

HAWLEY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

January 22, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kara Brager, Jeff Lee, Cody Marshall, Steve Olson, Mark Sellin, Bobbi Siegel and TJ Tibbetts

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Jensen, Kelly Anderson, Chris Ellingson, Maria Beringer, Brett Mayer Schmit, Steve Pasche, Jen Miller, Addie Harms, Matt Nelson, Tony Wolf (Zerr-Berg Architects), Luke Pfothenauer(Ingensa) and Jordan Pangrac (Ingensa)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marshall at 7:00 p.m.

Olson/Brager to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

Member Lee nominated Member Marshall as Chairman of the Board; there being no other nominations, Member Marshall was declared elected by acclamation.

Member Lee nominated Member Sellin as Vice Chairman of the Board; there being no other nominations, Member Sellin was declared elected by acclamation.

Member Sellin nominated Member Lee as Clerk of the Board; there being no other nominations, Member Lee was declared elected by acclamation.

Member Brager nominated Member Olson as Treasurer of the Board; there being no other nominations, Member Olson was declared elected by acclamation.

Sellin/Olson to set regular board meetings for the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried: 7-0

Sellin/Lee to set meeting stipends as follows: board & committee meetings - \$75; full-day meetings (4 hours or more) - \$150; Chair - \$500; Vice-Chair - \$100; Treasurer - \$400; Clerk - \$300.

Motion carried: 7-0

Olson/Brager to set meal reimbursements as follows: breakfast - \$9.00; lunch - \$10.25; dinner - \$15.75; and the current IRS allowance for mileage. (2024 Standard IRS Rate - \$0.67/mile)

Motion carried: 7-0

Olson/Siegel to approve the Hawley Herald as the official school newspaper.

Motion carried: 7-0

Brager/Olson to approve the district depositories as follows: Valley Premier Bank, Bell Bank, PMA, and Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund.

Motion carried: 7-0

Brager/Olson to approve Pemberton Law as the school district legal counsel and name the Superintendent, or their designee, and the Board Chair as the people authorized to contact said legal counsel.

Motion carried: 7-0

Lee/Brager to approve the 2024 School Board Committee Assignments as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

The following Committee Reports were given: Member Lee – Facilities; Member Tibbetts – Activities; Member Marshall – Education Foundation.

Kelly Anderson presented the High School Principal's report.

Chris Ellingson presented the Elementary Principal's report.

Brett Mayer Schmit presented the Activities Director report.

Superintendent Jensen presented the Administrative report.

Enrollment numbers for January 1, 2024 were presented – 1,071 students K-12.

Scheduled Meetings: Facilities Committee Mtg – Tuesday, January 30th @ 5:30 p.m.

Special Board Mtg – Monday, February 5th at 7 am.

Regular Board Mtg – Monday, February 26th @ 7 pm

Special Board Mtg – Thursday, March 7th @ 7 p.m.

Brager/Olson to approve the consent agenda:

- 5.1 December 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 5.2 Jared Reining – MFG Careers - \$7,307.50 (Step A - .3FTE)
- 5.3 Kim Sufficool – Long Term Sub
- 5.4 Resignation – Anna Steer – C Team Volleyball Coach
- 5.5 Resignation – Briana LaVine Leigh (end of school year 23/24)
- 5.6 Resignation - Jennifer Johnson (end of school year 23/24)
- 5.7 7th Grade BB Coach – Avery Thompson \$2,280 (pro-rated) 5.5% - Step 3
- 5.8 Retirement – Ruth Christianson (end of school year 23/24)

Motion carried: 7-0

Olson/Siegel to approve the following donations:

Booster Club donation for the weight room equipment (\$11,250)

Booster Club donation for the archery program (\$400)

Michael Olson donation for the AR Store (\$200)

Softball donation for upgrades at the softball complex (\$3,000)

Bell Bank Custom Credit Card donation (\$35)

Hawley Fireman's Relief ASS'N Robotics Club donation (\$3,600)

RX3 Heating & Air Conditioning Corporate Partner Sponsorship (\$500)

Hawley PTO Archery donation (\$200)

Motion carried: 7-0

Olson/Brager to approve the January board bills totaling \$913,555.02, ACH & Checks (#71954-72033), and Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

Lee/Siegel to approve the third reading of Policy 606.5. (Library Materials)

Motion carried: 7-0

Brager/Tibbetts to approve the Chicago band & Choir trip for students in March 2024.

Motion carried: 7-0

Sellin/Olson to approve an extension for Katelyn Zacher for her general leave of absence.

Motion carried: 7-0

Tibbetts/Sellin to approve an expansion to the basketball season.
Motion carried: 7-0

Policy 625 – Special Enrollment Students – (Information Only)

Quit Claim Deed – HWY 10 Ball Fields – (Information Only)

Current Selection Sizes & Course Offerings (Information Only)

Enrollment projections (Information Only)

Member Sellin introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for
Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditure must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 150, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Lee and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: Brager, Lee, Marshall, Olson, Sellin, Siegel, Tibbetts and the following voted against: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Sellin/Siegel to approve the corporate partner requests as presented.
Motion carried: 7-0

Lee/Siegel to approve an extension for Katie Palmer for her general leave of absence.
Motion carried: 7-0

Sellin/Lee to adjourn at 9:18 p.m.
Motion carried: 7-0