

# **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 279 SCHOOL BOARD MAPLE GROVE, MN**

**CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 in the board room at the Educational Service Center. Board Chair Jackie Mosqueda-Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL** The following members were present: Thomas Brooks, Heather Douglass, Tanya Prince, Jackie Mosqueda-Jones, Sarah Mitchell and Tamara Grady.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Approval of the agenda as printed carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

**SCHOLAR SHOWCASE** Wood Elementary School Choir, 5th graders

**RECOGNITIONS** Park Center Pirates Adapted PI Soccer – 3rd place at State, Libby Bakker, Maple Grove Senior High School – 2nd Place at State in Girls 100 yard Backstroke, Maple Grove Senior High School Girls Tennis – 3rd place at State, Maple Grove Senior High School Boys Soccer – 2nd place at State,

Maple Grove Senior High School Football – 6A State Champions, 2024

**STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** Reports were shared by Antoinette Brown for Osseo Senior, Maomi Cooper-Grear for Park Center Senior, and Gavin Chabica for Maple Grove Senior.

**TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENTS** Executive Director of Finance and Operations John Morstad presented the Truth in Taxation Hearing. At the conclusion of the presentation Board Chair Jackie Mosqueda-Jones called for public comment for anyone wishing to comment about the levy. There were no public comments.

**PRESENTATION: LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE (LTFM)** An update on the district's LTFM progress was presented by Dale Carlstrom, Director of Facilities Operations and Jeff Arthurs, Assistant Director of Facilities.

**AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD** The following individuals addressed the Board: Natalie Sonnek (parent/guardian of a student) – transparency, LaDawn Severin (district resident) – book, Latasha Ajitadidun (parent/guardian of a student) – books, Lala Wieser (parent/guardian of a student) – library materials, Nia Muller (district resident) – sexually explicit content, Brooke Smith (district resident) – sexual content, Julie Smith (district resident) – working together, Jayna DeMell (district resident) – available library materials, Britt Stuessy (district resident) – core values and strategic directions, Max Maher (district resident) – LGBTQ+ tolerance, Bluest Eye, Annie Kosel (district resident) – safety, Staci Jones (district employee) – Administrative Assistants contract negotiations, Michelle Cogswell (district employee) – Administrative Assistants contract negotiations.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** The report included Points of Pride, celebrating students, staff and community members who are contributing to the accomplishment of the district's mission.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS** Tanya Prince (District Planning Advisory Council, District 279 Foundation), Sarah Mitchell (ECMAC), and Jackie Mosqueda-Jones (District 287).

**CONSENT AGENDA** The consent agenda consisted of minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2024, financial matters, personnel, and operational and business matters. Motion by Heather Douglass, seconded by Thomas Brooks, to approve the items in the consent agenda. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

**2024 PAYABLE 2025 LEVY LIMITATION CERTIFICATION** Motion by Tamara Grady, seconded by Sarah Mitchell, to approve the 2024 Payable 2025 Levy Limitation Certification in the amount of \$142,285,708.71. (Percent change payable 2025 to 2024 of 0.51%) The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

**2025 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM** Motion by Thomas Brooks, seconded by Heather Douglass, to approve the 2025 Legislative Platform as presented. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

**SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION CONTRACT** Motion by Sarah Mitchell, seconded by Tamara Grady, to approve the Agreement on the Terms and Conditions of Employment between the Independent School District 279 School Board and School Nutrition Association, July 1, 2024-June 30, 2026. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

**SECOND READING OF POLICIES** The following policies were approved under Second Reading of Policies: Policy 403-Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees, Policy 421-Gifts to District Personnel, Policy 443-Tutoring of Students, Policy 435-Qualification of Personnel, Policy 448-Workers Compensation, Policy 505-Student Cell Phone and Technology, Policy 512-School Sponsored Student Publications and Activities.

**POLICY 652 REPEAL** Motion by Sarah Mitchell, seconded by Tamara Grady, to reserve the decision of the District Level Committee's denial Julie Smith's challenge of the book "The Bluest Eye." A roll call vote was taken ("aye" vote means reversing the committee decision; "nay" vote means keeping the committee decision):

Voting nay: Thomas Brooks, Heather Douglass, Tanya Prince, Jackie Mosqueda Jones, Tamara Grady

Voting aye: Sarah Mitchell

With 5 nay votes and 1 aye vote, the motion failed to reverse the District Level Committee's decision; the committee decision stands.

**GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT** Motion by Heather Douglass, seconded by Thomas Brooks, to approve Gifts to the District totaling \$55,586.48. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

**CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was recessed at 9:18 PM. The board convened in a closed session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03 for labor negotiations. The meeting adjourned at the end of the closed session, at 10:04 PM.

[COMPLETE MINUTES ON FILE IN THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE AND ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE], Jackie Mosqueda-Jones, Chairperson

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