

**SIBLEY EAST PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2310
ARLINGTON-GAYLORD-GREEN ISLE
ARLINGTON CAMPUS-AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 @ 6:30 P.M.**

A call to order with a Salute to the Flag started the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Jon Hazelwood, Sarah Ziegler, Ashley Latzke, Greg Homme, Laura Reid, and Rachel Lueth. Members absent: None

Approval of Agenda: Member Latzke moved, second by Member Homme to approve the agenda with the following additions: **Volunteer Coach:** Bryce Eggert, Baseball, **Staff Lane Change:** Kysa Swedberg from BA to BA+10, **Fundraiser Request:** Senior Class - Sell Yard Signs, **New Business** items #9 Dissolve Girls Soccer Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement, item #10 Form New Girls Soccer Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement . Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Visitor Comments: Arlington resident, Bud Bruhjell, addressed the school board with concerns with the timing of the Review and Comment related to the August 2026 bond referendum related to potential updates to the pool. He also had concerns with the bond referendum being run in August as the new superintendent is starting on July 1, 2026.

Consent Agenda: Approval of January 20, 2026 Organizational and Regular School Board Meeting Minutes, January 26, 2026 Special School Board Meeting Minutes, and February 2, 2026 Special School Board Meeting Minutes. **Retirement(s):** Gary Grove, MS/HS Language Arts Teacher. **Resignations:** Alma Rodriguez, MS/HS Paraprofessional, Hayden Molva, MS/HS Paraprofessional. **Hires:** Kayla Perschau, Elementary Paraprofessional, Izbeth Hernandez, MS/HS Office Assistant. **FMLA Requests:** Marina Jaquez, Health Services Paraprofessional, Jolene Bergs, Elementary Teacher. **Volunteer Coach:** Bryce Eggert, Baseball. **Staff Lane Changes:** Rachel Lang, BA to BA+10, DeAnn Morton, MA+10 to MA+20, Kysa Swedberg, BA to BA+10. **Fundraiser Requests:** New York/Washington, D.C. Social Studies Trip, Heggies Pizza Sales, Softball Program, Online Donation, Senior Class, Yard Sign Sales. Member Lueth moved, second by Member Hazelwood to approve the consent agenda. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Informational Items: Elementary School Playground Expansion - Klea Rettman, representative for the PCO, was present to provide an update on the fundraising, process and timeline regarding the elementary school playground expansion project their group has been leading. **FFA Update** - Ms. Brandt, FFA Advisor, and student representatives shared an update on the different activities, contests, and community projects their group has been involved with during the school year. They also shared a list of the remaining events they have occurring throughout the remainder of the school year.

Old/Unfinished Business: Building Bonds Refinancing/Resale - Aaron Bushberger of Ehlers presented a Presale Report regarding the refinancing of the district's 2015A bonds. **Budget Reductions/Adjustments:** Member Reid moved, second by Member Latzke to approve moving forward with budget planning which includes a 7-period day at the MS/HS and the 6th grade continuing to be housed in their current building. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

New Business: Member Lueth moved, second by Member Reid to approve the February 2026 bills and payments totaling \$3,443,505.64. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Member Homme moved, second by Member Hazelwood to approve the 3- year superintendent contract with Eric Martinez beginning on July 1, 2026. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Member Reid moved, second by Member Hazelwood to approve authorizing the superintendent to work with Wendel Companies and Ehlers to submit all the required information to the Commissioner of Education to Request Review and Comment for acquisition and/or betterment of school sites and facilities for the August 2026 election. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Member Homme moved, second by Member Hazelwood to approve the transportation agreement with 4.0 as presented. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Member Lueth moved, second by Member Latzke to approve the 2026 Junior Wolverines Summer Care Parent Handbook as presented. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Member Latzke moved, second by Homme to approve the 26-27 Sibley East Preschool Parent Handbook as presented. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Member Lueth moved, second by Member Homme to approve the 26-27 Sibley East Cub Care Parent Handbook as presented. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Member Reid moved, second by Member Hazelwood to approve the 26-27 Sibley East Junior Wolverines Care Parent Handbook as presented. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Member Hazelwood moved, second by Member Latzke to approve dissolution of the Girls Soccer Cooperative Agreement with Mayer Lutheran and Central High Schools. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Member Hazelwood moved, second by Member Lueth to approve a Girls Soccer Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement with Central High School. 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.

Board Reports: Finance Committee - Member Reid indicated everything had been covered in the meeting through the agenda items. Member Lueth provided an update on the Community Education and ECFE committee.

Donations: Member Reid moved, second by member Lueth to accept the following donations with gratitude: \$500.00, Gaylord Game Protective Gambling, Art Donation, \$100.00, Jackie and Greg Kennard, Sibley Scoop.

Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0

Other Information: School Board Work Session on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center at the Arlington Campus. The regular March School Board Meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center at the Arlington Campus.

Adjournment: Member Homme moved, second by Member Hazelwood to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Ashley Latzke - Board Vice-Chair

Jon Hazelwood - Board Clerk