

# Special School Board Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2023 6:30 PM

LS-H MS/HS Media Center, 901 Ferry St., Le Sueur, MN 56058

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3. MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

## 4. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

## 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## 6. OPEN FORUM

## 7. LE SUEUR-HENDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNIZES

7.1. Donations & Grants Received

7.2. Students of the Month - September

7.3. Students of the Month - October

7.4. American Education Week: November 13-17

## 8. REPORTS

### 8.1. Committee Reports

8.1.1. Finance **Presenter:** Director Matt Hathaway

8.1.2. Negotiations **Presenter:** Director Brigid Tuck

8.1.3. SW Metro **Presenter:** Director Steve Cross

8.1.4. Human Resource **Presenter:** Director Kelsey Schwartz

8.1.5. Policy **Presenter:** Director Gretchen Rehm

8.1.6. Facility Steering **Presenter:** Director Matt Hathaway

8.1.7. Community Ed Council **Presenter:** Director Brigid Tuck

### 8.2. Student Report

### 8.3. Superintendent Report

8.3.1. Lunch Data

8.3.2. Staff Reductions

8.3.3. Building Update

8.3.4. High School Update **Presenter:** Cindy Schmidt

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

9.1. Approval of District Office Consent Items

9.1.1. Minutes of 10.2.23

9.2. Approval of Business Office Consent Items

9.3. Approval of Personnel Consent Items

9.3.1. Hirings

9.3.1.1. Elementary Secretary - Amber Kalis

9.3.1.2. Paraprofessional - Janae Woodworth

9.3.1.3. Paraprofessional - Kali Christenson

9.3.1.4. MS Girls Basketball Coach - Liz Risacher

9.3.1.5. Elementary Case Facilitator - Haley  
Warden

9.3.1.6. Paraprofessional - Lisa Reiter

9.3.2. Resignations

9.3.2.1. Basketball Coach - Colin Everson

9.3.2.2. MS Football Coach - Dylan Feeney

9.3.3. Requests

9.3.3.1. Medical Leave of Absence 12/5/23-1/18/24  
- Peiling Liu

9.3.3.2. FMLA - Craig Hink

9.3.4. Retirements

**10. PURCHASES ABOVE \$5,000**

10.1. MS/HS Fire Door

10.2. Worthington Direct Quote for MS/HS Media  
Center Furniture

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

12.1. Recommendation to approve resurfacing of  
tennis courts and track at next board meeting

12.2. Recommendation to approve gathering  
information for potential property purchase at  
next board meeting

12.3. Accept nominations for the vacant school  
board position.

12.3.1. Candidate - Brooke Wentzlaff

12.3.2. Candidate - Kirsten Wagner

12.3.3. Candidate - Marie Walker

12.4. Resolution to fill a school board position vacated by the resignation of Brian Sorenson.

12.5. A Resolution supporting Form A Application to the MSHSL Foundation

**13. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS / IDEAS EXCHANGE**

**14. NEXT MEETING INFORMATION**

14.1. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

14.2. 2024 Meetings (Jan. 2)

**15. Closed Session**

15.1. Approve to enter a closed meeting as permitted by section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (c), to discuss the purchase or sale of real estate property.

**16. Open Session**

16.1. Approve reopening the regular school board meeting.

**17. ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANTS AND DONATIONS  
TO THE LE SUEUR-HENDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Le Sueur-Henderson School District Board encourages the support of the district's educational programs through the funding and support of grant opportunities and donations that meet the goals and objectives of the school district;

**WHEREAS**, the school district will control and maintain all grants and donations to ensure that the interests of all students are met;

**WHEREAS**, the grants and donations listed below have been reviewed and approved by the administration of the Le Sueur-Henderson School District;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2397, to accept the following grants and donations for the purposes intended:

- University of Minnesota - \$1,312.50 for the agriculture class floral cooler,
- K & R Graphics - \$200 for football helmet laminate numbers,
- Le Sueur Knights of Columbus - \$1,500 for new CPR equipment.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Signed:

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Board Clerk



Le Sueur-Henderson Public Schools  
**September Students of the Month**

<b>Elementary</b>		<b>MS/HS</b>	
<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Dawson Braun	K	Clara Roby	6
Baylor Plonsky	1	Alaina Hutton	7
Julianna Vrklan	2	Waylon Thieke	8
Isabella Garcia	3	Kate Svihel	9
Maynor Morales-Lopez	4	Anyssa Christ	10
Brynn Fredrickson	5	Natalie Haemig	11
		Anna Berger	12



## Le Sueur-Henderson Public Schools October Students of the Month

Elementary		MS/HS	
Student Name	Grade	Student Name	Grade
Levi McCanna	K	Deana Braun	6
Eric Flores	1	Alliana Andresen	7
Evan Helgason	2	Ander Doebbeling	8
Harper Braun	3	Jack Thelemann	9
Amerie Traxler	4	Jocelyn Ortiz Vazquez	10
Mackenzie Jones	5	Koreyann Straub	11
		Conner Schultz	12

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2397  
LE SUEUR-HENDERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MS/HS MEDIA CENTER  
October 02, 2023

Item 1.0     **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Le Sueur-Henderson Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 PM . The board members were Brigid Tuck, Jenny Burns, Steve Cross, Kelsey Schwartz.

Members Absent: Gretchen Rehm, Matt Hathaway

Also in attendance: Superintendent Jim Wagner, Admin. Assist., Rachel Scheffler, Daniella Anchondo, Henderson Newspaper and Le Sueur County Newspaper

Item 2.0     **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Item 3.0     **Mission and Vision Statements**

Item 4.0     **Strategic Plan Review**

Item 5.0     **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Schwartz, second by Cross, carried 4-0, to approve the meeting agenda.

Item 6.0     **Open Forum:**

Item 7.0     **Le Sueur-Henderson School District Recognizes**

Item 7.1 A resolution was presented to accept grants and donations to the Le Sueur - Henderson Public School District. Said resolution is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Motion made by Board Member Cross and upon being seconded by Board Member Burns said the resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, carried 4-0.

Schwartz: yes	Tuck: yes
Cross: yes	Burns: yes

Item 8.0     **Reports:**

Item 8.1     Committee Reports

Item 8.1.1   Negotiations

Item 8.1.2   SW Metro

Item 8.1.3   Finance

- Item 8.1.4 Human Resource
- Item 8.1.5 Policy
- Item 8.1.6 Facility Steering
- Item 8.1.7 Community Ed Council
- Item 8.2 Student Report
- Item 8.3 Superintendent Report
  - Item 8.3.1 Enrollment Update

Item 9.0 **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Schwartz, second by Burns, carried 4-0, to approve the following consent items:

Item 9.1 District Office Consent Items:

Item 9.1.1 Minutes of Regular School Board meeting held on 9.5.2023

Item 9.1.2 Minutes of Special School Board meeting held on 9.18.2023.

Item 9.2 Business Office Consent Items:

Item 9.2.1 Treasurer's Report - Oct 2022

Item 9.2.1.1. Receipts for October 2022 in the amount of \$1,519,770.28 subject to annual audit

Item 9.2.1.2. Bills and claims for October 2022 in the amount of \$903,309.37 subject to annual audit

Item 9.2.1.3. Student Activity Summary-October 2022

Item 9.2.2. Treasurer's Report-November 2022

Item 9.2.2.1. Receipts for November 2022 in the amount of \$606,823.51 subject to annual audit

Item 9.2.2.2. Bills and claims for November 2022 in the amount of \$694,024.65 subject to annual audit

Item 9.2.2.3. Student Activity Summary-November 2022

Item 9.3 Personnel Consent Items:

Item 9.3.1 Hirings

Item 9.3.1.1 Administrative Assistant - Stephanie Tieva

Item 9.3.1.2 SpEd Paraprofessional - Katie Hanson

Item 9.3.1.3 One-Act Play Director - Kyle O'Brien

Item 9.3.2 Resignations

Item 9.3.2.1 School Board Member - Brian Sorenson

Item 9.3.2.2 SpEd Paraprofessional - Daniella Mendoza

Item 9.3.2.3 Preschool Paraprofessional - Amber Kalis

Item 9.3.2.4 Basketball Coach - Taylor Holicky

Item 9.3.2.5 SpEd Paraprofessional - Curtae Rattler

Item 9.3.2.6 8th Grade Basketball Coach - Lauren Gregersen

Item 9.3.3 Requests

Item 9.3.4 Retirements

Item 10.0 **Purchases Above \$5,000**

Item 11.0 **Old Business**

Item 12.0 **New Business**

Item 12.1 Replacing Brian Sorenson on the ISD 2397 School Board

Item 12.2 School Board Applicant - Brooke Wentzlaff

Item 13.0 **Board Member Communications/Ideas Exchange:**

Item 14.0 **Next Meeting Information**

Item 14.1 Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings

Item 15.0 **Closed Session**

Item 15.1 Motion by Burns, second by Cross, carried 4-0, to enter into closed meeting at 6:55 PM as permitted by Minnesota Statute 13D.05d to discuss a property.

Item 16.0 **Open Session**

Item 16.1 Motion by Schwartz, second by Tuck, carried 4-0, to re-open Regular School Board meeting at 7:19 PM.

Item 17.0 **Adjourn:** Motion by Cross, second by Burns , carried 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.

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Board Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chair

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_



## Employment Recommendation Le Sueur - Henderson School District

**Position: Elementary Secretary**

**Recommended Candidate: Amber Kalis**

**Recommended by: Darren Kern**

**Start/ Hire Date: 10/9/23**

To be completed by administrator:

Candidate has current & appropriate certification:

Reference checks completed:

Years of experience granted:

Step Placement:

Highest degree currently held:

Lane Placement:

Credits beyond highest degree granted:

Hourly/ Salary Rate

NA

YES

NA

NA

NA

NA

NA

See note

New Position

Existing Position

Replacing: Heidi Hagen

**Additional Information:**

- \$17.63/hr 9-1 M-F 4 hours per day 20 hours per week

Approval of Principal: Darren Kern

10/6/23

Electronic Signature

Date

Approval of Superintendent:

Electronic Signature

Date

Share with District Office (Alisha, Jim, Juanita) & Technology (Bruce) via Google Drive



## Employment Recommendation Le Sueur - Henderson School District

**Position: Special Education Paraprofessional**

**Recommended Candidate: Janae Woodworth**

**Recommended by: Darren Kern                      Start/ Hire Date: 10/9/23**

To be completed by administrator:

Candidate has current & appropriate certification:  
 Reference checks completed:  
 Years of experience granted:  
 Step Placement:  
 Highest degree currently held:  
 Lane Placement:  
 Credits beyond highest degree granted:  
 Hourly/ Salary Rate

NA
YES
NA
See note

	New Position	
X	Existing Position	Replacing: Curate Rattler

**Additional Information:**

- \$15.09/hr. DCD Program

Approval of Principal: Darren Kern                      10/6/23

Electronic Signature                      Date

Approval of Superintendent:

Electronic Signature                      Date

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## Employment Recommendation Le Sueur - Henderson School District

**Position: Preschool Paraprofessional**

**Recommended Candidate: Kali Christenson**

**Recommended by: Nathan Warden**

**Start/ Hire Date: 10/09/2023**

To be completed by an administrator:

Candidate has current & appropriate certification:

Yes

Reference checks completed:

Yes

Years of experience granted:

Yes

Step Placement:

Highest degree currently held:

Lane Placement:

Credits beyond highest degree granted:

Hourly/ Salary Rate

15.50

New Position

Existing Position

Replacing: Amber Kalis

**Additional Information:**

- Kali will be in the full day everyday Little Giants preschool this school year.

Approval of Principal:

Nathan Warden

10-7-23

Electronic Signature

Date

Approval of Superintendent:

Electronic Signature

Date

Share with District Office (Alisha, Jim, Juanita, Todd, Jennifer) & Technology (Bruce) via Google Drive



## Coach/Advisor Recommendation Le Sueur - Henderson School District

Position: MS Girls Basketball

Recommended Candidate: Liz Risacher

Recommended by: Eric Lewis

To be completed by administrator:

Candidate has current & appropriate certification (if applicable):

X

Reference checks completed:

X

Years of experience (Step Placement):

1

X

NEW

EXISTING

**Additional Information:** Liz did a great job last spring as the MS softball coach. Liz has a very good understanding of the fundamentals of basketball at the HS level and does a great job with the girls. She will be very good in this role.

Approval of Activities Director:

*Eric F. Lewis*

*10/19/2023*

Electronic Signature

Date



## Employment Recommendation Le Sueur - Henderson School District

**Position: Case Facilitator Elementary**

**Recommended Candidate: Haley Warden**

**Recommended by:** Kern/Gronseth      **Start/ Hire Date:** 2024-2025 school year

To be completed by administrator:

Candidate has current & appropriate certification:

Reference checks completed:

Years of experience granted:

Step Placement:

Highest degree currently held:

Lane Placement:

Credits beyond highest degree granted:

Hourly/ Salary Rate

Yes

Yes

10

11

MA

MA

0

\$56,896

New Position

Existing Position

Replacing:

**Additional Information:**

- MA/11

Approval of Principal:

Darren Kern

9/7/23

Electronic Signature

Date

Approval of Superintendent:

Electronic Signature

Date

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Rachel Scheffler <rscheffler@isd2397.org>

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## Fwd: Resignation from coaching B team basektball

1 message

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**Eric Lewis** <elewis@isd2397.org>  
To: Rachel Scheffler <rscheffler@isd2397.org>

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 10:36 AM

Rachel, please put this in the next board minutes.  
Thanks

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Eric Lewis  
LeSueur-Henderson Schools  
Dean of Students and Activities Director  
Head Softball Coach



**Small Towns... GIANT Opportunities... District of Choice**

----- Forwarded message -----  
From: **Colin Everson** <ceverson@isd2397.org>  
Date: Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 7:47 AM  
Subject: Resignation from coaching B team basektball  
To: Eric Lewis <elewis@isd2397.org>

Good Morning Eric, I talked with Ryan last night about this upcoming season. Here is my notice that I will be resigning from my role as B-team coach. I would still love to stay connected in some way to the program and me and Ryan talked about that a little. Not positive and what that could look like yet. However, I cannot commit to a full season and put in the amount of time and energy into all my roles. Please let me know in what ways I can still help out.

Thanks,  
Colin

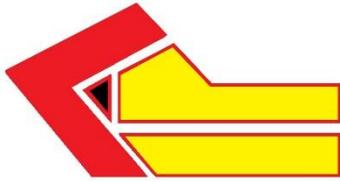
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Colin Everson  
Le Sueur-Henderson Schools  
HS Math

Mr. Lewis,

Please accept this as my official resignation as the LSH middle school football coach effective immediately. This is due to my student teaching during next fall. It has been a great honor to hold the position the last 2 years. I have grown a lot not only as a coach but also as a person. It has been great getting to know so many new people from the players to the families. Thank you for the opportunity to coach. Whatever success we achieved these last 2 years I credit it all to a fantastic group of players and to my assistant coaches.

Sincerely,

Dylan Feeney



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DATE: October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

ISD 2397- Le Sueur High School  
901 Ferry Street  
Le Sueur, MN 55068

PHONE: 612-756-2314  
EMAIL: tvrklan@isd2397.org

ATTN: Todd

RE: Door 4 Rollup

We propose to furnish and install the following, as herein stated:

- (1) Cornell – Complete Replacement Fire Door 8’8 x 9’0
  - a. Stainless Steel Fire Shutter
  - b. 1/3 HP 120V 1Phase Operator with Firefly Release Device
    - Labor, equipment, and disposal included

**Total: \$18,150**

**\*Complete replacement door needed as Cookson replacement parts are obsolete\***

Respectfully Submitted,

CRAWFORD DOOR SERVICE COMPANY

Jeremy Jenson  
Office - 651-621-2609  
Email – [jjenson@cdsdoor.com](mailto:jjenson@cdsdoor.com)

Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>LE SUEUR HENDERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL</b> <b>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b> <b>15 1/2 N 5TH ST/STE 200</b> <b>LE SUEUR, MN 56058</b> <b>P: (507) 665-4600</b> <b>F: (507) 665-6858</b>

Ship To
<b>LE SUEUR HENDERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL</b> <b>901 FERRY ST</b> <b>LE SUEUR, MN 56058-1605</b> <b>P: (507) 665-5830</b>

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Stock No.	Vendor No.	Item Description	Price	Qty	Subtotal
	20E53 6000RBT-XX-XX	UPHOLSTERED ROUND CORNER RECEPTION TABLE W/ LAMINATE TOP(TIDAL/GRAY ELM/PLAT) <b>Estimated Lead Time: 28 days</b>	\$855.95	2	\$1,711.90
					<b>plus 2-5 days for transit</b>
	20E34-BTIDAL 2000C-BEE-TID	BEELINE TIDAL LOVE SEAT WITH BACK <b>Estimated Lead Time: 28 days</b>	\$1310.95	1	\$1,310.95
					<b>plus 2-5 days for transit</b>
	20E23-BTIDAL 1000CLR-BEE-TID	BEELINE TIDAL, SINGLE LOUNGE CHAIR WITH ARMS <b>Estimated Lead Time: 28 days</b>	\$1250.95	2	\$2,501.90
					<b>plus 2-5 days for transit</b>
	52482-GG-IMAZ SYCNC/SGY/GND/IMAZ	SWAY LOUNGE CHAIR, NON-CONTRAST, GRAY GRANITE SHELL, METROPOLIS AZURE FABRIC <b>Estimated Lead Time: 35 days - 42 days</b>	\$1420.95	4	\$5,683.80
					<b>plus 2-5 days for transit</b>
	52484 SYOT	SWAY LOUNGE OTTOMAN, NON-CONTRAST (GRAY GRANITE/METROPOLIS AZURE FABRIC) <b>Estimated Lead Time: 35 days - 42 days</b>	\$965.95	1	\$965.95
					<b>plus 2-5 days for transit</b>
	29897 C02-XXG42-XX9CR	RECTANGLE DUAL BASE BAR HEIGHT TABLE W/6 APEX STOOLS(GRAY NEB/GRAY EDGE/NAVY STOOL) <b>Estimated Lead Time: 21 days - 28 days</b>	\$1275.95	2	\$2,551.90
					<b>plus 2-5 days for transit</b>
	20E33-BTIDAL-8201-PL 1000T-BEE-TID-8201-PL	BEELINE TIDAL FABRIC,GRAY ELM LAM/PLATINUM EDGE TOP, SINGLE UPHOLSTERED BENCH <b>Estimated Lead Time: 28 days</b>	\$665.95	2	\$1,331.90
					<b>plus 2-5 days for transit</b>

For assistance, please contact your furniture expert:

**Valid 10/13/2023 To 11/12/2023****Jackie Castillo**

jackie@worthingtondirect.com

**P: 800-599-6636****Bill To****LE SUEUR HENDERSON PUBLIC  
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SCHOOL  
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UNLOAD DELIVERIES.

Stock No.	Vendor No.	Item Description	Price	Qty	Subtotal
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Subtotal	\$16,058.30
Shipping	971.15
Tax	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,029.45</b>

**Shipping Information**This order includes:  Liftgate Service  Inside Delivery  Call Before Delivery (507) 665-5830

This quote reflects standard tailgate delivery. You will need personnel to take the items off the freight truck and bring inside your own facility. Delivery appointments can be made by the freight company to schedule approx delivery time.

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September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Le Sueur-Henderson School Board  
901 Ferry Street  
Le Sueur, MN 56058

To Chair Brigid Tuck & LSH Board Members,

This letter represents my intent to apply for the open LSH School Board position previously held by Brian Sorenson. I am pursuing this position with the foundational belief that students and communities cannot thrive without the support for strong schools. I believe I would bring a unique and diverse skillset to the Board with my professional experience as well as strong ties to the community.

My husband, Nathan, and I moved to Henderson with our 2 young children in 2017 in search of a simpler life close to family. I am an active member of the community as the 2024 Sauerkraut Days Chair, Gambling Manager for the Henderson Lions Club, Member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, and Henderson Recreation committee member.

For the past 17 years, I have worked at Target Corporation in various roles in inventory management, merchandising, and sourcing. I currently work on Target's ~\$700M private label dairy business responsible for vendor relationship management, new product development, and negotiation strategy. In addition to my career at Target, I also own and manage a rental property business with 20+ properties located in Le Sueur and surrounding communities.

I grew up in the dual community school district of Sartell-St. Stephen located near St. Cloud, MN. This district has consistently grown enrollment and ranked in the Top 20 schools in Minnesota. It is an excellent example of how strong communities support best-in-class schools. After graduating from Sartell-St. Stephen High School, I attended the College of St. Benedict graduating in 2005 with a degree in Business Management. In 2015, I earned a Master of Business Administration from the accredited program at St. Cloud State University. I consider myself a life longer learner who loves to read and travel.

If appointed to the Board, I would provide a fresh perspective and work with fellow Board members, district staff, students, and community to deliver on the district's vision to provide high quality curriculum, instruction, and professional development that inspires a culture of excellence, integrity, and collaboration. Please kindly find my resume and letters of recommendation enclosed for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brooke Wentzlaff



## Kirsten Wagner

33907 336<sup>th</sup> Street, LeSueur, MN 56058

**Jim Wagner**  
Superintendent  
ISD 2379

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Dear Supt. Wagner,

In response to the recent announcement, I am writing to submit my Letter of Interest to serve as a member of the School Board for ISD2397.

I am a wife, mother of three (2 currently attending Park), successful business owner, and active member of this community; with an administrative and communications background. I have lived with my family in LeSueur since marrying my husband in 2014 (who was born and raised in LeSueur). I have had the pleasure of working for Marriott International in both Mankato, as Accounting Manager, and Bloomington, as Corporate Sales Manager. In the past I have also enjoyed working Administrative and Accounting roles for Inspired Technologies in LeSueur, as well as 2 years in Early Childhood and 2 years in education, as a paraprofessional for District77.

My reason for wanting to serve on the School Board is simple. I am deeply invested in, and passionate about the growth and success of our kids/students (and effectively; our community.) Our district has many exciting changes ahead in the next few years! I also recognize that change often comes with challenges as well. I would love to be part of those solutions.

Good leadership is a person who can communicate, problem solve, produce solutions and deliver results. But it is also someone who can listen, ask for help, admit when they are wrong, and be objective to an ever-widening range of viewpoints. These are all characteristics I strive to have.

I have enjoyed building relationships within the district by actively engaging/building rapport with LSH staff & board members, as well as actively engaging with the community as the creator/admin of our local LSH PARENTS group on social media.

I am honored to have served as a member of the LSH Steering Committee in preparation for our new Elementary School, as well as being a current member of the newly formed SEL committee. I would love the opportunity to serve this district and community further, and humbly ask for your consideration.

PHONE  
[Your Phone]

FAX  
[Your Fax]

WEB  
[Web Address]



Kind Regards,

***Kirsten Wagner***

507-380-3183

Kirs10.wagner87@gmail.com

11/6/23

Application for LSH District School Board

Marie Walker

167 Outer Drive

Le Sueur, MN 56058

[alexandramariewriter@gmail.com](mailto:alexandramariewriter@gmail.com)

507-304-5054

1. Why would you like to serve on the Le Sueur-Henderson School Board?

I would like to serve on the Le Sueur-Henderson School Board because the LSH schools and the children who attend them are so important to our community. The education that these children receive today and during their K-12 schooling will have a profound impact on the citizens they become, their future well-being and the success of our community. Both my children have attended LSH schools, and I am grateful to now have time to give back to my community for the excellent education they received. Their teachers, administrators, musical directors, coaches, guidance counselors and of course, their classmates, have had a profound impact on them and now that my children have graduated onto future pursuits, I have the time and insight to objectively understand what parts of their education have been particularly valuable. I am an educator myself, having been on faculty at Gustavus Adolphus College for the past 25 years, and work daily with students who have graduated from the Minnesota public education system. I would like to use my knowledge in education and my research skills to serve on the LSH School Board.

2. Please describe your background and experiences with community involvement. How would these serve you as a board member?

I have been an active parent in my children's education. I have volunteered to help in their classrooms, organized a Science Fair curriculum as part of the Gifted Program, served on the After Prom Committee, and served on the search committee for a LSH Middle/High School principal. For my church, First Lutheran in Le Sueur, I have volunteered in several capacities, including serving for three-years as a parent guide for confirmands, working on the transitional team for a new pastor, running focus groups with the congregation, compiling and writing up data from those groups. As part of community engagement education at Gustavus, my students and I have held several Community Mental Health Fairs at the St. Peter Community Center, inviting 20+ organizations and hosting over 200+ attendees. I helped with a similar event held in Le Sueur at the Community Center. I have helped with my children's sports teams by being an assistant soccer coach, team coordinator for hockey, assisting or supervising the organization of Hockey Fights Cancer events, overseeing a silent auction, and aiding with bingo fundraisers.

It is amazing how many people volunteer in our community to help our children succeed and I have been lucky to be a part of this network of thoughtful, resourceful, and caring people. I

expect that these relationships and the knowledge that I have picked up along the way for how our various community institutions function would bring an informed perspective to the LSH District School Board.

3. What experiences have you had serving on either private sector or public sector boards, what was your role, and what were your take-aways from that experience?

I have been privileged to serve on the Ridgeview Foundation Board – Le Sueur Hospital Campus for the last three years, making decision on fundraising and allocation of funds for the Le Sueur hospital and organizing exciting and successful entertainment events. I have learned from this experience that the membership of the board significantly impacts its efficacy. In other words, engaged and informed board members make meaningful decisions and successfully fundraise. I have realized that it is important to voice both my support and concerns when we make decisions because my background and experience as well as those of the other board members directly impact our community's success. I have also discovered that a key role is consulting with and understanding our community to gain a realistic perspective of their needs and reception of our fundraising events.

From 2022-23, I also served on Le Sueur St. Peter Bulldogs Highschool Booster Association Board and helped to consolidate the new bylaws for that board. I am excited that our work on those bylaws and regulations for future board member interactions and selection will be used to make the future boards run smoothly and benefit the young athletes who participate in high school hockey along with their parents and coaches.

4. Describe your understanding of the decision process for public school board. How would you react/respond if the majority of the board took an action that you voted against?

The LSH School Board has an essential role in the successful running of the school district. I have seen many of the decisions that the Board has made over the years, such as moving sixth grade from Park Elementary to the Middle School, renovating Hilltop Elementary and sending fourth and fifth graders there for two years of schooling, renovating the High School, hiring new district superintendents, hiring principals, setting budgets and now most recently, breaking ground on a new elementary school. Decisions are made by majority vote and members of the Board make those decisions at open, public meetings. For these reasons, Board members should be knowledgeable, prepared, responsible, accountable, and receptive to their communities.

I have to say I have been on many committees where decisions, sometimes very significant ones, have not gone the way that I felt was for the best. Sometimes that has been because a final decision was vetoed by senior leadership or because my background and experience led me to see potential problems where others did not. I know however, that sometimes the decision made by the majority represents the majority needs of the group at that point in time. For all these past decisions, I ceded to my colleagues or peers and respected the decision that was made. However hypothetically, if I saw a decision on the horizon for the School Board that

wasn't based on accurate or representative data, I would do my best to present those data to the Board. If the decision went against my vote, I would work to successfully implement that decision because it was a majority decision. Fall-out from strife among Board members could be detrimental to the future decision-making ability of the Board and to community trust in elected officials. I prefer to be practical and forward thinking and would thus maintain good relationships amongst my fellow Board members and with my community. It is important for the community to have faith in its elected officials and once a vote is decided, I would support it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie Walker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marie Walker

# FORM A WORKSHEET

## ASSISTING WITH FILLING OUT **FORM A** APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION

*This is for your assistance only and does not need to be submitted with the Application Form*

### STEP 1

List the number of free and reduced lunch students identified in the October 1, 2022 report submitted by your school to the Minnesota Department of Education. Enter these numbers on FORM A

Grade 9:	<u>18</u>
Grade 10:	<u>31</u>
Grade 11:	<u>23</u>
Grade 12:	<u>21</u>

TOTAL:

Enter these numbers on FORM A

### STEP 2

Identify the **UNDUPLICATED** number of free or reduced lunch students who participated in your activities program during the 2022-2023 school year.

- Only count each student participant one time.
- This should be an unduplicated number. In other words, you should only count a student once regardless of the number of activities in which the student might participate. **The total unduplicated count below should not be more than the total number in Step 1.**

*Example: Sally Smith: Fall-volleyball; Winter-dance; Spring-golf.  
Sally counts as one student regardless of the number of activities in which she participates.*

*Bill Johnson: Winter-wrestling.  
Bill counts as one student and only participated in one activity.*

**TOTAL UNDUPLICATED COUNT**  
of free/reduced lunch students

Enter this number on FORM A

### STEP 3: NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Complete the online Form A application at [mshslfoundation.org](https://mshslfoundation.org)

Contact your school administrator and have the MSHSL Foundation Form A Resolution approved by the Governing Board of your school.

Once approved, the Governing Board Chair and Governing Board Clerk/Treasurer shall sign the Resolution.

Upload the PDF of the Resolution on the Form A application or email MSHSL Foundation Resolution to [mshslfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:mshslfoundation@gmail.com).

# FORM A

## RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTING FORM A APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of [Name of School/District] Click or tap here to enter text. recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist schools in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of [Name of School/District] Click or tap here to enter text. supports the school's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a **FORM A** grant to offset student activity fees.

Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chair/Head of School

Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date

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Board Clerk – Treasurer/ Finance Director

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2397  
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## SCHEDULED MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

<i><b>DATE</b></i>	<i><b>DESCRIPTION</b></i>	<i><b>TIME</b></i>	<i><b>LOCATION</b></i>
October 11, 2023	Negotiations- LSHEA	5:30 PM- 7:30 PM	MS/HS Media Center
October 16, 2023	<del>School Board Work Session</del> <b>cancelled</b>	6:30 PM	MS/HS Media Center
November 6, 2023	Policy Committee Meeting	5:30 PM- 6:30 PM	MS/HS Media Center
November 6, 2023	Regular School Board Meeting	6:30 PM	MS/HS Media Center
TBD	MREA Annual Conference	TBD	MS/HS Media Center
November 20, 2023	School Board Work Session	6:30 PM	MS/HS Media Center
December 4, 2023	Truth in Taxation Levy Adopt.	6:00 PM	MS/HS Media Center
December 4, 2023	Regular School Board Meeting	6:30 PM	MS/HS Media Center
December 18, 2023	School Board Work Session	6:30 PM	MS/HS Media Center
January 2, 2024	Organizational School Board Meeting	6:30 PM	MS/HS Media Center
January 2, 2024	Regular School Board Meeting	6:30 PM	MS/HS Media Center
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