

OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

March 23, 2026

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Garrett Luthens called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 423, Hutchinson, MN, at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Center.

ROLL CALL - Members present: Diane Jankowski, Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, and Sara Pollmann. Also present were Dan Deitte, Superintendent; Becky Boll, Director of Business Finance; Michael Scott, Director of Teaching and Learning; Tina Vorlicek, recording secretary; and Student Representatives Ava Knorr and Eleanor Barnard. Members absent were Michael Massmann and Danny Olmstead.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments were offered.

CONSENT AGENDA – Moved by Erin Knudtson, seconded by Diane Jankowski, with all members present voting aye, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the minutes of the February 23, 2026 regular meeting and March 18, 2026 special meeting.
- Ratified the February 5, 2026 through February 28, 2026 claims in the amount of \$2,197.3901.23 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:

Change in Assignment

Arndt, Alyssa - Cook Assistant, Middle School, 2/18/26
Buckentin, Jocelynn - Social Studies Teacher, Middle School, 8/24/26
Defries, Sandra - Special Education Assistant Bus Rider, Transition Assistance Program, 11/17/25
Defries, Sandra - Special Education Assistant Bus Rider, West Elementary, 1/13/26
Ludowese, Joyce - Education Assistant, Student Supervisor, Tiger Elementary, 9/1/25

Community Education

Larson, Hailey - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/9/26-8/7/26

Extra-Curricular

Higgins, Troy - Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach, High School, 3/16/26

Leaves of Absence (full or intermittent)

Husted, Sheila - Cook, High School, 1/6/26-4/6/26
Lee, Meghan - Special Education Assistant, Transition Assistance Program, 1/21/26-1/21/27
Lundin, Michelle - Grade 1 Teacher, West Elementary, 12/8/25-4/13/26
Myers-Reinarts, Mary - Early Childhood Coordinator, West Elementary, 3/19/26-6/21/26
Speikers, Stephanie - Cook, High School, 1/20/26-2/9/26

New

Card, Todd - Long-term Substitute Business Teacher, High School, 3/16/26-6/5/26
Ewing, Gregory - Interim Activities Director, High School, 3/9/26-6/30/26
Ilag, Romel - Education Assistant ELL, West Elementary, 3/24/26
Schmidt, Brittany - Counselor, High School, 8/24/26

Resignations

Bayerl, Mackenzie - Special Education Teacher, Transition Assistance Program, 3/25/26
Cordie, Brian - Custodian, Middle School, 2/27/26

Retirement

Maiers, Kristine - Grade 5 Teacher, Park Elementary, 6/5/26
Mohr, Monica - Social Studies Teacher, Middle School, 6/5/26

Targeted Service

Wacholz, Larissa - Teacher, Park Elementary, 2/17/26-5/1/26

- Approved the seniority lists.
 - HESP - Full-time, Part-time
- Approved extended field trip

- REACH - May 8-9, 2026, Duluth

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS - Ava Knorr and Eleanor Barnard provided student highlights.

TIGER TIME - Dan Olberg, Park Elementary Principal, provided a recap of the Park TIGERS Positive Behavior Program.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE - Dan Deitte, Superintendent, provided an update.

DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE (Scott) - Michael Scott, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided District highlights and an update from the past month.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE UPDATE - Rebecca Boll, Director of Business and Finance, will provide an update with the 2025-2026 budget revision.

ACHIEVEMENT AND INTEGRATION PLAN (Deitte) – Moved by Sara Pollmann, seconded by Diane Jankowski with all members present voting aye, to approve the achievement and integration plan for 2026-2029.

2025-2026 BUDGET REVISION (Boll) - Moved by Sara Pollmann, seconded by Erin Knudton, with all members present voting aye, to approve the 2025-2026 budget revision as presented.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS - 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: Diane Jankowski, Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: non. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Committee reports were presented as follows:

- Facilities (Jankowski) - The committee discussed the Tiger windows, roof replacements, the auto shop lift was replaced, the stage curtains are being replaced, the tennis court pole is being fixed, work on the pool will take place at the end of April, and a summer project involving the west kitchen.
- Finance (Pollmann) - The committee discussed the February revenues are at 61% and expenses are at 60% of the budget; both on track.
- Parks, Recreation & Community Education (Knudtson) - The committee heard about senior center activities and the summer brochure is out and registration opens April 8.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS -

- **School Board Work Session** - April 13, 2026, 5:30 pm, District Office Conference Room
- **School Board Regular Meeting** - April 27, 2026, 5:30 pm, City Center
- **School Board Special Meeting** - April 29, 2026, 5:30 pm, District Office Conference Room

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS -

- **Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness** - March 24, 2026, 3:30 pm, High School Forum
- **Insurance** - March 25, 2026, 3:45 pm, District Office Conference Room
- **Parks, Recreation & Community Education** - April 6, 2026, 5:15 pm, Location to be Determined
- **Insurance** - Tentative April 9, 2026, 3:45 pm, District Office Conference Room
- **Technology** - April 16, 2026, 3:45 pm, District Office Conference Room
- **Finance** - April 22, 2026, 4 pm, District Office Conference Room
- **Facilities** - April 24, 2026, 10:00 am, Location to be Determined

ADJOURN - Moved by Erin Knudtson, seconded by Sara Pollmann, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:23 pm.



Garrett Luthens, Chair

4/27/2026

Date



Michael Massmann, Clerk

4/27/2026

Date