	350	351	351	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
WASHINGTON																				
93	Kindergarten - All Day	98	96	97	96	97	97	97												
112	First Grade	102	100	102	102	102	102	102												
110	Second Grade	109	108	108	108	108	109	110												
88	Third Grade	107	106	106	106	106	106	106												
105	Fourth Grade	85	84	84	84	84	84	84												
508	TOTAL WASHINGTON	501	494	497	496	497	498	499	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
862	TOTAL ELEMENTARY	853	847	847	847	847	849	850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Open Enrollment-Elementary																			
MIDDLE SCHOOL																				
183	Fifth Grade	190	190	187	190	188	186	187												
183	Sixth Grade	185	185	184	186	186	183	183												
199	Seventh Grade	185	185	184	184	181	180	178												
194	Eighth Grade	198	196	198	197	195	195	195												
759	TOTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL	758	756	753	757	750	744	743	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Open Enrollment-CMS																			
HIGH SCHOOL																				
213	Ninth Grade	195	197	193	194	193	191	191												
184	Tenth Grade	212	209	206	205	200	199	198												
183	Eleventh Grade	181	181	183	182	180	180	180												
178	Twelfth Grade	184	185	186	185	185	182	182												
758	TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL	772	772	768	766	758	752	751	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Open Enrollment-CHS																			
2379	TOTAL HK-12	2383	2375	2368	2370	2355	2345	2344	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	TOTAL OPEN ENROLLMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CAAEP- FULL-TIME																				
82	High School (grades 9-12)	80	82	77	77	80	82	83												
8	Junior High (grades 6-8)	4	4	4	4	7	7	7												
90	TOTAL CAAEP-Full-Time	84	86	81	81	87	89	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
** CAAEP - PART-TIME																				
	EDHS																			
	Extended Programming																			
	Targeted Services																			
2469	GRAND TOTAL	2467	2461	2449	2451	2442	2434	2434	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

*12th grade reflects their last day of school

** NOT included in totals.

**Cloquet Public School District
Out-of-Country Trip Application**

Instructor/Advisor's Name: Kevin Huseth and Rhonda Card

Trip's Destination(s): New York City

Grade Level(s) of Students Participating in the Trip: 10-12

Approximate Cost of the Trip per Participant: \$2300

Instructor or advisor should complete the following request for information regarding the trip. Additional paper may be used or other documents included or attached if needed.

1. List all sources of funds which will be used to finance this trip (fundraisers, personal funds of students, or the like):
 - Frozen Foods Fundraiser
 - Chocolate Bars fundraiser
 - Coffee Sale
 - Coffee House
 - CEF Grants
 - Seeking Grants and donations from local businesses
 - Personal funds

2. Describe how and what communications will be given the parents/guardians, students, and chaperones concerning the trip's purpose, destination(s), itinerary (including dates), financial requirements and expectations, means of travel, supervision provided, behavioral expectations, and other important considerations:

We will have a parent/traveler interest meeting in December of this year as well as at least one meeting next year before our departure.

In addition to the meetings, we will send letters and emails home to parents and travelers concerning the purpose, cost and itinerary of the trip.

3. Describe arrangements for lodging and meals:

We are planning the trip with Bob Rogers Travel. They will arrange for a hotel for us in New York. They will also arrange several nice dinners, box lunches, and hotel breakfasts.

4. Describe the purpose for the trip including objectives and learning activities:

The purpose of this trip is to further these students' music education by providing them access to world class musical opportunities. During the trip, they will see a Broadway musical and experience a clinic with a professional Broadway musician. Band Students will experience a clinic with the Army Band at West Point and see what life as a military musician is like. Choir students will perform at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

The purpose of this trip is also to expand the students' social and cultural horizons. These students will experience the people, sights, and sounds that exist in one of the greatest cities in the world. We will spend time in Times Square, China Town and Little Italy. The students will get to see the city from the Empire State Building observation deck, as well as spend time at the 9/11 memorial and museum.

5. Describe contingency plans for emergencies, inclement weather, and unacceptable student behavior.

Behavior: Students will be expected to abide by all Cloquet High School behavior policies while on the trip.

Emergencies and inclement weather: We will have access to Mr. Battaglia and Mr. Prosen via cell phone to provide updates. We will also be in the full-time care of a professional tour guide and coordinator who will have company procedure to follow in case of weather and emergencies.

6. Describe supervision plan including names of instructors, chaperones, and other adults who will be responsible for the students:

The students will be supervised by two directors, Kevin Huseh and Rhonda Card. Students will also be supervised by 10-12 yet to be named adult chaperones. These chaperones will be either a Cloquet Public Schools staff members, or a parent/guardian of a student attending the trip. Each chaperone will be responsible for 2-3 hotel rooms totaling no more than 12 students.

7. Describe the trip's itinerary:

The official itinerary is not set. A mock-up is attached although this is likely to change. Some of the things we are planning include:

- A Broadway show
- Broadway Musical workshop for both band and choir
- Rockefeller Center
- Cruise to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
- 9/11 Memorial and Museum
- Gayles Broadway Rose (singing diner)
- Band Clinic and tour at West Point Military Academy

- Empire State Building
- Chinatown and Little Italy
- Choir Performance at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine
- Central Park
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Brooklyn Bridge
- Time Square

Action regarding trip's approval status:

The designated authority should sign this form and check the appropriate decision box.

School District Official's Signature	Approval Granted	Approval Not Granted
Principal's Signature 		
Superintendent's Signature		
Signature of School Board Chair or Clerk		

(APPENDIX B)
Cloquet Public School District
Release and Agreement to Hold Harmless and Indemnify
(For out-of-state or out-of-country field trip or excursions)

The Cloquet School District #0094 (herein after referred to as the District) requires, in District Policy #610 regarding student field trips and trips out of the country, the following:

"In addition, approval of educational trips to foreign countries is contingent upon demonstrated relevance to curricular objectives, a showing of adequate adult supervision (as determined by the Superintendent), written parental consent and release for the student's participation on a form supplied by the District, and the country or countries being visited not on the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning or Public Announcement list."

Completion of this form is required of all out-of-state/country participants for all field trips and/or excursions. This form must be completed by the participant's legal guardian or parent.

RELEASE

I, the undersigned, hereby release and discharge the Cloquet Public School District (including the Governing Board members, officers, employees, and agents, herein collectively referred to as the "District") from all liability, as defined herein, arising out of, or in connection with my son's/daughter's/ward's (hereinafter referred to as "child") participation in the travel-study field trip described in this release. For the purpose of this agreement, liability means all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, suits or judgments of any and every kind that I, my child, or our heirs, executors, administrators or assignees may have against the District, or that any other person or entity may have against the District, because of any death, personal injury or illness, or because of any loss or damage to property that occurs during the above described travel-study field trip or excursion, and that results from any cause other than negligence of the District.

INDEMNIFICATION

I further agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the District from any and all liability, as defined above, resulting from, or in any manner arising out of any negligence on my child's part during the above described travel-study field trip or excursion, but not to the extent that such liability is due to the negligence of the District.

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

I further agree to accept all the rules and requirements of the travel-study field trip or excursion, observe the program schedules, and to follow the instructions given by supervisory personnel and grant the right to terminate my child's participation in the program if it is determined that my child's conduct is detrimental to the best interests of the group, in which event return home shall be at our family's expense. Any violation of these rules and regulations may be cause for my child's suspension or expulsion from the District, subject to the application of appropriate District policies and due process procedures upon my child's return from the trip.

RESPONSIBILITY

I fully recognize and agree that the District cannot and will not be held responsible for my child's needs or well-being when not under the direct supervision of District supervisory personnel.

December 9, 2024

PRE-SALE REPORT FOR

Independent School District No. 94 (Cloquet Public Schools), Minnesota

\$35,520,000 General Obligation
School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2025A



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Advisors:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PROPOSED DEBT

Proposed Issue:

\$35,520,000 General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2025A

The resolution adopted by the School Board on October 28, 2024 includes the issuance of approximately \$38,680,000 in bonds; \$35,520,000 is our current estimate of the bond amount necessary based on that authorization and the expected premium pricing structure explained in more detail on Page 2.

Purposes:

The proposed issue includes financing for a current refunding of fiscal year 2026 through 2036 maturities of the district's General Obligation School Building Bonds Series 2015B.

The callable maturities for the 2015B bonds have interest rates of 3.125% to 5.00% (see Page 7). Based on current market conditions, we estimate that new refunding bonds would have a True Interest Cost of 3.38% (see Page 8). We expect that the underwriter of the bonds will pay a premium (a price in excess of the par amount of the bonds, as shown on Page 6). Any net premium will be used to reduce the par amount of the new issue.

The net effect of the premium paid by the underwriter and the new interest rates would reduce future debt service payments and by an estimated \$2,008,810 and future debt service levies by an estimated \$2,109,250 (due to the requirement to levy at 105% of the principal and interest payments) over fiscal years 2026 through 2036 (see Page 9). Actual results will be determined based on market conditions on the day of sale.

This refunding is considered to be a Current Refunding as the obligations being refunded are callable beginning February 1, 2025.

Authority:

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 475 and Section 475.67. The Bonds will be general obligations of the District for which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged. Debt service will be paid from annual property tax levies.

Term/Call Feature:

The Bonds are being issued for a term of 11 years. Principal on the Bonds will be due on February 1 in the years 2026 through 2036. Interest will be due every six months beginning August 1, 2025.

The Bonds will be subject to prepayment at the discretion of the District on February 1, 2033 or any date thereafter.

State Credit Enhancement:

By resolution the District will covenant and obligate itself to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, which provides for payment by the State of Minnesota in the event of a potential default of a school district obligation.

To qualify for the credit enhancement, the District must submit an application to the State. Ehlers will coordinate the application process to the State on your behalf.

Rating:

Under current bond ratings, the state credit enhancement would bring a Moody's "Aa1" rating.

The District's most recent bond issues were rated by Moody's Investors Service. The current rating on those bonds are "Aa1" (credit enhanced rating) and "A1" (underlying rating). The District will request a new rating for the Bonds.

If the winning bidder on the Bonds elects to purchase bond insurance, the rating for the issue may be higher than the District's bond rating in the event that the bond rating of the insurer is higher than that of the District.

Basis for Recommendation:

Based on your objectives, financial situation and need, risk tolerance, liquidity needs, experience with the issuance of Bonds and long-term financial capacity, as well as the tax status considerations related to the Bonds and the structure, timing and other similar matters related to the Bonds, we are recommending the issuance of Bonds as a suitable option.

Method of Sale/Placement:

We are recommending the Bonds be issued as municipal securities and offered through a competitive underwriting process. You will solicit competitive bids, which we will compile on your behalf, for the purchase of the Bonds from underwriters and banks.

An allowance for discount bidding will be incorporated in the terms of the issue. The discount is treated as an interest item and provides the underwriter with all or a portion of their compensation in the transaction.

If the Bonds are purchased at a price greater than the minimum bid amount (maximum discount), the unused allowance may be used to reduce your borrowing amount.

Premium Pricing:

In some cases, investors in municipal bonds prefer "premium" pricing structures. A premium is achieved when the coupon for any maturity (the interest rate paid by the issuer) exceeds the yield to the investor, resulting in a price paid that is greater than the face value of the bonds. The sum of the amounts paid in excess of face value is considered "reoffering premium." Any net premium received may be used to reduce the principal amount of the Bonds, increase the net proceeds for the project, or to fund a portion of the interest on the Bonds.

Parameters:

The School Board adopted a Parameters Resolution on October 28, 2024, which delegates authority to the Superintendent or Business Manager and any Board Member to accept and approve a bid for the Bonds so long as the bid meets certain parameters. These parameters include a minimum estimated future value savings amount of \$1,000,000.

Review of Existing Debt:

We have reviewed all outstanding indebtedness for the District and find that, other than the 2015A Bonds, there are no other refunding opportunities at this time.

We will continue to monitor the market and the call dates for the District's outstanding debt and will alert you to any future refunding opportunities.

Continuing Disclosure:

The District will be agreeing to provide certain updated Annual Financial Information and its Audited Financial Statement annually, as well as providing notices of the occurrence of certain reportable events to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"), as required by rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The District is already obligated to provide such reports for its existing bonds, and has contracted with Ehlers to prepare and file the reports.

Arbitrage Monitoring:

The District must ensure compliance with certain sections of the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations ("Arbitrage Rules") throughout the life of the issue to maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. These Arbitrage Rules apply to amounts held in construction, escrow, reserve, debt service account(s), etc., along with related investment income on each fund/account.

IRS audits will verify compliance with rebate, yield restriction and records retention requirements within the Arbitrage Rules. The District's specific arbitrage responsibilities will be detailed in the Tax Certificate (the "Tax Compliance Document") prepared by your Bond Attorney and provided at closing.

The Bonds may qualify for one or more exception(s) to the Arbitrage Rules by meeting 1) small issuer exception, 2) spend down requirements, 3) bona fide debt service fund limits, 4) reasonable reserve requirements, 5) expenditure within an available period limitations, 6) investments yield restrictions, 7) de minimis rules, or; 8) borrower limited requirements.

An Ehlers arbitrage expert will contact the District within 30 days after the sale date to review the District's specific responsibilities for the Bonds. The District is currently receiving arbitrage services from Ehlers in relation to the Bonds.

Investment of Bond Proceeds:

These estimates include the assumption that the proceeds of the refunding bonds will be deposited in an interest earning escrow account which will be used to redeem the existing bonds on the call date. We are estimating investment earnings in the escrow account to be \$178,476 (see Page 10).

Other Service Providers:

This debt issuance will require the engagement of other public finance service providers. This section identifies those other service providers, so Ehlers can coordinate their engagement on your behalf. Where you have previously used a particular firm to provide a service, we have assumed that you will continue that relationship. For services you have not previously required, we have identified a service provider. Fees charged by these service providers will be paid from proceeds of the obligation, unless you notify us that you wish to pay them from other sources. Our pre-sale bond sizing includes a good faith estimate of these fees, but the final fees may vary. If you have any questions pertaining to the identified service providers or their role, or if you would like to use a different service provider for any of the listed services please contact us.

Bond Counsel: Kennedy & Graven, Chartered

Paying Agent: Bond Trust Services Corporation

Rating Agency: Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

Escrow Agent: Zion's Bancorporation, National Association

This presale report summarizes our understanding of the District's objectives for the structure and terms of this financing as of this date. As additional facts become known or capital markets conditions change, we may need to modify the structure and/or terms of this financing to achieve results consistent with the District's objectives.

PROPOSED DEBT ISSUANCE SCHEDULE

School Board Approves Resolution Authorizing Sale of the Bonds (Including Parameters for Awarding Sale):	October 28, 2024
Ehlers Provides Pre-Sale Report to School Board:	December 9, 2024
Due Diligence Call to Review Official Statement:	Week of December 9, 2024
Conference with Rating Agency:	Week of December 16, 2024
Distribute Official Statement:	December 26, 2024
Ehlers Receives and Evaluates Proposals for Purchase of Bonds; Designated Officials Award Sale of the Bonds if Bid Parameters are Met:	January 7, 2025
School Board Approves Resolution Ratifying Award of Sale:	January 13, 2025
Estimated Closing Date:	January 30, 2025
Redemption Date for 2015A Bonds:	March 6, 2025

Attachments

- Estimated Sources and Uses of Funds
- Existing Debt Service Schedule for 2015A Bonds
- Estimated Debt Service Schedule for Proposed Refunding Bonds
- Estimated Debt Service Comparison/Refunding Savings Analysis
- Estimated Current Refunding Escrow

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Sources & Uses

Dated 01/30/2025 | Delivered 01/30/2025

Sources Of Funds

Par Amount of Bonds	\$35,520,000.00
Reoffering Premium	3,054,161.30
Total Sources	\$38,574,161.30

Uses Of Funds

Total Underwriter's Discount (0.500%)	177,600.00
Costs of Issuance	175,000.00
Deposit to Current Refunding Fund	38,218,642.84
Rounding Amount	2,918.46
Total Uses	\$38,574,161.30

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Prior Original Debt Service

Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total P+I	Fiscal Total
02/01/2025	-	-	-	-	-
08/01/2025	-	-	833,753.13	833,753.13	-
02/01/2026	2,745,000.00	5.000%	833,753.13	3,578,753.13	4,412,506.26
08/01/2026	-	-	765,128.13	765,128.13	-
02/01/2027	2,885,000.00	5.000%	765,128.13	3,650,128.13	4,415,256.26
08/01/2027	-	-	693,003.13	693,003.13	-
02/01/2028	3,030,000.00	5.000%	693,003.13	3,723,003.13	4,416,006.26
08/01/2028	-	-	617,253.13	617,253.13	-
02/01/2029	3,180,000.00	3.125%	617,253.13	3,797,253.13	4,414,506.26
08/01/2029	-	-	567,565.63	567,565.63	-
02/01/2030	3,280,000.00	5.000%	567,565.63	3,847,565.63	4,415,131.26
08/01/2030	-	-	485,565.63	485,565.63	-
02/01/2031	3,445,000.00	5.000%	485,565.63	3,930,565.63	4,416,131.26
08/01/2031	-	-	399,440.63	399,440.63	-
02/01/2032	3,615,000.00	5.000%	399,440.63	4,014,440.63	4,413,881.26
08/01/2032	-	-	309,065.63	309,065.63	-
02/01/2033	3,795,000.00	3.625%	309,065.63	4,104,065.63	4,413,131.26
08/01/2033	-	-	240,281.25	240,281.25	-
02/01/2034	3,935,000.00	3.750%	240,281.25	4,175,281.25	4,415,562.50
08/01/2034	-	-	166,500.00	166,500.00	-
02/01/2035	4,080,000.00	4.000%	166,500.00	4,246,500.00	4,413,000.00
08/01/2035	-	-	84,900.00	84,900.00	-
02/01/2036	4,245,000.00	4.000%	84,900.00	4,329,900.00	4,414,800.00
Total	\$38,235,000.00	-	\$10,324,912.58	\$48,559,912.58	-

Yield Statistics

Base date for Avg. Life & Avg. Coupon Calculation	1/30/2025
Average Life	6.436 Years
Average Coupon	4.1977014%
Weighted Average Maturity (Par Basis)	6.436 Years
Weighted Average Maturity (Original Price Basis)	6.436 Years

Refunding Bond Information

Refunding Dated Date	1/30/2025
Refunding Delivery Date	1/30/2025

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Debt Service Schedule

Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total P+I	Fiscal Total
01/30/2025	-	-	-	-	-
08/01/2025	-	-	872,545.69	872,545.69	-
02/01/2026	2,645,000.00	5.000%	867,725.00	3,512,725.00	4,385,270.69
08/01/2026	-	-	801,600.00	801,600.00	-
02/01/2027	2,615,000.00	5.000%	801,600.00	3,416,600.00	4,218,200.00
08/01/2027	-	-	736,225.00	736,225.00	-
02/01/2028	2,745,000.00	5.000%	736,225.00	3,481,225.00	4,217,450.00
08/01/2028	-	-	667,600.00	667,600.00	-
02/01/2029	2,880,000.00	5.000%	667,600.00	3,547,600.00	4,215,200.00
08/01/2029	-	-	595,600.00	595,600.00	-
02/01/2030	3,025,000.00	5.000%	595,600.00	3,620,600.00	4,216,200.00
08/01/2030	-	-	519,975.00	519,975.00	-
02/01/2031	3,180,000.00	5.000%	519,975.00	3,699,975.00	4,219,950.00
08/01/2031	-	-	440,475.00	440,475.00	-
02/01/2032	3,335,000.00	5.000%	440,475.00	3,775,475.00	4,215,950.00
08/01/2032	-	-	357,100.00	357,100.00	-
02/01/2033	3,500,000.00	5.000%	357,100.00	3,857,100.00	4,214,200.00
08/01/2033	-	-	269,600.00	269,600.00	-
02/01/2034	3,680,000.00	5.000%	269,600.00	3,949,600.00	4,219,200.00
08/01/2034	-	-	177,600.00	177,600.00	-
02/01/2035	3,860,000.00	5.000%	177,600.00	4,037,600.00	4,215,200.00
08/01/2035	-	-	81,100.00	81,100.00	-
02/01/2036	4,055,000.00	4.000%	81,100.00	4,136,100.00	4,217,200.00
Total	\$35,520,000.00	-	\$11,034,020.69	\$46,554,020.69	-

Yield Statistics

Bond Year Dollars	\$229,603.67
Average Life	6.464 Years
Average Coupon	4.8056814%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	3.5528437%
True Interest Cost (TIC)	3.3764198%
Bond Yield for Arbitrage Purposes	3.1853945%
All Inclusive Cost (AIC)	3.4597108%

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Net Interest Cost	3.1754659%
Weighted Average Maturity	6.515 Years

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Debt Service Comparison

Date	Total P+I	Net New D/S	Old Net D/S	Savings
02/01/2025	-	(2,918.46)	-	2,918.46
02/01/2026	4,385,270.69	4,385,270.69	4,412,506.26	27,235.57
02/01/2027	4,218,200.00	4,218,200.00	4,415,256.26	197,056.26
02/01/2028	4,217,450.00	4,217,450.00	4,416,006.26	198,556.26
02/01/2029	4,215,200.00	4,215,200.00	4,414,506.26	199,306.26
02/01/2030	4,216,200.00	4,216,200.00	4,415,131.26	198,931.26
02/01/2031	4,219,950.00	4,219,950.00	4,416,131.26	196,181.26
02/01/2032	4,215,950.00	4,215,950.00	4,413,881.26	197,931.26
02/01/2033	4,214,200.00	4,214,200.00	4,413,131.26	198,931.26
02/01/2034	4,219,200.00	4,219,200.00	4,415,562.50	196,362.50
02/01/2035	4,215,200.00	4,215,200.00	4,413,000.00	197,800.00
02/01/2036	4,217,200.00	4,217,200.00	4,414,800.00	197,600.00
Total	\$46,554,020.69	\$46,551,102.23	\$48,559,912.58	\$2,008,810.35

PV Analysis Summary (Net to Net)

Gross PV Debt Service Savings.....	1,639,423.33
Net PV Cashflow Savings @ 3.185%(Bond Yield).....	1,639,423.33
Contingency or Rounding Amount.....	2,918.46
Net Present Value Benefit	\$1,642,341.79
Net PV Benefit / \$40,441,651.12 PV Refunded Debt Service	4.061%
Net PV Benefit / \$38,235,000 Refunded Principal...	4.295%
Net PV Benefit / \$35,520,000 Refunding Principal..	4.624%

Refunding Bond Information

Refunding Dated Date	1/30/2025
Refunding Delivery Date	1/30/2025

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Current Refunding Escrow

Date	Principal	Rate	Interest	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash Balance
01/30/2025	-	-	-	0.84	-	0.84
03/06/2025	38,218,642.00	4.870%	178,475.82	38,397,117.82	38,397,118.66	-
Total	\$38,218,642.00	-	\$178,475.82	\$38,397,118.66	\$38,397,118.66	-

Investment Parameters

Investment Model [PV, GIC, or Securities]	Securities
Default investment yield target	Unrestricted
Cash Deposit	0.84
Cost of Investments Purchased with Bond Proceeds	38,218,642.00
Total Cost of Investments	\$38,218,642.84
Target Cost of Investments at bond yield	\$38,275,964.03
Actual positive or (negative) arbitrage	57,321.19
Yield to Receipt	4.7136823%
Yield for Arbitrage Purposes	3.1853945%
State and Local Government Series (SLGS) rates for	10/28/2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 2 — 2nd Trimester begins
- Dec. 3—EXCEL Programming begins
- Dec. 6 — No school for students
- Dec. 9 — December Birthday Lunch
- Dec. 12 — 1st Grade Music Program 6:30 pm in the Washington Gym
- Dec. 17 — High School Madrigal Performance at Washington
- Dec. 18 — Spirit Day: Red, White & Green Day
- Dec. 19 — Spirit Day: Student Choice (TBD)
- Dec. 20 — Spirit Day: Deck Yourself!
- Dec. 20 — All School Movie Day (Thank you to PIE for fully funding our Movie Day)
- Dec. 21–Jan. 1 — Winter Break
- Jan. 2 — School Resumes



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POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS & SUPPORTS (PBIS) UPDATE

Welcome to December from your PBIS team!! Hopefully you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving break!!

Here are a few PBIS updates.... Our December character education themes are **Responsibility and Doing Your Best** and the Anishinaabe teaching of **Courage**. We will be talking with students and sharing examples about taking responsibility for all we do. We hope that you can reinforce these important character traits and teachings at home in your conversations throughout the month of December as well.

Additionally, doing our best also means that we want to show kindness, empathy, and flexibility to others as part of the Washington community. We want to be our best selves! We remind students that all of us have good days and bad days, and it's important to do our best to support each other and be kind and flexible when others may be having tough moments or days. Occasionally students are required to be flexible and adjust their plans or even their learning space to accommodate others. Doing so with a kind and understanding attitude is part of how we can **Do Our Best** at Washington!

Our Student Advisory Team (S.A.T.) has met and they are finding ways to positively contribute here at Washington. They will begin tutoring and recycling soon, as well as helping around the building! S.A.T. representatives are 3rd and 4th graders who were selected by their classmates to serve on the team. The S.A.T. students helped at Conferences with the Kindergarten/1st grade surveys. For PBIS resources check out our Washington School webpage. From all of us at Washington, students and staff both, we wish you a safe and happy December and holiday season!

Morning Reminder:

Door 1 opens for students at 8:00 am. If students come to school between 7:45 and 8:00 am, please have them go to the playground and not stand at door 1. We do not have staff coverage outside door 1 in the mornings. Thank you!

Our Mission: The staff, students and parents of Washington Elementary School are dedicated to creating a climate that promotes academic, artistic, and physical excellence, high expectations, cultural pride, respect for individual differences, and the rights of others in a safe and nurturing environment.

Staying Healthy During the Holidays

- ask for help if you need it
- get plenty of sleep each night
- eat healthy
- don't overdo it this holiday season; do what works best for you and your family
- exercise and find ways to get moving
- do something that is relaxing and calming (GoNoodle, MindYeti, take a walk outside, deep breathing, or yoga)
- limit screen time and spend time with friends and family instead





Winter Weather / Playground & Recess Expectations

Air or Wind Temperature 40+	Air or Wind Temperature 30-40°F	Air or Wind Temperature Below 30°F	Air or Wind Temperature at or below -10°F
Long sleeved shirt or sweatshirt required	Jacket required (may have unzipped or tied around waist)	Jacket	Inside Recess
jacket optional- must be tied around waist if taken off	*If Snow	Snow Pants	
Hat and mittens optional	Snow Pants	Boots	
*If Snow	Boots	Hat	
Boots required	Hat & mittens recommended	Mittens or Gloves	
	**If No Snow		
	Pants (no shorts) or snow pants		
	Shoes or boots		



December 3rd is the **International Disabilities Day**. For our December Unified lesson, we will learn about Disability Awareness and how we can all understand and help people with disabilities.

Each month we learn about disabilities to spread awareness. So far this school year we have learned about the Deaf & Hard of Hearing community in September, Down Syndrome Awareness in October, and Epilepsy in November. Throughout the year, we will continue to learn about disabilities and how we can all be advocates for our community.



3rd Grade Music Program November 21st



Community Resources to Check Out:

-Cloquet Public Library: Great resources for kids and families!

<https://www.cloquetlibrary.org/kidzone>



-United Way of Carlton County: Fighting for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. <http://unitedwaycarltoncounty.org/>

-Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health: Excellent organization with family support resources. <https://macmh.org/>

-Backpack Program (Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank): If your family would like more information to see if you meet criteria and would like to be considered for our Backpack Program please contact Mrs. Sewell our school counselor at asewell@isd94.org or 218-879-3369 x5074, or Mrs. Alaspa our school social worker at malaspa@isd94.org or x5014 <https://northernlakesfoodbank.org/what-we-do/our-programs/backpack-program/>

Please dress me warm enough!



IMPORTANT:

Make sure your child has warm enough winter gear! Boots, hats, mittens, coat (even if no snow) will keep students warm and safe.

If your family is in need of assistance to acquire needed winter clothing and gear please contact our school social worker, Misha Alaspa, to request assistance. malaspa@isd94.org 218-878-5595