

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 270
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES — SUMMARY
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 270 was conducted on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, in the Boardroom of the Eisenhower Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

School Board members present: Chair Wendy Donovan, Vice Chair Kris Newcomer, Treasurer Steve Adams, Directors Fartun Ahmed, Jen Bouchard, and Chris LaTondresse

School Board member absent: Director Dave Larson

Student Board reps present: Joe Ramlet (grade 11)

Student Board reps absent: Anna Anderson (grade 12)

Staff members present: Superintendent Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed and

Director of Business Services, Board Clerk John Toop

Staff members absent: None

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

Student Board Representatives:

Ramlet updated the Board members on events/activities at HHS.

Superintendent: Superintendent Mhiripiri-Reed welcomed new employees; provided an overview of the Great to World Class Strategic Vision; recognized the deaths of two District, noting that District is working to support those two families, students and staff. In closing, she invited the public to the upcoming Community Conversations with the Board.

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

Adams moved, LaTondresse seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented: A) Approval of Minutes–Special Meeting & Organizational Meeting, Conducted on August 28, 2018; B) Appointments–Temporary; C) Appointments–Probationary; D) Appointments–Classified; E) Appointments–Extracurricular; F) Requests for Leave of Absence; G) Resignations; H) Retirements; I) Terminations; J) International Field Trip–Shanghai, China (XinXing Grade 8); K) International Field Trip–Shanghai, China (XinXing Grade 4); L) Tax Levy Hearing Date, 2018; M) Ronald Davis Center Agreement; N) Revised Budget, 2017-18; and O) American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) and District Compliance. Carried. Exhibit “A”

Treasurer Adams moved, LaTondresse seconded, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$25,629,551.82 for the period of June 13, 2018 through September 17, 2018. Carried. Exhibit “B”

Nik Lightfoot, Assistant Superintendent, and Katie Williams, Director of Community Education, Communications & Marketing, were joined by Sara Chovan–Early Childhood Coordinator, Lisa Walker–Supervisor Youth Development, and Barb Mechura–Supervisor of School Nutrition, to share highlights focused on various aspects of starting a new school year, including the new initiatives in response to a Board goal. Lightfoot also shared information surrounding staffing ratios/class sizes, and hiring.

Lightfoot reviewed policies 204: School Board Meeting Minutes; 210: Conflict of Interest–School Board Members; 214: Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members; 456: Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest; 806: Crisis Management Plan; 859: Electronic Data Security Measures; and 952: Community Use of Facilities–Leases, with no changes recommended and responded to questions. Newcomer moved, Bouchard seconded to approve these seven policies in First Reading; further, the Board directs the Administration to prepare the policies for approval in Second Reading at the next meeting (as part of the Consent Calendar). Carried.

In closing, Newcomer explained that as the Monitoring Committee and School Board move forward, policy revisions will be aligned with the “equity lens,” which correlates with a Board goal to ensure a focus on equitable outcomes and equity-oriented leadership.

Toop reviewed the initial proposed property tax levy, noting that it is scheduled to increase by 1.96% (\$1,013,073.70) from last year’s levy. (The total initial proposed amount is \$52,805,549.16; last year’s levy amount was \$48,399,345.65). He explained that the Board can either certify this proposed property tax levy at a specified dollar amount or at the maximum, thus retaining flexibility if there are subsequent levy changes beyond the District’s control between now and the final levy certification.

Adams moved, Newcomer seconded, to certify the proposed property tax levy at the maximum for the 2018 PAY 2019 levy cycle. Carried.

Board members reported on recent educational activities/events in which they have participated.

Newcomer moved, Adams seconded, to accept the following Incidental Reports: A) Discipline Report, 2017-18; B) Substitute Usage, 2017-18; C) Athletics/Intramural Update; and D) Summer Programming, 2018. Carried.

Newcomer moved, Bouchard seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Carried.

John Toop
Clerk

As per M.S. 123B.09 Subd. 10, section 331A.01, subdivision 10, this is only a summary. For a complete copy of the meeting minutes, visit <http://www.hopkinsschools.org/about-us/school-board/board-meeting-minutes> or request a copy by emailing bobbi.mclaird@hopkinsschools.org

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