

**NORTHLAND LEARNING CENTER**  
**Joint Powers Board Meeting**  
August 16, 2023  
10:00 AM

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**A.** Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Engebritson

**B.** Roll Call

Members Present:    ISD# 361 Kevin Grover  
                          ISD# 695 Mark Morrison  
                          ISD# 696 Anne Oelke  
                          ISD# 707 Peter Hardy  
                          ISD# 712 Dr. Reggie Engebritson  
                          ISD# 2142 Dr. Reggie Engebritson  
                          ISD# 2711 Dr. Jeff Burgess

Members Absent:    ISD# 166 Chris Lindholm  
                          ISD# 2909 Dr. Noel Schmidt

Others in attendance:    Katie Heimdal & Christine Hautala

**C. APPROVE AGENDA**

Hardy moved approval; Burgess supported.  
Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes;  
Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent  
Motion carried.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

- D.1 Minutes from July 19, 2023, Regular meeting
  - D.2 Medical Leave of Absence: Kayla Evans, ECSE Teacher
  - D.3 Retirement: Carol Thomas, Paraprofessional
  - D.4 Resignations
    - D4.1 Ebony VanAnda, Paraprofessional
    - D4.2 Andrea Ross, Paraprofessional
    - D4.3 Laura Rust, ALC Teacher
  - D.5 NLC ESY
    - D5.1 Jamie Adamiak, Paraprofessional
    - D5.2 Amber Bialczak, Paraprofessional
    - D5.3 Adriana Panek, Paraprofessional
    - D5.4 Briann Wytaske, Paraprofessional
- Hardy moved approval; Morrison supported.

Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes;  
Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent  
Motion carried.

## **E. ACTION ITEMS**

- E.1 Approve James Madison Building Lease Agreement  
Pending receipt of agreement from Rock Ridge.  
The finalized agreement will be on the September board agenda.
- E.2 Contract: AFSCME FY23-25  
Grover moved approval; Hardy supported.  
Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes;  
Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent  
Motion carried.
- E.3 Contract: FY23-24 River of Life Rehab, LLC. – Anna Sorenson,  
Occupational Therapy Services  
\$58/hour + mileage reimbursement. The rate increased by \$3/hour from last  
year.  
Contract is in your packet.  
Hardy moved approval; Grover supported.  
Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes;  
Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent  
Motion carried.
- E.4 MREA Renewal  
\$650 one year term fee  
Morrison moved approval; Burgess supported.  
Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes;  
Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent  
Motion carried.
- E.5 New Hire: Melanie Weber, Physical Therapist  
Ms. Weber recently received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from the  
College of St. Scholastica. Her salary will be \$67,509 (MA+60, Step 1) pending  
contract negotiations.  
Oelke moved approval; Hardy supported.  
Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes;  
Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent  
Motion carried.
- E.6 New Hire: Kimberly Griffin, BTI Teacher  
Ms. Griffin was previously employed by ISD2142 as an Elementary Special  
Education teacher at Northeast Range. Her salary will be \$53,418 (BA, Step 7)  
pending contract negotiations.  
Oelke moved approval; Morrison supported.  
Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes;  
Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent  
Motion carried.
- E.7 New Hire: Rachel Eisenhuth, Physical Therapist

Ms. Eisenhuth is currently employed as a Physical Therapist at Essentia Health. She received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Concordia University. Her salary will be \$73,190 (MA+60, Step 5) pending contract negotiations.

Oelke moved approval; Hardy supported.

Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes; Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent

Motion carried.

E.8 New Hire: Elizabeth Oberstar, ECSE Teacher

Ms. Oberstar was recently employed by ISD 2142 as an Elementary Special Education teacher. She received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary & Pre-primary Education from the University of Minnesota, Mankato.

Her salary will be \$49,111 (BA, Step 3) pending contract negotiations.

Hardy moved approval; Burgess supported.

Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes; Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent

Motion carried.

E.9 Paraprofessional New Hires at 85% of the AFSCME contract rate

E9.1 Adriana Panek

Ms. Panek is currently employed by Target as a team member.

E9.2 Brieann Wytaske

Ms. Wytaske was previously employed by Target as a Consumable Team Member.

E9.3 Marissa Scholar

E9.4 Brittany Johnson

Ms. Johnson is currently employed by Target as a service & engagement team member.

Burgess moved approval; Hardy supported.

Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes; Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent

Motion carried.

E.10 Paraprofessional New Hires at 100% of the AFSCME contract rate

E10.1 Stephanie Bloomquist

Ms. Bloomquist has been employed with the NLC since March 2023 as a substitute paraprofessional. She will work 28.75 hours per week beginning the start of the 23-24 SY.

E10.2 Sheryl Raad

Ms. Raad has been employed with the NLC as a Physical Therapist Assistant. She will work 28.75 hours per week beginning the start of the 23-24 SY at BTI.

E10.3 Amber Bialczak

Ms. Bialczak is currently employed by Walmart as a Cashier/Customer Service/Team Lead. She has her Associate of Arts degree from Mesabi Range College.

Morrison moved approval; Grover supported.

Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes; Engebritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent

Motion carried.

E.11 Hire: Carol Thomas, Substitute Paraprofessional

Hardy moved approval; Morrison supported.

Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes;

Engelbritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent

Motion carried.

E.12 New Hire: Kelsey Rye, ECSE Teacher

Ms. Rye was previously employed by Winter School District as a

High School Case Manager. She received her Bachelor's degree in Human

Development & Family Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Her salary will be BA+15, Step 1, pending receipt of transcripts.

Oelke moved approval; Morrison supported.

Lindholm – absent; Grover – yes; Morrison – yes; Oelke – yes; Hardy – yes;

Engelbritson – yes; Burgess – yes; Schmidt – absent

Motion carried.

**F. DISCUSSION**

F.1 Member District Debt

F.2 CEIS Funding Options

**G. INFORMATION**

G.1 Maintenance of Effort

G.2 1404 Update

**H. Director's Report**

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**I. Adjournment – Next meeting: September 20, 2023**

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am