

Rescheduled Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Isanti Community School -Dakota Conference Room

Isanti Community School

Waylon LaPlante: Present

Anita LaPointe: Present

Susan Pike: Present

Dewayne Wabasha: Absent

Janelle Whipple: Absent

Present: 3, Absent: 2.

Dewayne Wabasha: Present

Present: 4, Absent: 1.

Dewayne Wabasha came at 10:14am.

I. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Absent: Dewayne Wabasha, Janelle Whipple, **Present:** Waylon LaPlante, Anita LaPointe, Susan Pike. Present: 3, Absent: 2.

II. **Nebraska Open Meetings Law**

III. **Roll Call**

IV. **Public Comment & Recognition of Guests**

V. **Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.**

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting..

Roll call vote: Passed

Dewayne Wabasha: Absent, Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VI. **Treasurer Report**

VII. **Approve Outstanding Payables**

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Approve Outstanding Payables.

Roll call vote: Passed

Dewayne Wabasha: Absent, Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII. **Discussion & Action Items**

VIII.A. Ecowater - Installation of commercial water softener

It was moved by Anita LaPointe and seconded by Susan Pike to Approve the Ecowater - Installation of commercial water softener.
Roll call vote: Passed

Dewayne Wabasha: Absent, Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII.B. Teacherage Carpet Replacement Units 4 & 9

Present: Dewayne Wabasha. Present: 4, Absent: 1. Dewayne Wabasha came at 10:14am.

Mozak's for \$9,498.61

Hefner's for \$9,180.64

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Approve Hefner's quote to replace Teacherage Carpet in Units 4 & 9.
Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.C. Resignations - Classified: Troy Saunsoci

VIII.D. New Hires and Contract updates: Jeffrey Zeller - Elementary Counselor; Tom Rice, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education (CTE); Raya Nagel, Director of Academics and Behaviors and 4th Grade Teacher; Lizzie Swalley, Cultural Director

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to go into closed session at 10:23 to talk about new hires.
Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Close closed session at 11:12.
Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to Approve the Hires and contracts for Jeffrey Zeller - Elementary Counselor; Tom Rice, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education (CTE); Raya Nagel, Director of Academics and Behaviors and 4th Grade Teacher; Lizzie Swalley, Cultural Director.
Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.E. Work Agreements: Miranda Fuhrer, Carol Brandt-Denney, Donna Pike, Cetan Thomas, Tori Tuttle

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to Approve work agreements for Miranda Fuhrer, Carol Brandt-Denney, and Donna Pike.
Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea,
Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Susan Pike to Approve work agreements for Tori Tuttle and Cetan Thomas as a para professional agreement.
Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea,
Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Susan Pike to Approve to move Cetan Thomas and Tori Tuttle to a Para Work Agreement.
Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea,
Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.F. JAG position filled for 24-25

IX. Policy Updates - 2nd Reading

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to Approve IX.A-J. 3057 Title IX policy.
Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.A. 3057 Title IX

IX.B. 6039 Repeat of Grade and Parent Guardian Request

IX.C. 5052 Wellness

IX.D. Option Enrollment

IX.E. 2008 Meetings

IX.F. 6041 Malcom X Day Education

IX.G. 6042 Projection Maps

IX.H. 6043 Sharing Mapping Data

IX.I. 6040 PK Program

IX.J. 5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism

IX.K. 6025 Student Cell Phone

High School Principal, Ruth LaPlante explained that students will place their phones in a hanging folder that stays in the Principal's office. They will be able to get their phones at lunch.

Elementary/Middle School Principal, Cindy Nagel said that they did that for the middle school, and they did not have any issues with the students not wanting to hand in their phones.

Mr. LaPlante asked what the reprimand would be if a teacher did not take the students' phones. He stated that we also need to hold the teachers accountable. Mrs. Nagel stated that the only time a student would be able to use their phones in class is if it is pre-authorized. Teachers will also be held accountable and will only be able to use them during their plan period.

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Susan Pike to Approve IX K. Cell Phone.
Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea,
Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. **Reports**

X.A. Superintendent Update

XI. ***Closed Session:** If, during the course of the meeting discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

XII. **Adjourn**

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Approve adjourn at 11:29am.
Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

Isanti Community School -Dakota Conference
Room

Isanti Community School

Waylon LaPlante: Present

Anita LaPointe: Present

Susan Pike: Absent

Dewayne Wabasha: Present

Janelle Whipple: Absent

Present: 3, Absent: 2.

Susan Pike: Present

Present: 4, Absent: 1.

Susan Arrived at 5:29pm

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Absent: Susan Pike, Janelle Whipple, **Present:** Waylon LaPlante, Anita LaPointe, Dewayne Wabasha. Present: 3, Absent: 2.

II. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

III. Roll Call

IV. Public Comment & Recognition of Guests

V. Head Start - Joyce Thomas

Joyce Thomas discussed Head Start being here since 1969. Head Start needs our help to stay open. Joyce is asking if we have over 15 in a class, if we could have Head Start take our overload once past 15. Joyce Thomas said that Head Start is more of a family centered place. They use Creative Curriculum assessments, Dakota Language assessment, and a Head Start assessment three times a year.

Isanti Schools has to have a certified teacher in each of our rooms. Where Head Start has to have a BA in Early Childhood.

Mr.LaPlante stated that since we are a public school, we are unable to tell students where to go.

VI. Approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Approve the minutes of the May 14th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Passed

Susan Pike: Absent, Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VII. Treasurer Report

We were able to submit the Audit for 2022-2023.

VIII. Approve Outstanding Payables

It was moved by Anita LaPointe and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to Approve Outstanding Payables.

Roll call vote: Passed

Susan Pike: Absent, Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IX. Discussion and Action Items

IX.A. Resignations

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Anita LaPointe to We have one resignation. Noella Eagle resigned as the High School Principal..

Roll call vote: Passed

Susan Pike: Absent, Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha:
Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IX.B. New Hires

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Approve Allen Becks' contract for school year 24-25.

Roll call vote: Passed

Susan Pike: Absent, Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha:
Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IX.C. Principal Contract

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to Approve the Principal Contract for Ruth LaPlante's at Step 4.

Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Abstain (With Conflict), Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea,
Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

IX.D. SRO - School Resource Officer

Mr.LaPlante met with Misty Flowers and will be working with the school on Truancy and Truancy Codes. The Tribe is very interested and will be helping fund some of the expenses.

IX.E. Nurse-Chelsey Chohon

Nurse Chelsey is talking about the difficulty of finding a Health Aid. There are 8-10 Meds given in the morning, 4 Meds given around noon, and 2 Meds in the afternoon. Chelsey talked about training the Para's, who are with the students who take meds. Nurse Chelsey plans to be here Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings to deliver medication for the breaks or for the weekends. Nurse Chelsey wants us to be a Heart Safe school.

Mr.LaPlante asked if Nurse Chelsey was ready to make a jump and be full-time. Nurse Chelsey said no.

Mr.LaPlante asked about the School Wellness program.

Nurse Chelsey talked about how there were some issues with our FFVP. After months, we finally got it back. At the meeting in Norfolk, they talked about the new guidelines.

IX.F. Summer Flooring Project -Facility Advocates

Present: Susan Pike. Present: 4, Absent: 1. Susan Arrived at 5:29pm

Byron who is from Facility Advocates, is here to present some ideas that we have to do at the school. For Phase one, is what we would like to start this summer. Phase two can be started over Christmas Break and finished next summer.

This was submitted to the paper and we did receive two bids.

The first item is to fix the multipurpose room flooring. We also want to put basketball and volleyball lines. This type of flooring is able to have our lunch tables moved across it.

The other portion of this project is to fill in the pits in the 5 Classrooms. We want to remove the flooring and get flooring that is similar to the new addition.

Back in the Leggo Room, we want to add two temporary walls and to make them into classrooms.

They said they could be here in a week and a half to start phase one.

The cost of this project will be \$209,802 which will be funded out of the Building Fund.

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Susan Pike to Approve the Summer Flooring Project for \$209,802.

Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.G. Technology Purchases

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Approve Technology Purchases.

Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.H. Elementary Student Desks - Purchases

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Approve Elementary Student Desks Purchases.

Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.I. Mrs. Justo and Mrs. LaPlante - Planning a conference for Oct. 14, 2024

Mrs.Ruth LaPlante is talking about a change to the Calander. October 11th is Professional Development Day and we also have no School on October 14th. She wants us to switch and not have school on October 14th so her and Mrs.Justo are able to put on a conference.

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Approve No school on October 11th and a Mandatory Professional Development day..

Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.J. Policy Updates

X. Reports

X.A. Superintendent and Progress Plan Update

X.B. Preschool / Elementary/MS Principal and High School Reports

X.C. Committee Reports

XI. ***Closed Session:** If, during the course of the meeting discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to Start closed session at 5:56pm to discuss Personnel for our High School Principal.

Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Anita LaPointe to End Closed Session at 6:35pm.

Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII. **Adjourn**

Next School Board Meeting will be July 9th at 12pm-1pm.

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Approve to Adjourn the May School Board Meeting at 7:19pm.

Roll call vote: Passed

Janelle Whipple: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5001
Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism

Required Attendance

Every person residing in the school district who has legal or actual charge or control of any child who is of mandatory attendance age shall cause that child to attend a public or private school regularly unless the child has graduated from high school or has been allowed to disenroll pursuant to this policy.

Mandatory Attendance Age

All children who are or will turn six years old before January 1 of the current school year are of mandatory attendance age. Children who have not turned eighteen years of age are of mandatory attendance age.

Exceptions

This policy does not apply when attendance is made impossible or impracticable by severe weather conditions or by the mental or physical illness of the student or a child whom the student is parenting.

A child who will not reach age 7 before January 1 of the current school year may be excused from mandatory attendance if the child's parent or guardian completes an affidavit affirming that alternative educational arrangements have been made for the child. A copy of the required affidavit is attached to this policy.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 5 Year Old Students

The person seeking to discontinue the enrollment of a student who will not reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the current school year shall submit a signed, written request to the superintendent using the form which is attached to this policy. The school district may request written verification or documentation that the person signing the form has legal or actual charge or control of the student. The school district shall discontinue the enrollment of any student who satisfies these requirements. Any student whose enrollment is discontinued under this subsection shall not be eligible to reenroll in this school district until the beginning of the following school year unless otherwise required by law.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 16 and 17 Year Old Students

Only children who are at least 16 years of age may be disenrolled from the district. The person seeking to discontinue the child's enrollment shall submit a signed, written request and submit it to the superintendent using the form which is attached to this policy. The district will follow the procedures outlined on the attached form in considering requests to disenroll.

Only children disenrolling to attend a exempt school may be exempt from this policy. The person with legal or actual charge or control of the child must provide the superintendent with a copy of the signed request submitted to the State Department of Education for attending exempt schools. The superintendent may confirm the validity of the submission with the State Department of Education.

Attendance Officer

Each building principal is designated as an attendance officer for the district. Each building principal, at his or her discretion, may delegate these responsibilities to any other qualified individual. The attendance officer is responsible for enforcing the provisions of state law relating to compulsory attendance. This responsibility includes but is not limited to filing a report with the county attorney of the county in which a student resides. Compensation for the duties of attendance officer is included in the salary for the superintendent or designee.

Excused Absences

The following absences will be considered excused if they are confirmed by communication to the school from the student's parent/guardian:

1. Physical or mental illness of the student (a physician's verification is required after four (4) consecutive days of absence for illness)
2. Severe weather
3. Medical appointments for the student

4. Death or serious illness of the student's family member
5. Attending a funeral, wedding or graduation
6. Appearance at court or for other legal matters
7. Observance of religious/cultural, holidays/celebrations of the student's own faith or cultural background.
8. College planning visits
9. Personal or family vacations

Excessive Absenteeism

When a student receives 5 unexcused absences or the hourly equivalent in any semester, the Attendance Officer will follow the attached procedure for addressing barriers to the student's attendance.

When a student is absent more than twenty days per year or the hourly equivalent and any portion of the absences is unexcused, the Attendance Officer may/must file a report with the county attorney of the county in which the student resides. For example, if the student accumulates 23 days of excused absences due to documented illness and is tardy one time, the Attendance Officer **may** file a report with the appropriate county attorney.

Making Up Absences

When a student is determined as chronically absent by the attendance clerk, the student shall be required to make up those absences through attendance in after school make-up hours program or make-up hours on designated non-school days. Absences shall be made up at a rate of equal time for after-school make-up time and 3 hours for one day on designated non-school days.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____