

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Present: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Kristine Flesher, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe, Sarah Borchers

Absent: Martha Van de Ven

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, September 13, 2021 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:00 PM.

3. – Community Members Questions and Comments

Board Chair Bob Tunheim shared a statement in advance of this portion of the meeting. Following Mr. Tunheim's statement, several community members addressed the board.

4. – Consideration of the Agenda

5. – Consent Agenda

UPON MOTION by Sarah Borchers, seconded by Mike Bash the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Meeting held August 23, 2021
- Approved Minutes from the Special Meeting held on September 2, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Kathryn Hibbs, as full-time Floating Substitute Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective September 8, 2021 through June 9, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Kamie Larson, as part-time Long-Term Substitute Second Grade Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 30, 2021 through November 19, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Jessie Lindquist, as part-time Floating Substitute Nurse at Orono Public Schools, effective August 30, 2021 through June 9, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Alison Van Den Bussche, as full-time First Grade Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 26, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Kaatrin Holmberg, as full-time Second Grade Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 26, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Mallory Purdy, as full-time Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective September 27, 2021 through January 21, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Kathryn Crofutt, as full-time Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective September 10, 2021 through December 3, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Mia Hansen, full-time Mental Health and Behavior Support Specialist at Orono Intermediate School and Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 26, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Robyn Tisser, full-time Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 30, 2021 through January 28, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Cara Forbrook, full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, to full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Middle School and Orono High School, effective August 30, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Jennifer Vanderlinde, as part-time Short Hour Cook at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective September 8, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Courtney McDonald, as Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective September 8, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Heather Sander, as Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Middle School, effective September 8, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Lisa Richter, as Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective September 8, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Madeline Frost, as Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective September 8, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Cooper Tokar, as Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective September 8, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Adrienne Wikman, as part-time Short Hour Cook at Orono Intermediate School, effective September 13, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Sam Swenson, as Monitor at Orono Activity Center, effective August 24, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Connor Mahoney, as Monitor at Orono Activity Center, effective August 24, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Isaiah Hagen, as Monitor at Orono Activity Center, effective August 24, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Sutton Bjorgen, as Monitor at Orono Activity Center, effective August 24, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Lina Peterson, as Monitor at Orono Activity Center, effective August 31, 2021
- Approved the change of assignment of Lauren Syrup, full-time Controllor at Orono Public Schools, to full-time Director of Finance at Orono Public Schools, effective August 16, 2021
- Approved the change of assignment of Anita Goman, full-time Community Education Secretary at Orono Public Schools, to full-time Community Education Program Assistant at Orono Public Schools, effective September 1, 2021
- Approved the leave of absence of Lori Roberts, full-time Special Education Paraprofessional at Orono High School, effective September 8, 2021 through no later than December 3, 2021
- Approved the appointment of the following fall coaching contracts:

**Football**

Emmitt Carpenter, Volunteer

**Soccer – Boys**

Steve Herrera, B Coach

Jonathan Acosta, C Coach

- Accepted donations of various items including air purifiers, backpacks with supplies and books and activity kits
- Approved **Bill Vouchers:** 311122-311247, 1460-1465, **EP Register:** 901257-901262, **EFT Vouchers:** 200-201, 6291-6294 and **Capitol One:** 51378-51416

6. – Superintendent’s Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher began her report by sharing that the academic year got off to a great start last week with students in grades 1-12 arriving on Wednesday and our Kindergarten students starting on Thursday. She shared that it was wonderful to see our students back on campus and enjoying new connections with their teachers, staff and peers.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared that we have already hosted a number of athletic events on campus: cross country, Girls Swim and Dive, Boys and Girls soccer, and volleyball matches. She let the board know that varsity Football clocked a huge 30-7 win over Holy Angels Friday night in Pesonen Stadium. Senior running back Aidan Mueller rushed for 242 yards and scored three touchdowns, a standout performance. Dr. Flesher extended a thank you to the school staff, boosters and fans for supporting our student athletes.

Finally, Dr. Flesher recognized a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Orono Middle School Destination Imagination team, “Musical Mayhem,” that recently competed in the **global finals** and earned 8<sup>th</sup> place in their category. The student team—without help from adults—wrote, designed, filmed and edited a five-minute music video that told a story from a piece of literature. The students chose Chris Colfer's "Land of Stories." Dr. Flesher thanked DI Coach Katy Monger and to Orono Community Education for coordinating our district's DI teams.

7. – Board Members Questions and Comments

8. – Old Business

8. A – Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

9. – New Business

9. A – 2021-2022 Superintendent Goals (First Reading)

Dr. Flesher presented the 2021-2022 Superintendent Goals to the Board for a first reading.

9. B – Report on Character and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for Social Emotional Learning

Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Director of Learning and Accountability and Kim Van Eyll, Associate Principal of Orono Middle School reported to the board on work done surrounding character and multi-tiered systems of social emotional learning.

9. C – Other New Business as Necessary

No other New Business was brought forward.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room, unless otherwise specified.

UPON MOTION by Sarah Borchers, seconded by Mike Bash, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.



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Bob Tunheim, *Chair*



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Martha Van de Ven, *Clerk*