

**SIBLEY EAST PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2310
ARLINGTON-GAYLORD-GREEN ISLE
ARLINGTON CAMPUS-AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.**

A call to order with a Salute to the Flag started the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Jon Hazelwood (left at 6:55 p.m.), Ashley Latzke (left at 6:55 p.m.), Greg Homme, Laura Reid, Sarah Ziegler and Rachel Lueth (arrived at 6:02) Members absent: None.

Approval of Agenda: Member Reid moved, second by Member Homme to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was approved. Vote: 5-0.

Visitor Comments: None

Consent Agenda: April 20, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes. **Retirements:** Marge Erickson, Elementary Office Assistant. **Resignations:** Tara Kilian, Elementary Teacher, Lyndsey Schultz, Elementary Paraprofessional, Amanda Feterl, Elementary Principal, Caroline Weber, Child Care Aide, Kevin Elton, MS/HS Student Success Coach, Shanise Bates, 9th Grade Volleyball Coach. **Hires:** Alex Philipsek, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective 8.25.26, Abigail Lee, Elementary Teacher, effective 8.25.26. **Fundraiser Request:** 2026 Goldcard Sales by the football program. **Fundraiser Accountability Reports:** Football program 2025 Goldcard Sales, Senior Class Yard Sign Sales. Member Latzke moved, second by Member Hazelwood to approve the consent agenda. Motion was approved. Vote: 6-0.

Visitor Comments: Rebecca Lindemann, District Resident, addressed the board regarding concerns she has related to student to student bullying at the MS/HS building, a lack of training of the staff, and the need for an anti-bullying program

Informational/Discussion Items: *Parent-Led, Peer-Led bullying program.* Superintendent Seifert shared information regarding current programs, which include Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports and the CharacterStrong programs that intended to support social-emotional learning, relationship building, character development and student well-being. Board members shared their thoughts on the topic. Superintendent Seifert will work with the incoming superintendent to explore programs that were shared during the visitor comment portion of the meeting and report back to the board at a later date.

Board Meeting Livestreaming/Recordings/Visitor Comments. The board had asked to review how the first year of livestreaming and recording of the meetings had gone. The overall feeling of the board was that the livestreaming and recording of meetings has been positive. A request was made during the discussion to review the current visitor comment language and allow visitors to address topics that are not an agenda item. There was then discussion of not livestreaming visitor comments due to the unknown topic. Superintendent Seifert will work with the policy committee and bring back some potential revisions to Policy 206, which deals with public participation on school board meetings.

Old Business: *Operating Referendum Discussion.* The board had requested more specific enhancements if an operating referendum passed and reductions if it didn't pass, which were provided by Superintendent Seifert. Tax impacts for three different dollar values of an operating referendum were discussed along with comparable information to neighboring districts. No action was taken.

New Business: Member Reid moved, second by Member Homme to approve the May 2026 bills and payments totaling \$1,497,685.88. Motion was approved. Vote: 4-0

Member Lueth moved, second by Member Reid, to approve the revised FY26 budget. Motion was approved. Vote: 4-0.

Member Homme moved, second by Member Lueth, to approve an employee agreement with SEIU 284 - Paraprofessionals for 26-27 and 27-28. Motion was approved. Vote: 4-0

Member Reid moved, second by Member Lueth, to approve restructuring the AD/Dean of Students and MS/HS Student Success Coach positions. Motion was approved. Vote: 4-0

Member Reid, moved, second by Member Homme to approve the resolution to transfer general fund dollars to a committed fund. Roll Call Vote: Homme - Yes, Lueth - Yes, Ziegler - Yes, Reid - Yes. Motion was approved. Vote: 4-0

Member Homme moved, second by Member Reid to approve membership in the Minnesota State High School League for the 26-27 school year. Motion was approved. Vote: 4-0.

Member Lueth moved, second by Member Homme to accept the bid from Alloy Insurance for property, general liability, auto liability, cyber, crime, school leaders errors/omissions and umbrella coverage. Motion was approved. Vote: 4-0

Member Reid moved, second by Member Lueth to approve two FFA overnight trip requests. Motion was approved. Vote: 4-0.

Administrative Reports: Amanda Feterl, elementary principal, provided a written report, and Jeremy Wagner, secondary principal and Lonnie Seifert, superintendent, provided verbal and written reports. During Seifert's report it was determined the public meeting related to the Bond Referendum Review and Comment Report would be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular June board meeting.

Board Reports: Finance Committee - Members Reid indicated everything had been covered in the meeting through the agenda items. Member Lueth provided a report on the most recent Community Education Advisory Committee meeting.

Donations: Member Homme moved, second by member Lueth, to accept the following donations with gratitude: \$2,000.00, Fidelity Charitable, FFA program, \$500.00, Doehling Farms, Inc., FFA program, \$500.00, 2B Continued, FFA program, \$250.00, Chelsey and Daniel Busse, FFA program, \$100.00, Split Enz Construction LLC, FFA program, \$250.00, Green Isle Lions, 5th grade Personal Hygiene Packs, \$500.00, Gaylord Fire Department/Fire Fighters, Crue's Crew Youth Wrestling Camp, \$500.00, Crystal Valley, FFA program, \$250.00, Arlington Lions Club, Track and Field Awards, \$250.00, Green Isle Lions Club, Track and Field Awards, \$500.00, Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce, Football program, \$50.00, Neil Winterfeldt Investments, Softball program. Motion was approved. Vote: 4-0

Other Information: The Regular April School Board Meeting will be Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center at the Arlington Campus.

Adjournment: Member Reid moved, second by Member Homme, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. Vote: 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Sarah Ziegler - Board Chair



Jon Hazelwood - Board Clerk