

INDEPENDENT

SCHOOL DISTRICT 196

This is a summary of the November 4, 2024 Regular School Board meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. at Dakota Ridge School. Present: Gardner, Johnson (chair), Magnuson, Mohamed, and Superintendent Bolsoni. Absent: Williams.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Eastview 10th grader David Rosas.

Motion by Mohamed, seconded by Magnuson and carried with a 4-0 vote, to approve the agenda. Board members and the superintendent recognized students and staff.

Two speakers advocated for District 196 to re-examine the policy that precludes private school students from playing on sports teams at district high schools. One speaker advocated for a Spanish Language Immersion program.

Motion by Mohamed, seconded by Gardner, and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the following items: Minutes of Oct. 7, 2024 Special School Board meeting, Minutes of Oct. 7, 2024 Regular School Board meeting, Gifts, Grants, Treasurer's Report September 2024, Summary of Claims for September 2024, Revenues and Expenditures Report for September 2024, Schedule of Investments for September 2024, Personnel, Pay Rates for Substitute and Temporary Employees, Agreement for Clinical Experience with University of North Dakota, Agreement for Student Teaching with North Dakota State University, Agreement for Student Teaching with University of Minnesota-Morris, Agreement for Student Teaching with the University of Wisconsin-Superior, Clerical and Secretarial Employees Appreciation Week: November 18-22, 2024, Maintenance Support Employees Appreciation Week: November 18-22, 2024, Employment Agreements, Minnesota State University Mankato Joint Powers Agreement, Temporary Construction Agreement with the University of Minnesota, and Rosemount Middle School Construction Bid Package.

The Board received a progress report on the design, planning, and construction phases of bond referendum projects approved by voters in May 2023.

A second reading was presented for a plan to adjust elementary school attendance areas to alleviate overcrowding and prepare to open the district's 20th elementary school. Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Gardner and carried with a 4-0 vote, to approve new elementary attendance areas.

The proposed 2025-26 school year calendar was presented for the first reading. The calendar will have a second reading for action on December 9.

2025-26 middle school and high school course revisions were proposed and will be reviewed for approval at the December 9 Board meeting.

The Board received the Fiscal year 2023-24 financial audit reports. The audit firm issued an unmodified (clean) opinion of the audit report. Motion by Mohamed, seconded by Magnuson and carried with a 4-0 vote, to approve the fiscal year 2023-24 financial audit reports.

Revisions to Policy 502, Student Transfers, were presented. The policy is updated to reflect the additional transportation eligibility provided to certain transfer students affected by the November 4, 2024, attendance-area adjustments. Motion by Gardner, seconded by Magnuson and carried, with a 4-0 vote, to approve changes to Policy 502, Student Transfers.

The School Board and superintendent shared updates.

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Gardner and carried with a 4-0 vote, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.