

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2711
MESABI EAST SCHOOLS
AURORA, MN 55705**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 3, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on August 3, 2026 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Chris Baudhuin, Walt Hautala, Pamela LaFrenier, Kathy Undeland, Superintendent Burgess

Absent: Directors Justin Adams, Amanda Gross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the agenda.

All in favor---Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,291,174.37; Regular Board Meeting Minutes Of July 6, 2026;

All in favor---Motion passed.

Maintenance/Bus Driver Full Time: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve Tony House as Fireman I/Bus Driver full time up to 40 hours per week effective July 27, 2026. He will have one year to attain a Minnesota Boilers License

All in favor---Motion passed.

Junior High Student Council Advisor Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to accept the resignation of Frank Zobitz as Junior High Student Council Advisor with appreciation.

All in favor — Motion passed.

Teacher Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the resignation of Chris Marafioti with appreciation.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Fall Coaches Recommendation for 2026-2027t: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the Fall coaches recommendation for the Fall 2026-2027 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed. Director Undeland abstained

Tremolo Roof Repair Proposal: Moved by Director Undeland seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve step one and two of the proposal from Tremolo for roof repair.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Saari Greenhouse Roof Repair Proposal: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the proposal from Saari Roofing and Repair for the Greenhouse

All in favor — Motion passed.

UHL HVAC Service Agreement: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the service agreement proposal for HVAC services from UHL.

All in favor — Motion passed.

SRO Updated Agreement: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the Updated agreement for the School Resource Officer for the 2026-2027 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Drivers Ed Fee Proposal: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the fee proposal for the 2026-2027 school year Driver's Education program at Mesabi East.

Three Directors in favor with Director Undeland as a nay vote --Motion passed.

School Board Handbook Approval: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the Mesabi East School Board Handbook. It will be relooked at again after January.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Acceptance of Donations Resolution: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Gross to approve the
Acceptance of Donations to Mesabi East School District Resolution:

RESOLUTION
Acceptance of Donations to Mesabi East School District

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 465.03 requires a school district to accept donations by resolution expressed in the terms prescribed by the donor in full; and,

WHEREAS, acceptance of the donations in accordance with donor's terms is in the best interest of the Mesabi East School District:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesabi East School District does accept the below-described donations from said organizations in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mesabi East School District wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to these various individuals and organizations.

- Monetary donation in the amount of \$705 in cash and other clothing donations from Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church Women earmarked for the kids closet.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Directors Hautala, LaFrenier, Undeland, Baudhuin

Nayes: None--- Motion passed.

Maintenance/Bus Driver Full Time Seasonal: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve Mike Doherty as Maintenance/Bus Driver full time Seasonal up to 40 hours a week.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Cafeteria Resignation: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Undeland to accept the resignation of Sharon Turk from the Cafeteria with appreciation.

All in favor---Motion passed.

UHL HVAC Service Agreement: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the service agreement proposal for Controller Replacement from UHL.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Administrative Secretary: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the hire of Dana Prophet as Administrative Secretary full time up to 40 hours per week seasonal, effective August 3, 2026.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Resolution Relating to the Election of the School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the Resolution Relating to the Election of the School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Director LaFrenier, Undeland, Baudhuin, Hautala

Nays: None— Motion passed.

Meal Prices Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the meal prices as follow: Adult Breakfast - \$2.55, Adult Lunch - \$5.30

All in favor — Motion passed..

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular Board Meeting, September 14, 5:30pm, Boardroom (204)

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Baudhuin to adjourn at 6:40pm.

All in favor — Motion passed

ATTEST:

Chairperson

Clerk