

OFFICIAL MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

Board of Education
Independent School District No. 423
April 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Garrett Luthens called to order the special meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 423, Hutchinson, MN, at 7:01 am in the conference room of the District Office.

ROLL CALL - Tiffany Barnard (arrived at 7:31 am), Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead (arrived at 7:02 am), and Sara Pollmann. Also present was Dan Deitte, Superintendent; Becky Boll, Director of Business and Finance; Michael Scott, Director of Teaching and Learning; and Tina Vorlicek, recording secretary. Members absent: none.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Chair Garrett Luthens led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comments regarding agenda items were offered.

RESOLUTION REDUCING AND DISCONTINUING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS (Luthens) – Chair Garrett Luthens introduced the resolution.

Resolution Reducing and Discontinuing Educational Programs and Positions

WHEREAS the School Board of Independent District No. 423 adopted a resolution on January 8, 2024 directing the Administration to make recommendations regarding the reduction and/or discontinuance of programs and positions, and

WHEREAS, said recommendations have been received and considered by the School Board,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, as follows:

That the following programs and positions, or portions thereof, be discontinued:

1. .5 Reading Interventionist - West Elementary
2. 1.0 ESL Teacher - District-wide
3. 1.0 Classroom Teacher - Tiger Elementary
4. 1.0 Reading Interventionist - Tiger Elementary
5. 2.0 Classroom Teachers - Park Elementary
6. 1.0 Reading Interventionist - Middle School
7. 2.0 Reading Interventionist Education Assistants - Middle School
8. .5 English Teacher - High School
9. .5 Business Teacher - High School
10. .5 Music Teacher - District-wide
11. 1.0 Building Supervisor - District-wide

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Michael Massmann and duly seconded by Sara Pollman, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Tiffany Barnard, Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION NONRENEWING A PROBATIONARY TEACHER (Luthens) – Chair Garrett Luthens introduced the resolutions.

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

WHEREAS, Ross Ashburn is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 51 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of Ross Ashburn, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective May 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Danny Olmstead and duly seconded by Michael Massmann, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Chandler is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 51 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of Elizabeth Chandler, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective May 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Erin Knudtson and duly seconded by Michael Massmann, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

WHEREAS, Michele Jozwick is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 51 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of Michele Jozwick, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective May 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Danny Olmstead and duly seconded by Sara Pollmann, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Erin Knudtson,

Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

Board Chair Garrett Luthens introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Morgan Kingsley is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 51 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of Morgan Kingsley, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective May 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Michael Massmann and duly seconded by Erin Knudtson, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

Board Chair Garrett Luthens introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Genevieve Paggen is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 51 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of Genevieve Paggen, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective May 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Danny Olmstead and duly seconded by Michael Massmann, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

Board Chair Garrett Luthens introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Kathryn Sisson is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 51 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of Kathryn Sisson, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective May 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Garrett Luthens and duly seconded by Danny Olmstead, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

Board Chair Garrett Luthens introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Taylor Tollefson is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 51 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of Taylor Tollefson, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective May 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Erin Knudtson and duly seconded by Michael Massmann, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

Board Chair Garrett Luthens introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Matthew VonBerge is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 51 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of Matthew VonBerge, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective May 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Erin Knudtson and duly seconded by Sara Pollmann, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution Nonrenewing a Probationary Teacher

Board Chair Garrett Luthens introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Kari Wendroth is a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 51 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of Kari Wendroth, a probationary teacher in Independent District No. 423, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective May 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Michael Massmann and duly seconded by Danny Olmstead, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution Proposing Placement of a Continuing Contract/Tenured Teacher on Unrequested Leave of Absence (Luthens) – Chair Garrett Luthens introduced the resolution.

**Resolution Proposing Placement of a Continuing Contract/Tenured
Teacher on Unrequested Leave of Absence**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent District No. 423, as follows:

That it is proposed that Dennis Piechowski, a continuing contract/tenured teacher of said District, be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective May 30, 2024. Said action is taken in accordance with the District master agreement and pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 10.1 upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows: financial limitations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of proposed placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher and that an affidavit of the same be placed in the teacher's personnel file with a copy of the notice and resolution.

The motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Michael Massmann and duly seconded by Erin Knudtson, and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER (Deitte) - Moved by Erin Knudtson, seconded by Sara Pollmann, with all members present voting nay, to designate an official newspaper. Moved by Michael Massmann, seconded by Danny Olmstead, with all members present voting aye, to table designating an official newspaper until the June 10, 2024 regular meeting, pending potential new legislation.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT (Boll) - Moved by Michael Massmann, seconded by Sara Pollmann, with all members present voting aye, to approve the Administrative employment contract for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT - Moved by Michael Massmann, seconded by Danny Olmstead, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the special meeting at 7:40 am.



Garrett Luthens, Chair

5/13/2024

Date



Tiffany Barnard, Clerk

5/13/2024

Date