

NORTHLAND LEARNING CENTER

Joint Powers Board Agenda

Regular Meeting

July 16, 2025

10:00 am

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A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

1. Chris Lindholm, ISD# 166 Cook County Schools
2. Beth Shermoen, ISD# 361 International Falls
3. Unfilled, ISD# 695Chisholm
4. Anne Oelke, ISD# 696 Ely
5. Peter Hardy, ISD# 707 Nett Lake
6. Dr. Reggie Engebritson, ISD# 712 Mt. Iron Buhl
7. Dr. Reggie Engebritson, ISD# 2142 St. Louis County Schools
8. Dr. Jeff Burgess, ISD# 2711 Mesabi East
9. Dr. Noel Schmidt, ISD# 2909 Rock Ridge

C. Approve Agenda

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- D.3 American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Annual Compliance
- D.4 Leave of Absence: Laura Gregorich, ECSE
- D.5 Resignation: Hannah Helander, Special Education Coordinator
- D.6 Contract: Soliant, Janeen Kleffman, Tele DHH 25-26 School Year
- D.7 Contract: Soliant, Tripat Simran Grewal, Physical Therapist
May 31,2025- August 31,2025
- D.8 Lane Change: Mikayla Chromy, DHH, BA+15 Step 4 to MA+15 Step 4
- D.9 Rock Ridge Cooperative Withdrawal

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- E.3 New Hire: Kraig Konietzko, Dean of Students 2025-2026

- E.4 New Hire: Noel Cordero, Mid-Level Focus Teacher
- E.5 New Hire: Nissa Whipple, High School Focus Teacher

F. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

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Ms. Virant was previously employed with St. Louis County Schools as Title I Instructor at Cherry and Northwoods Campuses. She has obtained her master's degree in Elementary Education as the College of St. Scholastica. Her salary will reflect MA Step 10 on the Local 7308 Teacher Contract. (\$79,385.)
- E.3 New Hire: Kraig Konietzko, Dean of Students 2025-2026
Mr. Konietzko was previously employed at Moose Lake Community School as their Elementary Principal. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from University of Minnesota Duluth, Master of Teaching Math and Science K-6, and

his K-12 Principal Licensure from St. Mary's University of Minnesota. Mr. Konietzko will be following the Local 7308 Teacher Contract, 190 days with a salary of \$85,163.

- E.4 New Hire: Noel Cordero, Mid-Level Focus Teacher
Ms. Cordero is employed at the East Range Academy of Technology and Science as a school director. She has obtained her in Communication Arts/Literature from National University California. Her salary will reflect MA 15 Step 8 on the Local 7308 Teacher Contract. (\$77,182.)
- E.5 New Hire: Nissa Whipple, High School Focus Teacher
Ms. Whipple was previously employed at Cloquet High School as Restorative Practices Coordinator. She has obtained her Master in Math and Communication Arts/Literature from Hamline University. She has also obtained her Principal k-12 Licensure through University of Wisconsin Superior. Ms. Whipple's salary will reflect MA +30 Step 10 (\$81,978.)

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