

Official School Board Minutes Regular Meeting of the School Board January 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 270 was conducted on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Boardroom of the Eisenhower Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m.

School Board members present: Chair Wendy Donovan, Vice Chair Kris Newcomer, Treasurer Steve Adams, Directors Fartun Ahmed, Jen Bouchard, Dave Larson, and Chris LaTondresse
School Board members absent: None

Student Board reps present: Alyia Brown (grade 10) and Joe Ramlet (grade 11)
Student Board reps absent: Aisha Dem (grade 12)

Staff members present: Superintendent Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed,
Director of Business Services/Board Clerk John Toop
Staff members absent: None

Open Agenda:

There were no requests to address the Board during the Open Agenda portion of the meeting.

Reports:

Student Board Representatives: Brown and Ramlet updated Board members on events/activities taking place at Hopkins High School.

Superintendent: Superintendent Mhiripiri-Reed noted some concern associated with a two-week break from school in that it “is not good for all students” due to those feeling lost and/or disconnected. She stated that she is thankful to be back and for teachers who care for our students throughout the District.

Approval of Agenda:

Newcomer moved, LaTondresse seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Consent Calendar:

Adams moved, LaTondress seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

- ✓ Approval of Minutes — Regular Meeting & Executive Session, Conducted on December 18, 2018
- ✓ Human Resources — Personnel Updates
- ✓ Policies in Second Reading [510, 521, 530, 531, 603]
- ✓ Acceptance of Gifts — July-December, 2018
- ✓ Bids — Kitchen Remodel/Cafeteria Expansion at Hopkins High School
- ✓ Revision to 2019-20 School Year Calendar

✓ Resolution of Intent to Issue Long-Term Facility Maintenance Bonds for a February 19, 2019 Sale Carried. Exhibit "A"

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Adams reviewed the Treasurer's Report, highlighting expenses of interest. He also noted the "Acceptance of Gifts" the Board just approved (on Consent), expressing gratitude for the many donations that benefit District students. With that, Adams moved, LaTondresse seconded, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$8,047,898.35 for the period of December 8, 2018 through December 27, 2018. Carried. Exhibit "B"

Organization of the Board, 2019:

Officers to be named include the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Clerk.

Newcomer nominated Wendy Donovan for Chair; Larson seconded.

LaTondresse nominated Jen Bouchard for Chair; Ahmed seconded.

Those voting in favor of Donovan: Adams, Donovan, Larson, and Newcomer.

Those voting for Bouchard: Ahmed, Bouchard, and LaTondresse.

Wendy Donovan named Chair.

Donovan nominated Kris Newcomer for Vice Chair; Adams seconded. Those voting in favor of Newcomer: Adams, Ahmed, Bouchard, Donovan, Larson, LaTondresse, and Newcomer.

Kris Newcomer named Vice Chair.

Larson nominated Steve Adams for Treasurer; Bouchard seconded. Those voting in favor of Adams: Adams, Ahmed, Bouchard, Donovan, Larson, LaTondresse, and Newcomer.

Steve Adams named Treasurer.

Newcomer nominated John Toop for Board Clerk; Adams seconded. Those voting in favor of Toop: Adams, Ahmed, Bouchard, Donovan, Larson, LaTondresse, and Newcomer.

John Toop named Clerk.

Newcomer moved, Adams seconded to accept the proposed Board committee assignments for 2019 as presented, with the exception of the Teaching and Learning Committee which is to be removed:

Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD)	Steve Adams <i>Chris LaTondresse — alternate</i>
Educational Cooperative Service Unit of the Metropolitan Twin Cities Area (Metro ECSU)	Jen Bouchard
Intermediate District 287 — 2019 & 2020	Steve Adams <i>Kris Newcomer — alternate</i>
Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL)	Dave Larson
Cities/Board Steering Committee	Steve Adams Fartun Ahmed

School and Community in Partnership (SCIP)	Steve Adams Fartun Ahmed
Citizen's Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC)	Steve Adams Chris LaTondresse
Educational Services Advisory Committee (ESAC)	Jen Bouchard <i>Kris Newcomer — alternate</i>
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	Dave Larson <i>Jen Bouchard - alternate</i>
Monitoring Committee	Jen Bouchard Chris LaTondresse Kris Newcomer
Board Audit Committee	Steve Adams Chris LaTondresse Kris Newcomer
Legislative Action Coalition	Steve Adams Fartun Ahmed Chris LaTondresse
Visioning and Strategic Planning	Jen Bouchard Chris LaTondresse Kris Newcomer
Teaching & Learning	Remove from Board Committees
Student Board Representatives	Jen Bouchard <i>Fartun Ahmed — alternate</i>
Human Resources Board Committee	Wendy Donovan Dave Larson Kris Newcomer

Carried.

Citizens Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) Report, 2018-19

The CFAC, in conjunction with District administration, provides annual budget parameters for Board consideration. These parameters are in the form of recommendations for use by the Director of Business Services to develop the 2019-20 budget, as well as to develop projections for the future and preliminary planning purposes.

John Toop, Director of Business Services, was joined by CFAC members Rick Ellingson and Luke Jacobson, to present the report, review the recommendations, and respond to Board member questions.

CFAC's budget recommendations — by consensus — include:

- ✓ State per student funding in the projection years of FY20 and FY21 to increase at 2% each year;
- ✓ Projected decrease in enrollment of 61 students or -.90% over a 5-year period from end of FY18 through end of FY23;
- ✓ 3% annual increase in FY20 and 3% increase in FY21 in total salaries and wages adjusted for teacher replacement savings;
- ✓ Fringe benefits to increase at 3% for FY20 and 3% for FY21;
- ✓ All other costs to increase at 2% on an annual basis except utilities to increase at 4%;
- ✓ General Fund Unassigned fund balance to remain at or near 10%.

Board members shared questions and comments surrounding enrollment projections, funding of OPEB, salary increases, and the increased costs of contracted services (e.g., transportation, Teachers on Call). In closing, the Board thanked the CFAC for their hard work and expertise.

Newcomer moved, Larson seconded, to approve the Citizens Financial Advisory Committee Report. Carried.

Board Member Reports:

- ✓ Chair Donovan provided a brief summary surrounding the mid-year performance review of Superintendent Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed conducted in Executive Session on December 18, 2018. Donovan's comments focused on the "amazing job" being done as the new Superintendent, "leading us to think differently/outside the box," and "doing what is best for students."
- ✓ Board members reported on recent educational activities/events in which they have participated.

Incidental Reports:

Adams moved, Newcomer seconded, to accept the Incidental Reports:
—Financial Comparisons Among Neighboring Districts
—Title I and Homeless Student Update
Carried.

Newcomer moved, Larson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Carried.

John Toop, Clerk