

**SIBLEY EAST PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2310
ARLINGTON-GAYLORD-GREEN ISLE
ARLINGTON CAMPUS-MEDIA CENTER
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 @ 6:30 P.M.**

A call to order with a Salute to the Flag started the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Members present: Jon Hazelwood, Sarah Ziegler, Ashley Latzke, Laura Reid, Greg Homme and Rachel Lueth. Members absent: None.

Election of School Board Chairperson: Member Latzke nominated Member Ziegler. With only one nomination, Member Ziegler was elected by acclamation.

Election of School Board Vice Chairperson: Member Hazelwood nominated Member Latzke. With only one nomination, Member Latzke was elected by acclamation.

Election of School Board Clerk: Member Latzke nominated Member Hazelwood. With only one nomination, Member Hazelwood was elected by acclamation.

Election of School Board Treasurer: Member Hazelwood nominated Member Reid. With only one nomination, Member Reid was elected by acclamation.

Approval of Agenda: Member Homme moved, second by Member Latzke to approve the agenda with the following additions: **Resignations:** Morgan Bellmore, Elementary School Paraprofessional, **Hire(s):** Tessa Huetteman, Elementary School Paraprofessional, **Fundraiser Request:** MS Student Council, Treaties for Sweeties. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Organization of the Board:

Member Latzke moved, second by Member Lueth to designate Arlington State Bank, Pro-Growth Bank Gaylord, First National Bank of MN, Cornerstone Bank of Green Isle, US Bank, Old National Bank and MSDLAF as official District Depositories. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Member Lueth moved, second by Member Homme to designate Knutson, Flynn, and Deans P.A. as the district legal counsel with authority to the school board chair and superintendent to contact legal counsel as needed. Other individuals require authority from the school board chair or superintendent. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Member Hazelwood moved, second by Member Latzke to designate the Gaylord Hub and Arlington Enterprise as the Official Newspapers and the district website (sibleyeast.org) as an additional news forum. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Member Homme moved, second by Member Lueth to approve the following resolution regarding combining the Clerk and Treasurer of the School Board duties into one person in the Office of Business Affairs of the School District:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.14, Subd. 1 Empowers the School Board to combine the duties of the office of Clerk and Treasurer of the School Board in one person in the Office of Business Affairs of the School District.

WHEREAS, the School District has decided to combine the duties of the Clerk and Treasurer into one person in the Office of Business Affairs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Business Manager, Janna Tessmer, of the School District is designated by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2310 to perform the duties of Clerk and Treasurer of the District. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Member Reid moved, second by Member Hazelwood to authorize District Staff (Janna Tessmer, Lindsey Neisen, Deb Perschau) to make electronic fund transfers on behalf of the district for the 2026 calendar year. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Member Latzke moved, second Member Homme to authorize the superintendent and business manager to execute contracts and purchase orders of goods and services contained within the board approved budget. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Member Lueth moved, second by Member Hazelwood to set board member compensation for the 2026 calendar year at \$1,500.00 per year per board member with an additional \$500.00 per year for the chairperson, an additional \$125.00 each for the Vice-Chair, Clerk and Treasurer. Special Board meetings \$75.00/meeting, \$150.00 for full day in or out district meeting and \$75.00 for half day in or out of district meeting. Motion was approved.

Vote: 6-0

Member Homme moved, second by Member Lueth to approve the school board committee representatives as presented with the addition of Member Lueth as an to the school insurance committee. Motion was approved.

Vote: 6-0

Visitor Comments: No individuals requested the opportunity to address the board.

Consent Agenda: Approval of December 15, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes **Resignations:** Michelle Reid, Elementary School Paraprofessional, Jill Widmer, Elementary School Paraprofessional, Morgan Bellmore, Elementary School Paraprofessional, **Hire:** Tessa Huetteman, Elementary School Paraprofessional, **Fundraiser Request:** Tennis Gerten's Flower Sales Fundraiser, MS Student Council Treaties for Sweeties.

Member Latzke moved, second by Member Homme to approve the consent agenda. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Informational Items: None

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Member Reid moved, second by Member Hazelwood to approve the January 2026 bills and payments totaling \$1,472,537.51. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Jeff Bertrang and Harold Remme from South Central Service Cooperative presented the Superintendent Profile Report. There was no board action required.

Member Homme moved, second by Member Lueth, to interview the following superintendent candidates: Michael Pagel, Mike Neubeck, Eric Martinez, Brad Johnson, Mike McNulty, and Sarah McGuire on Monday, January 26, 2026. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Member Reid moved, second by Member Latzke to approve the 26-27 School Calendar Draft I with the edit of April 23, 2027 being a no staff or student day and the last student day changed to May 27, 2027 and the last staff day changed to May 28, 2027. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Member Latzke moved, second by Member Reid to approve the request for a 5th grade overnight trip to Eagle Bluff on Oct. 21-23, 2026. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Member Reid moved, second by Member Latzke to approve a resolution to place a Teacher on Temporary Suspension and Medical Leave of Absence Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 122A.40, Subd. 12. Roll Call Vote: Homme - Yes, Lueth - Yes, Ziegler - Yes, Latzke - Yes, Reid - Yes, Hazelwood - Yes. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Member Reid moved, second by Member Hazelwood to set Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. for a school board work session. Meeting to take place in the media center at the Arlington Campus. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Donations: Member Lueth moved, second by Member Homme to accept the following donations with gratitude: \$200.00, Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce, FFA Program, \$200.00, Teuby Continued, FFA Program, \$200.00, Arlington Lions Club, FFA Program, \$500.00, Green Isle Lions Club, FFA Program, \$400.00, Victor and Trisha Zeiher, FFA Program, \$100.00 Arlington Lions Club, Courage Retreat, \$100.00 After Burner Auto Body and Towing, Inc., Courage Retreat, \$25.00, SLS, Inc., Courage Retreat, \$400.00 Anonymous, Elementary PBIS, \$250.00, Knights of Columbus St. Arthur Council 10172, FFA Program, \$1,000.00, Arlington Fire Relief Association, FFA Program, New winter boots, snowpants, hats, ear muffs, and gloves, Anonymous, Elementary School, New winter boots, hats, and gloves, Green Isle Lions Club, Elementary School, Box of ice packs, Lisa Templin, MS/HS Health Services Office, Kleenex (72 boxes), Green Isle Lions Club, Elementary and MS/HS buildings. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Administrative Reports: Amanda Feterl, elementary principal, and Jeremy Wagner, secondary principal, provided written reports. Superintendent Lonnie Seifert provided a verbal and written report.

Member Reid moved to amend her motion regarding the work session to start the meeting at 6:00 p.m., Member Hazelwood seconded. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Other Information: Upcoming school board Meeting Dates: February 17, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. Arlington Campus, Media Center, Regular School Board Meeting.

Adjournment: Member Latzke moved, second by Member Hazelwood to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Sarah Ziegler - Board Chairperson

Jon Hazelwood - Board Clerk