

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

May 27, 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, Michael Massmann, 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: 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 April 27, 2026 regular meeting, May 7, 2026 special meeting, May 11, 2026 work session, and May 21 special meeting.
- Ratified the April 9, 2026 through April 30, 2026 claims in the amount of \$2,405,807.22 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:

### ***Change in Assignment***

Buckentin, Jocelynn - Technology Innovation Specialist, Middle School, 7/1/26  
Cassens, Renee - Cook Lead Certified, High School, 8/31/26  
Fairbanks, Jessica - Education Assistant, Park Elementary, 8/24/26  
Johnson, Jennifer - Education Assistant, Tiger Elementary, 8/24/26  
Kopesky, Michelle - Administrative Assistant, Middle School, 7/1/26  
Krause, Brianna - Art Teacher, West Elementary, 8/24/26  
Kroon Pesavento, Jennifer - Speech Pathologist, West Elementary, 8/24/26  
Magnuson, Michelle - Administrative Assistant, High School, 7/1/26  
Schroeder, Julie - Special Education Assistant, Bus Rider, High School, 5/4/26  
Stenzel, Gwen - Student Supervisor, Tiger Elementary, 4/9/26  
Van De Steeg, Brenda - Education Assistant, West Elementary, 8/24/26

### ***Community Education***

Amborn, Jon - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/25/26  
Bouta, Jessica - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 7/21/26  
Bridge, Jill - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 7/21/26  
Buker, Daniel - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Boys Gr 6-8, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Buker, Daniel - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Boy Gr 9-12, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Buker, Daniel - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Boys Girls Gr 4-5, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Buker, Daniel - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Girls Gr 6-12, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Butler, Kaden - Camp, PRCE, 2026  
Bzdok, Char - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/15-7/30/26  
Carroll, Tim - Camp Instructor - Volleyball Elementary Gr 1-2, 6/29/26-7/2/26  
Carroll, Tim - Camp Instructor - Volleyball Elementary Gr 3-4, 6/29/26-7/2/26  
Carroll, Tim - Camp Instructor - Volleyball Elementary Gr 5-6, 6/29/26-7/2/26  
Carroll, Tim - Camp Instructor - Volleyball High School, 6/9/26-7/28/26  
Carroll, Tim - Camp Instructor - Volleyball Middle School Gr 7-8, 6/15/26-7/23/26  
Dean, Kirsten - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/15/26-7/13/26  
DeMeyer, Anne - Camp Instructor - Girls Soccer Team Camp, 7/20/26-7/30/26  
Gatz, Char - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/3/26-9/2/26  
Golde, Wyatt - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/8/26-6/18/26  
Harlander, Chad - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Boys Gr 6-8, 6/8/26-7/30/26

Harlander, Chad - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Boys Gr 9-12, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Harlander, Chad - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Boys Girls Gr 4-5, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Harlander, Chad - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Girls Gr 6-12, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Hemling, Montana - Camp Instructor - Hockey Girls, 6/9/26-7/30/26  
Koehring, Gary - Camp Instructor - HutchTF Elite Track & Field Gr. 7-12, 7/27/26-7/30/26  
Koehring, Gary - Camp Instructor - HutchTF Youth Track & Field Gr K-6, 8/3/26-8/6/26  
Koehring, Gary - Camp Instructor - Speed Elite Gr 6-12, 6/7/26-7/26/26  
Koehring, Gary - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Boys Gr 6-8, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Koehring, Gary - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Boys Gr 9-12, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Koehring, Gary - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Boys Girls Gr 4-5, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Koehring, Gary - Camp Instructor - Strength & Speed Girls Gr 6-12, 6/8/26-7/30/26  
Kropp, Grant - Camp Instructor - Soccer Elite Boys & Girls Gr 6-7, 7/6/26-7/9/26  
Kropp, Grant - Camp Instructor - Soccer Elite Boys & Girls Gr 8-10, 7/6/26-7/9/26  
Kropp, Grant - Camp Instructor - Soccer Skills Girls Gr 5-8, 7/13/26-7/16/26  
Kropp, Grant - Camp Instructor - Soccer Skills Gr 2-3, 7/6/26-7/9/26  
Kropp, Grant - Camp Instructor - Soccer Skills Gr 4-5, 7/6/26-7/9/26  
Kucera, Dave - Camp Instructor - Football Skills and Drills Gr 2-4, 6/8/26-6/18/26  
Kucera, Dave - Camp Instructor - Football Skills and Drills Gr 5-6, 6/8/26-6/18/26  
Kucera, Dave - Camp Instructor - Team Spirit Gr 2-6, 6/8/26-6/23/26  
Larson, Hailey - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/9/26-8/7/26  
Ledin, Steve - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/1/26-8/12/26  
Merkins, Andrew - Camp Instructor - Hutch Wrestling Club Gr 3-6, 7/28/26-7/30/26  
Merkina, Andrea - Camp Instructor - Hutch Wrestling Club Gr K-2, 7/28/26-7/30/26  
Oslund, Abbie - Camp Instructor - Hockey Girls, 6/9/26-7/30/26  
Piechowski, Dennis - Camp Instructor - Volleyball Elementary Gr 1-2, 6/29/26-7/2/26  
Piechowski, Dennis - Camp Instructor - Volleyball Elementary Gr 3-4, 6/29/26-7/2/26  
Piechowski, Dennis - Camp Instructor - Volleyball Elementary Gr 5-6, 6/29/26-7/2/26  
Piechowski, Dennis - Camp Instructor - Volleyball High School, 6/9/26-7/28/26  
Piechowski, Dennis - Camp Instructor - Volleyball Middle School Gr 7-8, 6/15/26-7/23/26  
Reeves, Lauren - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/8/26-8/19/26  
Reinert, Linda - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/16/26-8/25/26  
Rostberg, Andy - Camp Instructor - Football HS Team Camp Gr 9-12, 6/8/26-6/18/26  
Rostberg, Andy - Camp Instructor - Football Leadership Camp Gr 7-9, 6/8/26-6/11/26  
Sanken, Sara - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/16/26-7/2/26  
Schmitz, Joy - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/16/26  
Soeffker, Steve - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/17/26  
Starke, Jacob - Camp, PRCE, 2026  
Starke, Randy - Camp Instructor - Boys Hoopsters Gr 3-5, 6/9/26-7/16/26  
Telecky, Matt - Camp Instructor - Hockey Boys, 6/9/26-7/30/26  
Timm, Jodi - Camp Instructor - Boys Rising Stars Gr 1-2, 6/9/26-6/18/26  
Timm, Jodi - Camp Instructor - Girls & Boys Rising Stars, Gr K, 6/9/26-6/18/26  
Timm, Jodi - Camp Instructor - Girls Basketball Hoopsters Gr 3-5, 6/9/26-6/25/26  
Timm, Jodi - Camp Instructor - Girls Rising Stars Gr 1-2, 6/9/26-6/18/26  
Today's Driving School - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 8/3/26-8/14/26  
Vanderveen, Pat - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 5/5/26-8/4/26  
Wadsworth, Dayo - Camp Instructor - Future Showstoppers, 7/14/26-7/16/26  
Wadsworth, Dayo - Camp Instructor - HS Dan Team, 6/8/26-7/29/26  
Wentzel, Ashley - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 5/18/26  
Welsh, Nickie - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 6/2/26-8/25/26  
Whitaker, Crystal - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 5/7/26-6/25/26  
Zetah, Steph - Community Education Instructor, PRCE, 5/3/26-8/30/26

***Extended Employment***

Grand, Val - Language Arts Teacher, Middle School, 4/28/26-6/5/26

Kinker, Matthew - Social Studies Teacher, Middle School, 5/21/26-5/21/26

Kottke, Sarah - Library Assistant, Park Elementary, 5/19/26-5/21/26

Kutter, Stephanie - Language Arts Teacher, Middle School, 4/28/26-6/5/26

***Extended School Year***

Bacon, Angela - Special Education Teacher, Middle School, 7/7/26-7/23/26

Erickson, Tina - Special Education Teacher, Transition Assistance Program, 7/7/26-7/23/26

Field, Mark - Special Education Teacher, Tiger Elementary, 7/6/26-7/24/26

Fountain, Emily - Special Education Assistant, High School, 6/15/26-6/18/26

Kucera, Dave - DAPE Teacher, West Elementary/Middle School, 7/6/26-7/24/26

Nelson, Meghan L - Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, West Elementary, 7/7/26-7/23/26

Nisse, Amy - Special Education Teacher, High School, 7/7/26-7/23/26

Rettmann, Lori - Special Education Teacher, Middle School, 7/7/26-7/23/26

Sanken, Sara - Special Education Teacher, Middle School, 7/7/26-7/23/26

***Extra-Curricular***

Berg, Kylee - Grade 10 Volleyball Coach, High School, 8/18/25-10/17/25

Buker, Dan - Football Coach, Middle School, 9/1/26

Wacholz, Larissa - Assistant Special Olympics/Unified Track and Field Coach, Park Elementary, 4/23/26-6/5/26

***Leaves of Absence (full or intermittent)***

Buchholz, Richard - Tech Ed Teacher, Middle School, 5/1/26-5/22/26

Johnson, Veronica - Education Assistant ELL, Tiger Elementary, 4/9/26-4/29/26

Jozwick, Michele - Special Education Teacher, Park Elementary, 5/13/26-6/5/26

Kucera, Cathy - Interventionist, West Elementary, 4/20/26-5/6/26

Messner, Rebecca - Grade 1 Teacher, West Elementary, 6/8/26-8/14/26

Scheuble, Troy - Social Studies Teacher, High School, 6/8/26-8/14/26

***New***

Bollin, Kim - Long-term Substitute Education Assistant, Park Elementary, 5/7/26-5/22/26

Edwards, Lydia - Special Education Assistant, Park Elementary, 5/12/26

Hartwig, Holly - Custodian, Part-time Evenings, Middle School, 5/26/26

Leslie, Stephanie - Special Education Teacher, Tiger Elementary, 8/24/26

Rahne, Kim - Speech Language Pathologist, Middle School/High School/TAP, 8/24/26

Webster, Andrew - Art Teacher, High School, 8/24/26

***Resignations***

Block, Bridget - Title I Nonpublic Teacher, District-wide, 6/5/26

Boor, Zachary - Assistant Garden Manager, District Office, 8/31/25

Jackson, Anthony - English Teacher, Middle School, 4/24/26

Johnson, Abigail - Special Education Teacher, Tiger Elementary, 6/5/26

Krueger, Nikki - Cook Lead, West Elementary, 4/24/26

McRaith, Sharon - Education Assistant-Title, West Elementary, 6/4/26

Newcombe, Chandler - Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach, 4/19/26

Nonnemacher, Michelle - Science Teacher, Middle School, 6/5/26

Rolling, Dakota - Special Education Teacher, West Elementary, 7/23/26

Schumann, Kyle - Football Coach, Middle School, 4/2/26

***Retirement***

Hahn, Bonnie - Physical Education Teacher, Park Elementary, 6/5/26

***Summer***

Lenarz, Trisha - Occupational Therapist, West Elementary/Middle School, 6/8/26-8/28/26

Steece, Timothy - Physical Therapist, West Elementary/Tiger Elementary/Middle School/High School,  
6/8/26-8/28/26

Trout, Jessica - Occupational Therapist, West Elementary/Middle School, 6/8/26-8/28/26

***Targeted Service***

Lloyd, Rebecca - Targeted Services Teacher, Middle School, 6/15/26-7/16/26

***Termination***

Dahl, Caitlyn - Special Education Assistant, Park Elementary, 4/27/26

- Agreements
  - Approved the ABE Consortium Participating School Districts agreement, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
  - Approved the overload agreement between Independent School District 423 and Stephanie Kutter, effective April 28, 2026 through June 5, 2026.
  - Approved the overload agreement between Independent School District 423 and Val Grand, effective April 28, 2026 through June 5, 2026.
  - Approved the tenure waiver agreement between Independent School District 423 and Jody Langan, effective 2026-2027.
- Extended Field Trip
  - 10-12 Grade Band Choir - March 17-21, 2027, Nashville, TN

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

**TIGER TIME** - Melissa Ovadje, Art Teacher, provided an overview of visual arts at Tiger Elementary.

**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, provided an update.

**2026-2027 RESOLUTION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE** – 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: Diane Jankowski, Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, and Sara Pollmann. And the following members voted against the motion: none. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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

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

**MOTION TO DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION FOR A NOVEMBER 2026 ELECTION** - Moved by Sara Pollmann, seconded by Erin Knudtson, with all members voting aye, to authorize a resolution for an operating referendum at \$12 per month on a \$350,000.00 home for 10 years.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - Committee reports were presented as follows:

- Facilities (Knudtson) - The committee discussed the school road corridor study, the City is gathering information; the window leakages at Tiger discussion will continue with the architect and installer throughout the summer; Park has some leaky areas, a company is coming to identify and patch; the pool has reopened; water main leak at West Elementary; and heard an overview of summer projects.
- Finance (Pollmann) - The committee discussed the April revenues are at 78% and expenses are at 74% of the budget; both on track, hourly salary and benefits are behind, and substitutes are ahead due to Minnesota Paid Leave/ESST.
- Technology (Massmann) - Discussed continuing to meet over the summer, cybersecurity, ordered new server and will transition to it this summer, and Parent Square will be the new tool for parent communications.

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS -**

- **School Board Special Meeting** - June 22, 2026, 5:30 pm, City Center
- **School Board Regular Meeting** - June 29, 2026, 5:30 pm, City Center

**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS -**

- **Parks, Recreation & Community Education** - June 1, 2026, 5:15 pm, Location to be Determined
- **Technology** - June 18, 2026, 3:45 pm, District Office Conference Room
- **Finance** - June 18, 2026, 4:30 pm, District Office Conference Room
- **Facilities** - June 26, 2026, 10:00 am, Location to be Determined

**UPCOMING SUPERINTENDENT'S SEMI-ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** - The Board will conduct a semi-annual performance evaluation of the Superintendent in a closed session at the June School Board meeting. Board members will receive a copy of the evaluation form electronically which should be completed by June 22, 2026.

**ADJOURN** - Moved by Michael Massmann, seconded by Erin Knudtson, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:26 pm.



Garrett Luthens, Chair

6/29/2026  
Date



Michael Massmann, Clerk

6/29/2026  
Date