

Wabasha-Kellogg
School Board Organizational and Regular Meeting
January 8, 2025

Members present: Adams, Costello, Ender, Jeffery, Klennert, Meyer, Venz.

Members absent: None.

Administrators present: Onstad.

Visitors present: Frank Klennert, Kristi Kropp.

Students present: None.

The Regular Meeting of the School Board was called to order by Chair Michelle Meyer at 6:04 p.m. in the secondary media center.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Jeffery, seconded by Venz to approve Agenda. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Jeffery administered the ceremonial oath of office for new member Riley Costello.

Nominations were taken for elected officer positions. There was one nomination per position, being the same person who currently holds the position: Chair Michelle Meyer, Vice Chair Kent Jeffery, Clerk Sharleen Klennert, and Treasurer Tim Adams. Motion by Venz, seconded by Ender to elect these individuals. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Jeffery to authorize signers for checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit as follows: chair/clerk (facsimile), superintendent, and bookkeeper. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Venz, seconded by Adams to authorize credit card purchasers for Cardmember Services Visa as follows: Nels Onstad, Jean Feils, and Lisa Gillespie. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Jeffery, seconded by Venz to authorize credit card purchasers for Amazon American Express as follows: Mike Schumacher (account holder for technology purposes only), Jean Feils (account holder), Nels Onstad, and Lisa Gillespie. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Klennert, seconded by Ender to authorize credit card purchasers for Sam's Club Membership/Mastercard as follows: Jean Feils (account holder – District Office), Bridget Hoffman (School Readiness), and Chrysti Sartain (The Falcon Nest). Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Jeffery to set compensation for Board Members as presented. Second motion by Jeffery, seconded by Klennert to amend the motion to split the paraprofessional and classified negotiations (currently paid a total of \$500 for both), and pay \$500 for each of them. Motion to amend original motion carried 7-0-0. Original motion then carried 7-0-0.

Compensation as follows:

Chair: \$1,900.00

Vice Chair: \$1,800.00

Clerk: \$1,800.00

Treasurer: \$1,800.00

Member: \$1,600.00

Special and Committee Meeting Compensation per Meeting Off of School Grounds

(continuing education, training, etc.): \$60.00

Paraprofessional Negotiations: \$500.00

Classified Negotiations: \$500.00

Teacher Negotiations: \$500.00

Motion by Klennert, seconded by Venz to designate official entities as follows: Depository - WNB Financial; Newspaper - Wabasha County Herald; Attorney - Squires Waldsperger & Mace PA. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Klennert, seconded by Ender to set 2025 and 2026 meeting dates as presented for Regular Meetings, Work Sessions, Truth in Taxation Hearing, and Organizational Meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Klennert, seconded by Costello to designate members to committees as follows:

- Activities Advisory Committee – Jeffery, Meyer
- Administration Evaluation Negotiations Committee – Jeffery, Ender, Venz
- Board Grievance/Meet and Confer Committee – Klennert, Ender, Meyer, Wasmund
- Building & Grounds Committee – Costello, Venz, Adams
- Common Board Committee – City, County, School – Adams, Costello
- Community Education Advisory Committee – Jeffery, Venz
- Community Relations Committee – Jeffery, Meyer, Venz
- Delegate Assembly/Legislative Liaison - Jeffery
- Education Advisory Committee – Jeffery, Klennert, Ender
- Finance Committee – Jeffery, Adams, Venz
- Health & Safety Committee - Ender
- Hiawatha Valley Education District Representative - Klennert
- Insurance Committee - Adams
- Minnesota State High School League Representative - Jeffery
- Paraprofessional & Classified Negotiations Committee – Ender, Meyer, Venz
- Policy Committee – Klennert, Meyer, Venz, Wasmund
- Resource Selection Representative - Meyer
- Staff Development Advisory Committee –Costello, Ender, Wasmund
- Teacher Negotiations Committee – Ender, Jeffery, Meyer
- Technology Advisory Committee - Jeffery
- Transportation Committee – Klennert, Meyer, Costello
- Building Oversight Committee – Costello, Ender

- Wabasha County Family Services Collaborative (Appointed) – Klennert, Jeffery (alternate)
- Southeast Service Cooperative Representative (Elected - no current open position)
- Three Rivers Conference Representative (Elected - no current open position)
- Section 1A Committee Representative (Elected - no current open position)
- Food Service Advisory Committee (Unofficial) - Ender

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Jeffery, seconded by Adams to designate official posting locations as the District Office bulletin board and the school website. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Klennert, seconded by Ender to designate Nels Onstad as the IOwA designee for the District. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Klennert, seconded by Jeffery to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried 7-0-0.

- Approval of Minutes: December 18, 2024
- District Bills
- Personnel
 - Resignation: Dustin Jahnke (Custodian)
 - Resignation: Karrie Sell (Paraprofessional)
 - Lane Change: Natalie Thyren (BA+30 to BA+40)
 - New Hire: David Benedict (Custodian)
 - New Hire: Alliyah Mayhew (Long term substitute preschool teacher)

Motion by Venz, seconded by Adams to approve the policies below. Motion carried 7-0-0.

- Policy 403 – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees
- Policy 405 – Veterans Preference for Hiring
- Policy 407 – Exposure to Hazardous Substances
- Policy 420 – Students and Employees with Sexually Transmitted Infections and other Communicable Conditions
- Policy 509 – Enrollment of Nonresident Students

Motion by Klennert, seconded by Venz to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the READ Act. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Venz to approve Resolution to Direct Administration to Make Recommendations for Reduction in Programs and Positions Due to Declining Enrollment and Impending Finance. A roll call vote was taken with “yes” votes from Adams, Costello, Ender, Jeffery, Klennert, Meyer, and Venz. There were not any “no” votes. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Motion by Klennert, seconded by Adams to approve the Classified Master Agreement Motion carried 7-0-0.

Reports: Nels Onstad, Superintendent

Information Items:

- First Reading of Policies:
 - Policy 711 – Video Recording on School Buses
 - Policy 712 – Video Surveillance other than on Buses
 - Policy 714 – Fund Balances
- Plans for the MSBA Leadership conference were discussed.
- Points of Pride: Onstad, Meyer.
- There were no donations acknowledged at this meeting.

Board Reports: Food Service Advisory Committee (Ender)

Motion by Jeffery, seconded by Ender to Adjourn the Organizational and Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.