

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

Isanti Community School -Dakota Conference
Room

Isanti Community School

Waylon LaPlante: Present
Anita LaPointe: Present
Susan Pike: Present
Larry Thomas: Present
Sidney Tuttle: Absent
Dewayne Wabasha: Present
Present: 5, Absent: 1.
Sidney out on travel

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

II. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

III. Roll Call

Absent: Sidney Tuttle, **Present:** Waylon LaPlante, Anita LaPointe, Susan Pike, Larry Thomas, Dewayne Wabasha.
Present: 5, Absent: 1. Sidney out on travel

IV. Public Comment & Recognition of Guests

Myles Frazier- thanked the Administration and BOE for the employment opportunity. He was here to address the board regarding being put on administrative leave.

V. Parent Request for Student Enrollment

Derek & Danielle LaPointe -addressed the board with their parent request for student enrollment. Their child is struggling with regular education and they are asking the school for assistance to release him so he can try for GED and maybe the Military. His last school, Flandreau signed him out. NDE is saying it needs to come from the district where he lives. The school will need to accept him as a student then release him as a dropout. Mr. Shepard contacted KSB law said the BOE needs to accept his enrollment by a motion, and we will exit him and sign the NDE required form Withdrawal from Attendance

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to to enroll Talon John and approve the NDE Withdrawal from Attendance form 10-005.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VI. Closed Session

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Susan Pike to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to come out of closed session @5:17pm and add Resignation of Lisa Vogt to 9A.
Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII. Approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 Special Board Meeting and March 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Board approved March 11, 2025 minutes with the following corrections that are in **Bold print**.

V. Public Comment & Recognition of Guests

Jaylon LaPlante asked the board for permission to use the school van as backup for the Vegas Basketball Tournament next week.

Lizzie Swalley - letter submitted to the Board by Chris Swalley. A discussion was held on the hiring process.

Questioning directed towards Mr. Shepard as to why the letter was not added to the Board agenda. President LaPlante commented that he and Mr. Shepard discussed it, and it was decided that this would be presented by an individual during public comment. Mr. Shepard did say he felt making a letter addressed to him and the Board would be inappropriate in regards to employee names being a part of this discussion and may or may not be present. The Board stated the questions were inappropriate and discriminatory. Mr. Shepard stated he didn't feel the questions were inappropriate. It was stated that in the past, the Board discussed having two members as a part of their interview process and should this be reconsidered?

It was asked **who** was the recruiter and how that is determined? By which Mr. Shepard explained **that** Raya was **chosen due to availability and ability**. Susan Pike brought a letter to the Board discussing student, teacher and parent interactions. Mr. Shepard also asked if we were to have all the letters and complaints added to the board agenda in the future. The Board directed Mr. Shepard to send letter from Mr. Swalley to attorneys to determine whether questioning was appropriate.

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Susan Pike to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 Special Board meeting and March 11, 2025 Regular Board meeting with corrections concerning names and recruiting..
Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII. Treasurer Report

Mr. Shepard said we are waiting on Impact Aid payment. The next couple months supplies will be ordered so spending will go up.

IX. Approve Outstanding Payables

Board questioned if a typo for Pease General store. Carol stated it was not a typo the check was for less than \$1.00.

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to approve the Payables as presented.
Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Discussion and Action Items

X.A. Resignations

Pk-8 Principal Cindy Nagel; Teachers: Shayna Balvin, Hannah Berndt, Allyson Hamilton, Brian Hickman, Harold Jones, Raya Nagel, Tom Rice, Mary Snowdon, Jeff Zeller, John Zilla, Lisa Vogt

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Larry Thomas to approve resignations.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea,

Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X.B. Approve Certified Contracts

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to approve certified contracts.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea,

Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X.C. New Hires

XI. Reports

XI.A. Superintendent

Supt. Shepard gave Construction project update

XI.B. EC Director, ELEM / MS Principal and HS Principal

High School Principal - Mrs.LaPlante gave report about students ACT, in process of MAPS assessments and Seniors doing community service.

XI.C. Committee Reports

XII. *Closed Session: If, during the course of the meeting discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

XIII. Adjourn

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to adjourn at 6:10pm.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1