

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278
HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2021

Present: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Kristine Flesher, Martha Van de Ven, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe, John Morstad, Sarah Borchers

Absent: None

Note: Member Mike Bash participated in the meeting using audio and video from a remote location.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, August 23, 2021 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:01 PM.

Member Laura Wallander introduced the Consent Agenda and moved its approval.

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Taylor Fellers, as full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective August 26, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Cassandra Fillhouer, as full-time Fourth Grade Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective August 30, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Shannon Ryan, as full-time Third Grade Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective August 30, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Jessie Schuett, as full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 26, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Sophie Koehler, as full-time General Music Teacher at Orono Intermediate School and Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 26, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Kari Heitke, as full-time Floating Substitute Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective September 8, 2021 through June 9, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Kyle Jensen, full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Middle School, to full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 30, 2021
- Approved the change of assignment of Jody King, full-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, to full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 26, 2021
- Approved the change of assignment of Mathew Wistrom, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono High School, to full-time Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Orono Public Schools, effective August 26, 2021 through June 9, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Megan Ringsred, full-time Fourth Grade Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, to full-time Fifth Grade Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective August 30, 2021
- Approved the leave of absence of Jessie Schuett, full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 26, 2021 through October 25, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Briana Althoff, full-time MAC Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective July 22, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Brandon Papenfuss, full-time Second Grade Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 19, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Anne Thillman, as full-time Health Clerk at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective September 3, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Marina Stadick, as part-time Short Hour Cook at Orono High School, effective August 19, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Hallie Bird, as part-time Short Hour Cook at Orono Middle School, effective August 19, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Rosemary Willenbring, as Special Education Paraeducator at Orono High School, effective September 8, 2021

- Approved the change of assignment of Leigh Bernstein, full-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, to full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Intermediate School, effective September 8, 2021
- Approved the change of assignment of Patricia Bertram, full-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, to full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Intermediate School, effective September 8, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Stephanie Jacoves, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Middle School, effective June 9, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Debra Simmons, full-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School and Orono Intermediate School, effective July 9, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Wyatt Rousu, full-time Night Lead Custodian at Orono Intermediate School, effective July 2, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Kathryn Hyams, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Middle School, effective July 8, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Mason Frank, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono High School, effective July 29, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Mary Beth Demott, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Intermediate School, effective July 12, 2021
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Jeanne Truax, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Middle School, effective July 20, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Lynnette Neumann, part-time Short Hour Cook at Orono High School, effective July 30, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Juliann Luce, full-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 19, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Kathryn Sherman, as Community Education Program Consultant at Orono Public Schools, effective June 30, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Ana Shurson, as Spartan Kids Summer Assistant Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective June 10, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Riley Maki, as Spartan Kids Summer Assistant Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective June 10, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Jackson Ural, as Monitor at Orono Activity Center, effective June 13, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Kristine Coad, as Monitor at Orono Activity Center, effective July 10, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Kellina Samuelson, as full-time Human Resources Generalist at Orono Public Schools, effective August 16, 2021
- Approved the change of assignment of Joseph Janda, Aquatics Coordinator at Orono Public Schools to Aquatics and Fitness Coordinator at Orono Public Schools, effective August 1, 2021
- Approved the change of assignment of Olivia Gephart, full-time Marketing Coordinator at Orono Public Schools, to part-time Marketing Coordinator at Orono Public Schools, effective August 16, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Hannah Otto, full-time Spartan Kids Program Assistant and Lead Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective July 5, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Nancy Manion, full-time Human Resources Generalist at Orono Public Schools, effective August 20, 2021
- Approved the resignation of John Morstad, full-time Director of Business Services at Orono Public Schools, effective August 27, 2021

- Approved the appointment of the following fall coaching contracts:

Cross Country

Brian McCollar, Head Coach
Kathleen Leslie, Community Education Coach

Nathan Porter, JV Coach

Football

Joe McPherson, Head Coach
Barry Wohler, V & JV Coach
Mark McConnell, V & JV Coach
Jason Seurer, V & JV Assistant Coach
Kyle Jensen, V & JV Coach
Peter Keding, C Coach

Rustin Olson, V & JV Coach
Troy Trimble, V & JV Assistant Coach
Brad Anderson, JV Assistant Coach
Mike Leuer, C Coach
Benjamin Joppru, V & JV Assistant Coach
Harry Schleeter, Volunteer

Soccer – Boys

Derek Engler, Head Coach
Greg Katchmark, Assistant Coach

Grant Steine, JV Coach
Neil Vassar, Assistant Coach

Soccer – Girls

Erin Murray, Head Coach
Kathryn Haagenson, JV Coach (50%)
Natalie Soper, Assistant Coach

Jennifer Hanson, JV Coach (50%)
Jessica Woessnerm, C Coach
Caitlin Tripp, Assistant Coach

Swim Dive – Girls

Mark Seguin, Head Coach
Barb Scouler, JV Coach

Todd Hansen, JV Coach

Tennis – Girls

Aaron Dvorak, Head Coach
Dawn Reidinger, C Coach
Anne Goldsmith, Volunteer

Scott Danielson, JV Coach
Chris Franco, Volunteer

Volleyball

Brandon Kuntz, Head Coach
Anders Carlson, C Coach

Kim King, JV Coach

- Accepted Donations Totaling: \$12,775.97
- Authorized the 2021-2022 LEA (Local Education Authority) Representative
- Approved the Annual MDE (Minnesota Department of Education) Statement of Assurances
- Approved Continued Membership in the following Organizations for the 2021-2022 School Year:
 - o AMSD – Association of Metropolitan School Districts
 - o ECSU – Metro Educational Cooperative Service Unit
 - o MSBA – Minnesota School Boards Association
- Approved the Contract for the Interim Director of Business Services
- Approved Wage Increases for Substitutes, Proctors, Students, Casual Employees and Athletic Coaches for 2021-2023
- Approved **Bill Vouchers:** 310725-311121, 1437-1459, **EP Register:** 901206-901256, **EFT Vouchers:** 195-199, 6284-6290 and **Capitol One:** 51281-51377

The motion for the approval of the Consent Agenda was duly seconded by Member Sarah Borchers.

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Sarah Borchers, Ali Howe, Laura Wallander, Martha Van de Ven

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said Consent Agenda was declared duly approved.

5. – Superintendent’s Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher began her report on excellence with a huge thank you to Orono Community Education under the direction of Tiffany Clifton. Staff and instructors have served a record number of students through their summer care program and individual enrichment classes. The summer health and safety guidelines have kept our community safe and well since early June.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared that in spite of the pandemic and varied learning models throughout the school year, we had 450 Orono High School students take a total of 899 Advanced Placement (or "AP") exams. The College Board designates three AP Scholar levels based on test scores and the number of exams taken by each student. Following the spring 2021 test period, we are excited to announce:

66 AP Scholars
38 AP Scholars with Honor
68 AP Scholars with Distinction

We also had 11 recent graduates who earned the AP Capstone Diploma. One student earned the AP Research and Seminar Certificate. We are incredibly proud of these students and look forward to offering more than 20 AP courses again this year at the high school.

Finally, Dr. Flesher stated that she was also pleased to share that this spring, 67 Orono High School students were recognized through the State of Minnesota Bilingual Seals Program. Students who received the seal have demonstrated proficiency in either Chinese, German or Spanish through the world-recognized ACTFL exam. Congratulations to all these students on their hard work!

6. – Board Members Questions and Comments

7. – Community Members Questions and Comments

Board Chair Bob Tunheim shared a statement addressing several key questions and concerns that have been raised by community members in recent months, and asked that everyone remain respectful during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Several community members addressed the board about various topics.

8. – Old Business

8. A – Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

9. – New Business

9. A – Contract Signing Authority

Member Martha Van de Ven motioned and member Sarah Borchers seconded that the Board of Education approve James Westrum, interim Director of Business Services, to lease, purchase, and contract for goods and services within the budget, pursuant to MN Statute 123B.52 Subd 2.

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Sarah Borchers, Martha Van de Ven, Mike Bash, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said motion as declared duly approved.

9. B – Resolution to Continue Membership in the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL)

Every year the Minnesota State High School League requires schools to file a resolution by August 31 to continue its membership in the league.

Member Ali Howe motioned to approve the plan.

The motion to approve the plan was duly seconded by Member Laura Wallander.

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Sarah Borchers, Martha Van de Ven, Mike Bash, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly approved.

9. C – Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Dr. Scott Alger, Director of Human Resources and Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Director of Learning & Accountability reported to the board on the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan for the upcoming school year.

9. D – Other New Business as Necessary

No other New Business was brought forward.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

Member Sarah Borchers motioned to adjourn the School Board Meeting.

The motion to adjourn the School Board Meeting was duly seconded by Member Laura Wallander.

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Sarah Borchers, Ali Howe, Laura Wallander, Martha Van de Ven

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said motion was declared duly passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.



Bob Tunheim, *Chair*



Martha Van de Ven, *Clerk*