

**NORTHLAND LEARNING CENTER**  
**Joint Powers Board Agenda**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 15, 2024**  
**10:00 am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82671455312?pwd=cmFsSXErSzgzdGhaR2I1WWIEMFI5QT09>

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

1. Chris Lindholm will attend via Zoom from his office at the Cook County School.
2. Kevin Grover will attend via Zoom from his office at the International Falls School.
3. Peter Hardy will attend via Zoom from his office at Nett Lake School.

C. Approve Agenda

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

- D.1 Minutes from April 17, 2024, Regular meeting
- D.2 January-April 2024 Treasurer's Report
- D.3 Termination: Courtney Markkula, Paraprofessional – effective May 10,2024
- D.4 MSBA Policy 533
- D.5 Summer Credit Recovery
  - D5.1 Elizabeth Carroll, Teacher, ISD 695
  - D5.2 Rachel Hoopman, Teacher, ISD 712 Mt. Iron-Buhl
  - D5.3 Paul Brainard, Teacher, ISD 2909 Rock Ridge
  - D5.4 Melissa Fernandez, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County Schools
  - D5.5 Tricia Neubarth, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County Schools
- D.6 Summer Targeted Services
  - D6.1 Teresa Allen, Teacher, ISD 695 Chisholm
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  - D6.3 Megan Wognum, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
  - D6.4 Britt Axelsson, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
  - D6.5 Andrea Thomas, Teacher, ISD 696
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  - D6.7 Heather Durkin, Paraprofessional, ISD 696
  - D6.8 Kayci Dorman, Paraprofessional, ISD 696
  - D6.9 Ronda Puzel, Paraprofessional, ISD 696
  - D6.10 Alyssa Levar, Paraprofessional, ISD 696
- D.7 NLC ESY
  - D7.1 Sarah Callister – Paraprofessional

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- D7.5 Adrianna Panek – Paraprofessional
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- D7.7 Justine Shaw – Paraprofessional
- D7.8 Mary Stocco – Paraprofessional
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- D7.10 Terrance Switakewski- Paraprofessional
- D7.11 Amiah Akerson – Focus Teacher
- D7.12 Haley Bloomquist – Focus Teacher
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- D7.22 Laura Gregorich - ECSE Teacher
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- D7.24 Wendy Jordan - ECSE Teacher
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- D7.26 Amanda Claesson – Itinerant
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- E.2 Approve: Letter to Rock Ridge School Board
- E.3 Approve: Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement
- E.4 Approve: Revised school calendar
- E.5 Hire: Julie Fearing, 0.6 ALC Coordinator/0.4 ALC Teacher
- E.6 Hire: Mikayla Chromy, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Teacher
- E.7 Hire: Jenna Holtorf, Focus Mid-level Teacher
- E.8 Hire: Sophia Magnuson, Focus Elementary Teacher
- E.9 Hire: Amanda Murfin, Focus Elementary Teacher
- E.10 Hire: Elizabeth Oberstar, ECSE Teacher

- E.11 Hire: Jeff Zupetz, Dean of Students
- E.12 New Hire: Mary Stocco, Paraprofessional
- E.13 New Hire: Terrance Switajewski, Paraprofessional
- E.14 New Hire: Kelsey Rye, Achievement Assessor
- E.15 New Hire: Jamie Shermer, Achievement Assessor
- E.16 Contract: Soliant, Sondra Lee, Tele School Psychologist
- E.17 Contract: Soliant, Janeen Kleffman, Tele DHH Teacher
- E.18 Contract: Candace Nelis, Business Manager
- E.19 Contract: Interquest Detection Canines
- E.20 Contract: Assistant Special Ed Directors' Contract
- E.21 Contract: INAC
- E.22 ICS-Review and Comment

## **E. DISCUSSION**

- F.1 CEIS Updates
- F.2 School Psychologist-Student Support Aid
- F.3 Nextera Communications
- F.4 NLC Building Project Update

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## **COMMENTS**

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Mrs. Fearing is currently employed as an Long Term Substitute at the NLC. She received her bachelor's in communication/teaching communication arts and literature from the University of Minnesota Duluth. Her salary will be BA Step 5 on the Local 7308 Teacher Contract.
- E.6 Hire: Mikayla Chromy, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Teacher  
Contingent on getting tier advancement through PELSB.
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Mr. Zupetz is currently employed by the NLC as an EBD Elementary Focus Teacher.
- E.12 New Hire: Mary Stocco, Paraprofessional  
Ms. Stocco previously worked as a Shelter Manager for the Mesabi Humane Society. Her starting salary will be at 85% of the AFSCME contract rate.
- E.13 New Hire: Terrance Switajewski, Paraprofessional  
Mr. Switajewski was previously employed as a Paraprofessional at Northeast Range School. His starting salary will be at 100% of the AFSCME contract rate.
- E.14 New Hire: Kelsey Rye, Achievement Assessor  
Ms. Rye was previously employed as a Special Education Teacher for the Winter School District. Her starting salary will BA Step 1 on the Local 7308 Teacher Contract.
- E.15 New Hire: Jamie Shermer, Achievement Assessor  
Ms. Shermer is currently working as a Teachers on Call Substitute Teacher and Substitute Para. She obtained her bachelor's in psychology from the University of Wisconsin Superior. Her starting salary will be BA step 1 on the Local 7308 Teacher Contract.
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