NORTHLAND LEARNING CENTER

Joint Powers Board Agenda
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2025
10:00 am

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Meeting ID: 838 8705 0258 Passcode: 78jcUf

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

1. Chris Lindholm, ISD# 166 Cook County Schools
2. Beth Shermoen, ISD# 361 International Falls
3. Lisa Perkovich, 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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 Minutes from July 16, 2025, Regular meeting
D.2 Minutes from August 4,2025, Special Session
D.3 Contract: Carol Skoe, 2025-2026 PHD/DAPE Contract
D.4 Contract: Nursing Services September 2, 2025-December 18 2025
D.5 Contract: Northern Minnesota Dental FY 26
D.6 Elimination of Positions 0.6 FTE ALC Teacher / 0.4 FTE ALC Coordinator
D.7 Hire: Julie Fearing, 1.0 FTE ALC Teacher
D.8 Resignation: Brieann Wytaske, Paraprofessional
D.9 Resignation: Ebony VanAnda, Paraprofessional
D.10 Resignation: Carolyn Poitra, Food Service Worker

E. ACTION ITEMS

E.1	New Hire:	McCartney Kaercher, Paraprofessional
		Angelina Frazee, Paraprofessional
		Zianna Espinoza, Paraprofessional
E.2	Contract:	AFCSME 2025-2027
E.3	Contract:	Melissa Maki, Excutive Director's Assistant 2025-2027
E.4	Contract:	Christi Sickel and Tina Fredrickson, Assistant Directors 2025-2027
E.5	Contract:	Dano Hess Swenson, Intervention Specialist 2025-2027
E.6	Contract:	Shelly Moe, HR/Payroll Specialist 2025-2027
E.6	Contract:	Christine Hautala, CEIS SY 26

F. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

F.1 Construction Update

F.2 Nursing Services

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

H. Adjournment – Next meeting: September 17, 2025

COMMENTS

D. CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 Minutes from July 16, 2025, Regular meeting

D.2 Minutes from August 4,2025, Special Session

D.3 Contract: Carol Skoe, 2025-2026 PHD/DAPE Contract

Ms. Skoe is a Physical Health Disability Teacher/Consultant that provides services to several districts within the cooperative. Chisholm, St. Louis County Schools (Cherry, Northeast Range) Cook County Schools, and Ely. This year she is looking to provide additional DAPE services in International Falls.

D.4 Contract: Nursing Services September 2, 2025-December 18 2025

NLC has contracted nursing services from St. Louis County Schools. This contract reflects September through December 2025. NLC tentatively has a nurse candidate that will be available late December 2025.

D.5 Contract: Northern Minnesota Dental FY 26
NLC receives dental insurance through Northern Dental INC every year. The contracted rates remain as in the previous school year with no increase in premiums or contributions. Single rate $32.95 and family rate set at $87.35

D.6 Elimination of Positions 0.6 FTE ALC Teacher / 0.4 FTE ALC Coordinator
The 0.6 ALC Teacher / 0.4 ALC Coordinator position has been eliminated due to a lack of ongoing need for coordinator duties within the program.

D.7 Hire: Julie Fearing, 1.0 FTE ALC Teacher
Previously was hired for the 0.6 FTE ALC Teacher/0.4 FTE ALC Coordinator.

D.8 Resignation: Brieann Wytaske, Paraprofessional

D.9 Resignation: Ebony VanAnda, Paraprofessional

D.10 Resignation: Carolyn Poitra, Food Service Worker

E. ACTION ITEMS

E.1 New Hire: McCartney Kaercher, Paraprofessional
Ms. Kaercher was currently employed by Apple Tree Learning Center as an Assistant/Lead Teacher and previously a paraprofessional in Ely. Ms.Kaercher's pay rate will reflect 90% of the AFSCME Union contract rate.

Angelina Frazee, Paraprofessional
Ms. Frazee was previously employed as a Shift manager at Hardees. Ms. Frazze's pay rate will reflect the 85% of the AFSCME Contract

Zianna Espinoza, Paraprofessional
Ms. Espinoza is currently employed at Carefree Living as a Resident Assistant and previously a paraprofessional at Guymon Public Schools in Oklahoma. Ms. Espinoza's pay rate will reflect the 90% of The AFSCME Contract

E.2 Contract: AFCSME 2025-2027

E.3 Contract: Melissa Maki, Executive Director's Assistant 2025-2027

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