

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES – WORK SESSION**

Board of Education  
Independent School District No. 423  
February 24, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Garrett Luthens called to order the work session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 423, Hutchinson, MN, at 5:31 pm in the conference room at the District Office.

**ROLL CALL** - Members present: Diane Jankowski, Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead, and Sara Pollmann. Also present were Dan Deitte, Superintendent; Becky Boll, Director of Business Finance; Michael Scott, Director of Teaching and Learning; and Tina Vorlicek, recording secretary. Members absent: none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No public comments were received.

**PREPARATION FOR TECHNOLOGY AND OPERATING LEVIES PRESENTATION (Boll)** - Becky Boll, Director of Business and Finance, provided an overview of the information that will be presented by Ehlers Public Finance Advisors at the Special meeting about technology and operating levies. The services Ehler's provides was compared and contrasted to school board/administrative duties during an election period.

**2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR** - Board feedback for the 2025-2026 academic calendar includes reinstating inclement weather make up days (for students and staff, no e-learning days) and keeping early releases on Wednesdays for at least one more year. The Board will also prioritize looking at school start times for the 2026-2027 school year (potentially flip flopping elementary and secondary start times). Danny Olmstead recommends two Board members on the Calendar committee (the representative from the previous year and the new representative to provide continuity/history).

**SCHOOL BOARD SELF EVALUATION / BOARD GOALS (Board)** - The Board reviewed each question on the 2024 School Board Self Evaluation summary and selected four items to work on as Board goals. 1. All Board members attend Board and committee meetings on a regular basis. 2. The Board works collectively (as opposed to individually). 3. The Board sets goals for the Administration (as opposed to micromanaging - set policy, not try to implement policy). 4. Board members make decisions for present and future needs of the district and community. A goal identified previously, Finance: sustainable stability, was defined as maintaining a balanced budget and meeting fund balance policy through the modified zero based budgeting process. Advocacy (student voice, state/national legislative leaders, innovation), was also discussed. Danny Olmstead has been working with high school administration to better define the role and expectations of the student Board representative. Sara Pollmann will draft a proposal to create a legislative action team. At the April or May work session, Board members will be asked to provide an update on how they have been/are advocating for the District. Erin Knudtson will develop all of these items into potential Board goals and also evaluate/update the evaluation questions for 2025.

**ADJOURN** - Moved by Danny Olmstead, seconded by Michael Massmann, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:12 pm.



Garrett Luthens, Chair

3/17/2025

Date



Michael Massmann, Clerk

3/17/2025

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