

**NORTHLAND LEARNING CENTER**  
**Joint Powers Board Agenda**  
**REVISED**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 20, 2023**  
**10:00 am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83368273575?pwd=V0ZkY1RxQUIvRTF0bGpYSEg1WmNldz09>

**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. Anne Oelke will attend via Zoom from her office at the Ely School.~~

**C. Approve Agenda**

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

- D.1 Minutes from August 16, 2023, Regular meeting
- D.2 Retirement: Cindy Schloesser, Paraprofessional
- D.3 Resignations
  - D3.1 Samantha Strub, Paraprofessional
  - D3.2 Amy Olson, Paraprofessional
  - D3.3 Krista Huewe, Paraprofessional
  - D3.4 Amber Bialczak, Paraprofessional**
  - D3.5 Lisa Shaw, Paraprofessional**
- D.4 Targeted Services
  - D4.1 Sarah Houtkooper, Teacher, ISD 701 Hibbing Middle/High School
  - D4.2 Emily Erickson, Teacher, ISD 701 Hibbing Middle/High School
  - D4.3 Erin Peitso, Teacher, ISD 2142 Northeast Range
  - D4.4 Kim Yuretich, Teacher, ISD 695 Chisholm
  - D4.5 Lisa Sodren, Teacher, ISD712 Mt. Iron-Buhl
  - D4.6 Melissa Lamma, Paraprofessional, ISD 2711 Mesabi East
  - D4.7 Orlend Menze, Teacher, ISD 2711 Mesabi East**
  - D4.8 Cynthia Marturano, Teacher, ISD 701 Lincoln Elementary**
  - D4.9 Carolee Hagen, Teacher, ISD 701 Lincoln Elementary**
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- D.5 Credit Recovery
  - D5.1 Paul Brainard, Teacher, ISD 2909 Rock Ridge High School
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  - D5.7 Melissa Lamppa, Paraprofessional, ISD 2711 Mesabi East
- D.6 NLC Homebase Teacher: Amiah Akerson

## E. ACTION ITEMS

- E.1 Approve lane changes
  - E1.1 Melinda Asuma, Focus Elementary Teacher  
Move from MA, Step 7 to MA+15, Step 7
  - E1.2 Grant Sparstad, School Psychologist  
Move from MA+15, Step 2 to MA+30, Step 2
  - E1.3 Haley Bloomquist, Focus Elementary Teacher  
Move from BA+15, Step 6 to MA, Step 6
- E.2 New Hire: Amiah Akerson, ASD Focus Elementary Teacher
- E.3 Paraprofessional New Hires at 85% of the AFSCME contract rate
  - E3.1 Michael Teska
  - E3.2 Ashlea Johnston
- E.4 Paraprofessional New Hire at 90% of the AFSCME contract rate
  - E4.1 Marlina Crank
- E.5 Paraprofessional New Hire at 100% of the AFSCME contract rate
  - E5.1 Katie Lockwood
- E.6 Hire: Linda Bajan, Long Term Substitute ECSE Teacher, Tower-Soudan & Northeast Range
  - E.7 Contract: Odysseyware (Imagine Learning)
- E.8 James Madison finalized lease contract
- E.9 ~~Rescind job offers~~ **Termination** due to not following through with the hire process:
  - E9.1 Kelsey Rye, ECSE Teacher
  - E9.2 Marissa Scholar, Paraprofessional
- E.10 Approve AEOA Head Start & NLC ECSE FY24 agreement**

## F. DISCUSSION

- F.1 Payment Expectation/Process to the NLC
- F.2 IRRRB Grant & 1404 Update
- F.3 PD Inservices Reflections
- F.4 Google Voice for Itinerants
  - F.5 Long-term sub policy/contract
- F.6 Technology at the NLC-laptops, phones, PDF licenses

## G. INFORMATION

- G.1 CEIS Update
- G.2 NLC Roles & Responsibilities & Who to go to

- G.3 NLC Program Workflows
- G.4 NLC 23-24 Flow Chart

## **H. Director's Report**

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I. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

J. Closed meeting to discuss negotiations.

K. Approve to end Closed Meeting

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## **COMMENTS**

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Ms. Akerson was previously employed as a Special Education Teacher for Willmar Public Schools. She has her bachelor's degree in K-12 Special Education from Concordia University - Nebraska. Her salary will be \$47,757 (BA, Step 2) pending contract negotiations.
- E.3 Paraprofessional New Hires at 85% of the AFSCME contract rate
  - E3.1 Michael Teska  
Mr. Teska is currently employed by GSSC Midwest Patrol as a security officer & at Lucky Seven as a cashier.
  - E3.2 Ashlea Johnston  
Ms. Johnston is currently employed with DRCC as a direct support professional.
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Ms. Crank is currently employed by Hardees as a Shift Lead. She is attending Colorado Technical University, studying Criminal Justice.
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  - E5.1 Katie Lockwood  
Ms. Lockwood was previously employed by Art Unlimited as an Operations Assistant. She received her Informational Management Specialist Program Associates degree from Mesabi Community & Technical College.
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**Total for the year is \$33,000. This is a \$500 increase from last year.**
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