

NORTHLAND LEARNING CENTER

Joint Powers Board Meeting

May 21, 2025

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# 166 Chris Lindholm
 ISD# 361 Beth Shermoen
 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#2909 Dr. Noel Schmidt

Others in attendance: Jackie Ward, Shelly Moe

C. Approve Agenda

Lindholm moved approval; Hardy supported. Motion carried.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

- D.1 Minutes from April 16, 2025, Regular meeting
- D.2 January - March 2025 Board bills/Treasurer's Report
- D.3 NLC ESY
 - D3.1 Michelle Hoffman Robinson, Focus Teacher
 - D3.2 Sophia Horvat, Focus Teacher
 - D3.3 Amanda Murfin, Focus Teacher
 - D3.4 Cassie Schick, Focus Teacher
 - D3.5 Haley Bloomquist, Focus Teacher
 - D3.6 Tyler Voight, Focus Teacher
 - D3.7 Jeff Zupetz, Focus Teacher
 - D3.8 Eric Larson, Focus Teacher

- D3.9 Justine Shaw, Paraprofessional
- D3.10 Gabrielle Everson, Paraprofessional
- D3.11 Ashlea Johnston, Paraprofessional
- D3.12 Madison Sundbom, Paraprofessional
- D3.13 Katie Lockwood, Paraprofessional
- D3.14 Casey Smith, Paraprofessional
- D.4 Summer Credit Recovery
 - D4.1 Kim Yuretich, Teacher, ISD 695 Chisholm
 - D4.2 Paul Brainard, Teacher, ISD 2909 Rock Ridge
 - D4.3 Melissa Fernandez, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County – South Ridge
 - D4.4 Tricia Neubarth, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County – South Ridge
 - D4.5 Dawn Merrill, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County – Northeast Range
 - D4.6 Rachel Swanson, Teacher, ISD 712 Mt. Iron Buhl
 - D4.7 Amy Hultman, Teacher, ISD 712 Mt. Iron Buhl
 - D4.8 Mike McHugh, Teacher, ISD 166 Cook County
 - D4.9 Kelly Kotowicz, Teacher, ISD 166 Cook County
- D.5 Summer Targeted Services
 - D5.1 Elizabeth Carroll, Teacher, ISD 695 Chisholm
 - D5.2 Megan Wognum, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
 - D5.3 Karin Schmidt, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
 - D5.4 Amanda Nelson, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
 - D5.5 Andrea Thomas, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
 - D5.6 Heather Durkin, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
 - D5.7 Mindy Jacobsen, Teacher, ISD 166 Cook County
 - D5.8 Lacey Smith, Teacher, ISD 166 Cook County
 - D5.9 Jamie Herzmann, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County – Cherry
 - D5.10 Jean Virant, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County - Cherry
- D.6 Resignation: Mike Vaerconum, Paraprofessional, effective April 17, 2025
- D.7 Resignation: Marlina Crank, Paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2025
- D.8 Resignation: Carrie Victor, Speech Language Pathologist, effective June 30, 2025
- D.9 Resignation: Katie Thelen, Occupational Therapist, effective June 30, 2025
- D.10 Resignation: Stacie Baribeau, BTI Teacher, effective June 30, 2025
- D.11 Leave of Absence: Maggie West Johnson, School Psychologist, Parental Leave
Nicole Erickson, School Psychologist, Parental Leave
- D.12 Contract: Range Mental Health Services 2025-2026
- D.13 Contract: Interquest Detection Canines 2025-2026

Hardy moved approval; Burgess supported. Motion carried.

E. ACTION ITEMS

- E.1 New Hire: Tricia McKay Fierst, School Counselor 2025-2026
Burgess moved approval; Hardy supported. Motion carried.
- E.2 New Hire: Bailey Sickel, Speech Language Pathologist 2025-2026
Burgess moved approval; Hardy supported. Motion carried.
- E.3 Hire: Mikayla Chromy, Deaf Hard of Hearing Teacher 2025-2026
Hardy moved approval; Burgess supported. Motion carried.
- E.4 Hire: Elizabeth Oberstar, ECSE 2025-2026
Hardy moved approval; Burgess supported. Motion carried.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

G. Closed Meeting: Teacher's Union and AFSCME Negotiations

H. Return to regular meeting

I. Adjournment – 10:18am

Next meeting: ~~June 18, 2025~~ June 11, 2025