

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 270
SUMMARY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 270 was conducted on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, in the Boardroom of the Eisenhower Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 rep present: Joe Ramlet (grade 11). Student Board

reps absent: None

Staff members present: Superintendent Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed and Director of Business Services/

Board Clerk John Toop. Staff

members absent: None

The Superintendent and Board members recognized HHS students who earned awards for their work on the Royal Page website and/or the Regalia (yearbook).

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

Student Board Rep: Ramlet updated Board members on events/activities at HHS.

Superintendent: Superintendent Mhiripiri-Reed provided an update of the work being done by 200+ volunteers by ten Strategic Visioning Groups for the Great to World Class initiative.

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

Bouchard moved, Newcomer seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented: A) Ap-

proval of Minutes-Regular Meeting Conducted on October 23, 2018; B) Human Resources-Personnel Updates;

C) Policies in Second Reading [250, 255, 524, 954]; D) Market Adjustment-Technology & Information Services; E) Employee Contract-

Kids & Company/Stepping Stones; F) Citizens Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) Membership; G) Employee Settlement Agreement/Resolution; H) Police Liaison Officer Agreement with City of Minnetonka, 2019; and I) Field Trip-Out-of-State. Carried.

Adams moved, Bouchard seconded, to approve disbursements in the amount of \$4,820,629.69 for the period of October 13, 2018 through November 12, 2018. Carried.

John Toop, Director of Business Services, and Suzanne Johnson, District Controller, along with Michelle Hoffman from CliftonLarson-

Allen, presented the audit report for fiscal year 2018. Hoffman highlighted the audit results through a PowerPoint extracting highlights of the reports: 1) Audit Opinion-The financial statements are fairly stated. The firm issued what is known as a "clean" or "unmodified" audit opinion [this is as good as the firm can give]; 2) Yellow Book Compliance-No compliance issues were noted in the review of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that could have significant financial implications to the District; 3) Internal Controls-No material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting were noted; 4) Single Audit-There were no findings reported in regard to the requirements for the major federal programs tested [Special Ed and Child Nutrition]; 5) MN Legal Compliance-Three minor compliance issues were reported with respect to MN Statutes; and 6) Student Activities-No compliance findings were noted. Newcomer moved, Adams seconded, to accept and approve the fiscal year 2017-18 Audit Report. Carried.

Lightfoot reviewed each of the six policies in First Reading and responded to questions, noting that each is basic and statute-driven: Policy 250: School Board Elections; Policy 403: Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees; Policy 409: Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions, and Creations; Policy 427: Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers; Policy 508: Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Programs; and Policy 509: Enrollment of Nonresident Students. Newcomer moved, Adams seconded, to approve these six 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.

Toop explained that the final proposed property tax levy for PAY19 is scheduled to increase by 1.53% (\$789,992.50) over last year's levy. The total initial proposed amount is \$52,582,467.96; last year's levy amount was \$51,792,475.46. He stated that this amount is different than that presented in October — an increase of 1.96% or \$1,013,073.70 from last year's levy — due to the Boards' approval of refunding the 2009B Alternative Facilities bonds, with a projected \$1.6 million in present value savings.

The Truth-in-Taxation hearing is scheduled at 6 p.m. on December 18, 2018.

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

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

Newcomer moved, LaTondresse seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 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.hopkinschools.org/about-us/school-board/board-meeting-minutes> or request a copy by emailing bobbie.mclaird@hopkinschools.org

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