

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools
School Board

Monday, February 26, 2024
Regular Meeting
Board Room
214 - 1st Ave NE
Buffalo, MN 55313
7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chair Melissa Brings at 7:00 pm AND ROLL CALL

Present: Amanda Lawrence, Bob Sansevere, Melissa Brings, Adam Bjorklund, Sheila Smude, Sue Lee

Absent: Matt Hoffman

2. PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Agenda

Sansevere/Lee to approve

Motion carried 6-0

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Student Council Report

Cambelle Feldman, Student Council Representative to the BOE

Boys Hockey and Girls basketball are playing in the sections. Spring sports starting soon.

B. Proud Of

1. Yiqian (Lexi) Zheng, Senior at Buffalo High School, who is a finalist for the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

2. Kaylee Dehmer, BHS Senior, who qualified for the State Gymnastics Tournament in the uneven bars.

Lydia Field, BHS Junior, who qualified for the State Gymnastics Tournament in floor exercise.

3. Malaika Gallus, Maggie Bertsch, Anna Wuollet and Kiera McGorry who performed in the All-State Symphonic Band.

4. Lexi Zheng and Oliver Holt who performed in the All-State Concert Band.

5. James Nelson, Xander Sabinash, Harrison Klaphake, Hope Schmitz and Ellie Cassidy who performed in the All-State Choir.

C. Board Calendar Dates

1. Monday, March 11, 2024 Board Workshop 4:30 pm BHS

2. Monday, March 25, 2024 Public Comment Session 6:30 pm DC Board Room

3. Monday, March 25, 2024 Board Meeting 7:00 pm DC Board Room

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

APPOINTMENT – All appointments are contingent upon satisfactory completion of a criminal background check. Approve the following appointment.

1. Jeannette Tregaskis, Special Education Teacher at Buffalo High School, effective April 8, 2024. This is a replacement for Diedre Anderson
2. Kaitlyn Alberg, long-term substitute 1st Grade Teacher at Parkside Elementary, effective on or about February 15, 2024 and ending on or about April 26, 2024. This is a replacement for Emma Lindenfelser.
3. Nicole Dietman, long-term substitute 5th Grade Teacher at Northwinds Elementary, effective March 1, 2024 and ending May 27, 2024. This is a replacement for Susie Lommel.
4. Margaret Hohenstein, long-term substitute Kindergarten Teacher at Hanover Elementary, effective on or about March 7, 2024 and ending on or about May 17, 2024. This is a replacement for Anna Lantz.
5. David Jungers, long-term substitute 4th Grade Teacher at Parkside Elementary, effective January 30, 2024 and ending June 7, 2024. This is a replacement for Sarah Haas.
6. Tamarah Baardson, STEAM/Special Education Teacher at Parkside Elementary, effective February 20, 2024. This is a replacement for Jennifer DesMarais-Holland.
7. Timothy Snook, Special Education ESP at Parkside Elementary, effective February 12, 2024. This is a replacement for Samantha Estes.
8. Leah Kellen, Special Education ESP at Tatanka Elementary STEM School, effective February 7, 2024. This is a replacement for Imelda Randall.
9. Jack Griffith, Special Education ESP at Buffalo High School, effective February 20, 2024.
10. Scout Pedersen, Special Education ESP at Parkside Elementary, effective February 27, 2024. This is a replacement for Sabrina Taylor.
11. Sophia Warolin, ESP at Parkside Elementary, effective March 4, 2024.
12. Amber Polzin, Special Education ESP at Northwinds Elementary, effective March 6, 2024. This is a replacement for Kristi Kiel.
13. Jason Schatzley, 2nd Shift Custodian at Hanover Elementary, effective February 20, 2024. This is a replacement for Eric Ogren.
14. Kole Bruchmann, 2nd Shift Custodian at Buffalo Community Middle School, effective February 26, 2024. This is a replacement for Linda Garcia Flores.
15. Laurie Kittock, Nutrition Services Assistant at Discovery Elementary, effective February 20, 2024. This is a replacement for Karen Lengyel.
16. Kayla Mallatt, Nutrition Services Assistant at Buffalo High School, effective February 20, 2024. This is a replacement for Karen Savig.

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT/TERMINATION – Approve the following resignation/retirement/termination:

1. Terri Brummer, Special Education Teacher at PRIDE, retirement effective June 7, 2024.
2. Kimarie Tacke, Kindergarten Teacher at Discovery, retirement effective June 7, 2024.

3. Kaitlin White, 2nd Grade Teacher at Parkside Elementary, resignation effective June 7, 2024.
4. Samantha Dahl, Special Education Teacher at Buffalo High School, resignation effective June 7, 2024.
5. Pamela Ridpath, ESP at Parkside, resignation effective February 15, 2024.
6. Sabrina Taylor, Special Education ESP at Parkside Elementary, resignation effective January 26, 2024.
7. Melissa Harth, ESP at Parkside Elementary, resignation effective February 15, 2024.
8. Linda Garcia Flores, 2nd Shift Custodian at Buffalo Community Middle School, resignation effective January 30, 2024.
9. LouAnn Karels, Nutrition Services Aide at Hanover Elementary, resignation effective February 21, 2024.
10. Hazel Trigg, Nutrition Services Assistant at Buffalo High School, resignation effective February 22, 2024.
11. Samantha Whitworth, KidKare Assistant, resignation effective February 23, 2024.

TRANSFER/CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT - Approve the following transfers/change of assignments:

1. Crystal Aurich, ECSE Speech/Language Pathologist, .07673 FTE overage, effective February 12, 2024 and ending June 7, 2024.
2. Sara Melsness, Speech/Language Pathologist at Parkside Elementary and Buffalo Community Middle School, .06437 FTE overage, effective February 12, 2024 and ending June 7, 2024.
3. Natasha Leach, teach one additional section as Special Education Teacher at Buffalo High School, effective February 5, 2024 and ending March 8, 2024.
4. Trista Johnson, Special Education Teacher at Buffalo High School, teach one additional section, effective February 5, 2024 and ending March 8, 2024.
5. Lindsay Wurm, Special Education Teacher at Buffalo High School, teach one additional section, effective February 5, 2024 and ending March 8, 2024.
6. Laura Frakes, Science Teacher at Buffalo Community Middle School, .045 FTE overage, effective April 8, 2024 and ending June 7, 2024.
7. Shana Bregenzer-Brenny, Learning Recovery Teacher at Phoenix Learning Center, teach one additional class, effective March 11, 2024 and ending June 7, 2024
8. Josh Ortmann, Phy Ed/Health Teacher at Buffalo High School, .038 FTE overage as Learning Recovery Teacher, effective March 11, 2024 and ending June 7, 2024.
9. KellyAnn Lockrem, Special Education/Learning Recovery Teacher at Buffalo High School, teach one additional class, effective March 11, 2024 and ending June 7, 2024.
10. Troy Holland, Phy Ed Teacher at Buffalo High School, .038 FTE overage as Learning Recovery Teacher, effective March 11, 2024 and ending June 7, 2024.
11. Kevin Scott, Phy Ed Teacher at Tatanka Elementary STEM School, decrease from .5 to .3268 FTE, effective February 12, 2024.
12. Karen Lengyel, Nutrition Services Assistant, transfer from Discovery to Parkside Elementary, effective February 15, 2024.

13. Stephanie Anderson, temporary transfer from Nutrition Services Aide to substitute Assistant at Buffalo High School, effective January 16, 2024. This is a replacement for Hazel Trigg.
14. Jessica Kidder, Nutrition Services Assistant at Buffalo Community Middle School, increase from 30 to 36.25 hours/week, effective February 26, 2024.
15. Leanne Miller, Special Education ESP at Buffalo High School, increase from 31.25 to 32.5 hours/week for Transportation, effective January 17, 2024.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Approve the following requests for leave of absence:

1. Sarah Haas, 4th Grade Teacher at Parkside Elementary, request for leave of absence effective January 29, 2024 and ending June 7, 2024.
2. Susan Lommel, 5th Grade Teacher at Northwinds Elementary, request for leave of absence effective February 26, 2024 and ending May 27, 2024.
3. Hannah Litterer, 1st Grade Teacher at Tatanka Elementary STEM School, date adjustment for request for leave of absence to ending March 29, 2024.
4. Jennifer Reid-Poser, ESP at Hanover Elementary, date adjustment to leave of absence to ending February 2, 2024.
5. Cheryl Beckers Hurd, ESP at Parkside Elementary, request for leave of absence effective March 19, 2024 and ending May 3, 2024.
6. Tonia Poncius, 6th Grade Teacher at Buffalo Community Middle School, request for leave of absence, effective March 12, 2024 and ending April 22, 2024.
7. Christy Merkl, 3rd Grade Teacher at Parkside Elementary, request for leave of absence, effective August 26, 2024 and ending June 6, 2025.
8. Emma Lindenfelser, 1st Grade Teacher at Parkside Elementary, date adjustment to leave of absence to effective February 6, 2024 and ending April 19, 2024.

B. Check Disbursements

Payroll checks # 9000146890 through 9000148757, and 206564 through 206584 amounting to \$2,639,974.55. P-card disbursement checks 8000002656 to 8000002725, totaling \$278,250.57. Bill-pay wires 810001811 through 8100001843. Employee reimbursement checks 9100005049 through 9100005117 and Accounts Payable checks 404365 through 404712 for the period of January 02, 2024 – February 23, 2024 as follows:

01	GENERAL FUND	4,232,587.51
02	FOOD SERVICE	341,843.07
04	COMMUNITY SERVICE	222,395.42
05	CAPITAL OUTLAY	101,390.20
06	NEW BUILDING	.00
07	DEBT SERVICE	3,575.00
09	ACTIVITY FUND	20,711.50
16	ALTERNATIVE FACILITIE	.00
45	POST EMP BENEFITS IRREV TRU	39,647.46
47	DEBT REDEMPTION	.00
51	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>1,092.32</u>
	TOTAL	\$4,963,242.48

C. Electronic Fund Transfers

A list of the electronic fund transfers occurring in the official depositories (for the period of Jan. 15 - Feb. 19) is as follows:

Date	Vendor & Purpose	Amount
01/16/24	MN Dept. of Revenue – State Taxes	\$ 58,068.52
01/16/24	Cash Management Service Fee - MSDLAF	36.66
01/16/24	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	11,447.79
01/16/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	14,144.41
01/16/24	Educators Benefit Consultants – Deferred Annuities	60,464.95
01/17/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	1,631.04
01/17/24	District #877 Employees – Employee Reimbursement	1,841.16
01/18/24	MN Dept. of Revenue – Sales Tax	2,666.00
01/18/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	416.51
01/19/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	898.04
01/19/24	eBay	(2,347.36)
01/22/24	Alerus	558.00
01/22/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	511.68
01/22/24	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	9,725.55
01/23/24	BCBS - Health Insurance	831,811.11
01/23/24	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	2,737.98
01/23/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	9,734.41
01/24/24	Xcel Energy – Utility	863.96
01/24/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	1,624.00
01/25/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance Admin Fee	2,255.75
01/25/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	465.55
01/26/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	692.61
01/29/24	Bond Trust - \$3,855,000 2013 G.O. Bond	2,136,150.00
01/29/24	Bond Trust - \$7,980,000 2021 G.O. Bond	4,038,500.00
01/29/24	Bond Trust - \$32,620,000 2015 G.O. Bond	478,461.25
01/29/24	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	14,526.10
01/30/24	MN Teachers Retirement Association	226,524.60
01/30/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	664.46
01/30/24	MN Public Employees Retirement Association	74,408.46
01/30/24	IRS USA Tax Pmt – Federal Taxes	402,144.53
01/30/24	District #877 Employees – Employee Payroll	1,308,846.06
01/31/24	MN Dept. of Revenue – State Taxes	62,770.63
01/31/24	Educators Benefit Consultants – Deferred Annuities	60,875.69
01/31/24	District #877 Employees – Employee Reimbursement	1,122.59
01/31/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	9,262.40
02/01/24	MSDLAF - Grouped Fee	5,175.98
02/02/24	Xcel Energy – Utility	53.45
02/02/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	1,860.96
02/05/24	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	13,729.33
02/05/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	1,336.28
02/06/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	318.05
02/06/24	BMO Corporate MasterCard – P-Card	122,720.13
02/07/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	661.83
02/08/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	1,243.23
02/08/24	FeePay - Community Ed Fee	4,727.43
02/09/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	1,198.65
02/09/24	FeePay - Community Ed Fee	1,300.00
02/12/24	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	12,422.20

02/12/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	181.57
02/13/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	800.51
02/14/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	416.66
02/14/24	Cash Management Service Fee - MSDLAF	36.17
02/15/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	934.43
02/15/24	MN Teachers Retirement Association	229,099.76
02/15/24	IRS USA Tax Pmt – Federal Taxes	408,430.82
02/15/24	District #877 Employees – Employee Payroll	1,321,608.25
02/16/24	WEX – Flex/Health Insurance	512.89
02/16/24	Educators Benefit Consultants – Deferred Annuities	60,778.13
02/16/24	MN Public Employees Retirement Association	75,511.83
02/16/24	MN Dept. of Revenue – State Taxes	<u>63,992.77</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 12,153,556.40</u>

D. Minutes - January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting

Lawrence/Smude to approve
Motion carried 6-0

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution Accepting Donations/Grants
Melissa Brings, Chair

Be it resolved that the School Board of Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools, ISD #877, accepts with appreciation, contributions in the amount of \$31,661.49.

Lee/Bjorklund to approve
Motion carried 6-0

B. Resolution Awarding the Sale, Determining the Form and Specifications, Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Providing for the Payment of General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2024A
Ryan Tangen, Director of Finance and Operations
Sale took place Thursday, February 22, 2024 and came in better than anticipated. District received a AA2 rating. Received 14 bids which is very high. Spread from highest to lowest was tight. Ratifying resolution being presented for approval. UBS Financial Services Inc. out of New York is the winning bidder at 3.2885%.

Bjorklund/Lee to approve following resolution:

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2024A, IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$41,500,000; FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the “Board”) of Independent School District No. 877 (Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose), Wright and Hennepin Counties, Minnesota (the “District”), as follows:

Section 1. Findings, Determinations; Sale of Bonds.

1.01 Background. It is hereby determined that:

(a) At a duly called and regularly held special election on November 7, 2023, the voters of the District approved the issuance and sale by the District of general obligation bonds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities in the maximum principal amount of \$41,500,000 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended (the “Act”).

(b) The purpose of the bonds as approved by the voters is to provide financing for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction of secure entrances to the high school and middle school; the construction and installation of HVAC improvements at school sites and facilities; the acquisition of furniture, fixtures, technology and equipment; renovations and remodeling of classrooms at school sites and facilities; remodeling and enhancements to the auditorium; improvements and upgrades to playgrounds; and roof replacements at school sites and facilities (collectively, the “Projects”).

(c) On December 11, 2023, the Board adopted a resolution (the “Intent Resolution”) stating the intention of the District to issue its General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2024A (the “Bonds”), in the original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$41,500,000, pursuant to the Act, to provide financing for the Projects.

(d) On January 22, 2024, the Board adopted a resolution wherein the Intent Resolution was amended to authorize and direct the Superintendent or Director of Finance and Operations and any Board member (the “Authorized Officials”), with the advice of Ehlers and Associates, Inc., (the “Municipal Advisor”), to review proposals for the purchase of the Bonds and award the sale of the Bonds to the prospective purchaser based on the recommendation of the Municipal Advisor and the following parameter: the true interest cost shall not exceed 4.5 percent (4.50%).

(e) Pursuant to the Intent Resolution, the District has covenanted and obligated itself to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, which provides for payment by the State of Minnesota of the debt service on the Bonds in the event the District notifies the State of Minnesota of a potential default by the District in the timely payment of the debt service on the Bonds. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by said provisions, these provisions shall be binding as long as the Bonds remain outstanding.

(f) The District is authorized by Section 475.60, subdivision 2(9), of the Act to sell the Bonds other than pursuant to a competitive sale because the District has retained the Municipal Advisor to serve as the District’s independent municipal advisor in connection with the sale of the Bonds. The actions of the District staff and the Municipal Advisor in negotiating the sale of the Bonds are ratified and confirmed in all aspects.

1.02. Ratification of Sale to the Purchaser and Interest Rates. The proposal of UBS Financial Services Inc. (the “Purchaser”), to purchase the Bonds of the District is hereby found and determined to be a reasonable offer and the sale of the Bonds to the Purchaser is hereby ratified and confirmed, the proposal being to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$45,902,413.14 (par amount of the Bonds of \$41,500,000, plus original issue premium of \$4,519,989.40, less an underwriter’s discount of \$117,576.26), plus accrued interest, if any, to date of delivery for Bonds bearing interest as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2025	5.00%	2035	5.00%
2026	5.00%	2036	5.00%
2027	5.00%	2037	5.00%
2028	5.00%	2038	5.00%
2029	5.00%	2039	4.00%
2030	5.00%	2040	4.00%
2031	5.00%	2041	4.00%
2032	5.00%	2042	4.00%
2033	5.00%	2043	4.00%
2034	5.00%	2044	4.00%

True interest cost: 3.3082272%

1.03. Purchase Contract. The execution and delivery of a Proposal Form, dated as of February 22, 2024 (the “Purchase Agreement”), between the District and the Purchaser, is hereby ratified and confirmed in the form set forth in EXHIBIT A to this resolution (the “Resolution”). The Bonds shall be issued and delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement and this Resolution. The amount proposed by the Purchaser in excess of the minimum bid, if any, shall be credited to the Debt Service Fund hereinafter created or deposited in the Construction Fund hereinafter created, as determined by the Treasurer in consultation with the Municipal Advisor. The Municipal Advisor is directed to receive and retain the good faith payment of the Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement, pending completion of the sale of the Bonds.

1.04. Terms and Principal Amounts of the Bonds. The District shall forthwith issue and sell the Bonds pursuant to the Act, in the total principal amount of \$41,500,000, originally dated March 21, 2024, in the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof, numbered No. R-1 upward, bearing interest as above set forth, and maturing serially on February 1 in the years and amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$970,000	2035	\$1,380,000
2026	\$1,125,000	2036	\$1,450,000
2027	\$1,055,000	2037	\$1,520,000
2028	\$1,230,000	2038	\$1,595,000
2029	\$1,290,000	2039	\$1,675,000
2030	\$1,350,000	2040	\$1,745,000
2031	\$7,130,000	2041	\$1,815,000
2032	\$7,485,000	2042	\$1,885,000
2033	\$1,485,000	2043	\$1,960,000
2034	\$1,315,000	2044	\$2,040,000

1.05. Schedule of Maturities. In order to satisfy the requirements of Section 475.54, subdivisions 1 and 2, of the Act, the Director of Finance and Operations has combined the maturities of the Bonds with the outstanding maturities of one or more designated general obligation bond issues of the District.

1.06. Optional Redemption. The District may elect on February 1, 2032, and on any day thereafter to prepay Bonds due on or after February 1, 2033. Redemption may be in whole or in part and if in

part, at the option of the District and in such manner as the District shall determine. If less than all Bonds of a maturity are called for optional redemption, the District shall notify DTC (as defined in Section 7 hereof) of the particular amount of such maturity to be prepaid. DTC shall determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. Prepayments shall be at a price of par plus accrued interest to the date of optional redemption.

Section 2. Registration and Payment.

2.01. Registered Form. The Bonds shall be issued only in fully registered form. The interest thereon and, upon surrender of each Bond, the principal amount thereof, is payable by check or draft issued by the Registrar described herein.

2.02. Dates; Interest Payment Dates. Each Bond shall be dated as of the last interest payment date preceding the date of authentication to which interest on the Bond has been paid or made available for payment, unless (i) the date of authentication is an interest payment date to which interest has been paid or made available for payment, in which case the Bond shall be dated as of the date of authentication, or (ii) the date of authentication is prior to the first interest payment date, in which case the Bond shall be dated as of the date of original issue. The interest on the Bonds is payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2024, to the registered owners of record thereof as of the close of business on the fifteenth day immediately preceding each interest payment date, whether or not such day is a business day.

2.03. Registration. The District shall appoint a bond registrar (the "Registrar"), authenticating agent (the "Authenticating Agent"), and paying agent (the "Paying Agent"). Except as specifically provided otherwise in Section 7 hereof, the effect of registration and the rights and duties of the District and the Registrar with respect thereto are as follows:

(a) Register. The Registrar must keep at its principal corporate trust office a bond register (the "Bond Register") in which the Registrar provides for the registration of ownership of Bonds and the registration of transfers and exchanges of Bonds entitled to be registered, transferred, or exchanged.

(b) Transfer of Bonds. Upon surrender for transfer of a Bond duly endorsed by the registered owner thereof or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner thereof or by an attorney duly authorized by the registered owner in writing, the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and maturity, as requested by the transferor. The Registrar may, however, close the books for registration of any transfer after the fifteenth day of the month preceding each interest payment date and until that interest payment date.

(c) Exchange of Bonds. When Bonds are surrendered by the registered owner for exchange the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and maturity as requested by the registered owner or the owner's attorney in writing.

(d) Cancellation. Bonds surrendered upon transfer or exchange shall be promptly cancelled by the Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the District.

(e) Improper or Unauthorized Transfer. When a Bond is presented to the Registrar for transfer, the Registrar may refuse to transfer the Bond until the Registrar is satisfied that the endorsement on the Bond or separate instrument of transfer is valid and genuine and that the

requested transfer is legally authorized. The Registrar shall incur no liability for the refusal, in good faith, to make transfers which it, in its judgment, deems improper or unauthorized.

(f) Persons Deemed Owners. The District and the Registrar may treat the person in whose name a Bond is registered in the Bond Register as the absolute owner of the Bond, whether the Bond is overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal of and interest on the Bond and for all other purposes, and payments so made to a registered owner or upon the owner's order shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon the Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

(g) Taxes, Fees, and Charges. The Registrar may impose a charge upon the owner thereof for a transfer or exchange of Bonds sufficient to reimburse the Registrar for any tax, fee, or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer or exchange.

(h) Mutilated, Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed Bonds. If a Bond becomes mutilated or is destroyed, stolen, or lost the Registrar shall deliver a new Bond of like amount, number, maturity date, and tenor in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of the mutilated Bond or in lieu of and in substitution for any Bond destroyed, stolen, or lost upon the payment of the reasonable expenses and charges of the Registrar in connection therewith; and, in the case of a Bond destroyed, stolen, or lost, upon filing with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to it that the Bond was destroyed, stolen, or lost, and of the ownership thereof, and upon furnishing to the Registrar an appropriate bond or indemnity in form, substance, and amount satisfactory to it and as provided by law, in which both the District and the Registrar must be named as obligees. Bonds so surrendered to the Registrar shall be cancelled by the Registrar and evidence of such cancellation must be given to the District. If the mutilated, destroyed, stolen, or lost Bond has already matured or been called for redemption in whole in accordance with its terms it is not necessary to issue a new Bond prior to payment.

(i) Redemption. In the event any of the Bonds are called for redemption, notice thereof identifying the Bonds to be redeemed shall be given by the Registrar by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail (postage prepaid) to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the Bond Register and, if publication of the notice of redemption is required by law, by publishing the notice of redemption as required by law. Failure to give notice by publication or by mail to any registered owner, or any defect therein, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of Bonds. Bonds so called for redemption shall cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date, provided that the funds for the redemption are on deposit with the place of payment at that time.

2.04. Appointment of Initial Registrar, Paying Agent, and Authenticating Agent. The District appoints Bond Trust Services Corporation, Roseville, Minnesota, as the initial Registrar, Paying Agent, and Authenticating Agent with respect to the Bonds. The Board Chair and the Clerk are authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the District, a contract with Bond Trust Services Corporation, as the initial Registrar, Paying Agent, and Authenticating Agent with respect to the Bonds. Upon merger or consolidation of the Registrar, Paying Agent, and Authenticating Agent with another corporation, if the resulting corporation is a bank or trust company authorized by law to conduct such business, the resulting corporation is authorized to act as successor Registrar, Paying Agent, and Authenticating Agent. The District agrees to pay the reasonable and customary charges of the Registrar, Paying Agent, and Authenticating Agent for the services performed. The District reserves the right to remove the Registrar, Paying Agent, or Authenticating Agent upon thirty (30) days' notice and upon the appointment of a successor Registrar, Paying Agent, or Authenticating Agent, in which event the predecessor Registrar, Paying Agent, or Authenticating Agent must deliver all cash and Bonds in its possession to the successor Registrar, Paying Agent, or Authenticating Agent and the Registrar must deliver the Bond Register to the successor Registrar. On or before three (3) business

days prior to each principal or interest due date, without further order of the Board, the Treasurer must transmit to the Paying Agent money sufficient for the payment of all principal and interest then due.

2.05. Execution, Authentication, and Delivery. The Bonds shall be prepared under the direction of the Clerk and executed on behalf of the District by the signatures of the Board Chair and the Clerk, provided that those signatures may be printed, engraved, or lithographed facsimiles of the originals. If an officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on the Bonds ceases to be such officer before the delivery of a Bond, that signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if the officer had remained in office until delivery. Notwithstanding such execution, a Bond shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this Resolution unless and until a certificate of authentication on the Bond has been duly executed by the manual signature of an authorized representative of the Authenticating Agent. Certificates of authentication on different Bonds need not be signed by the same representative of the Authenticating Agent. The executed certificate of authentication on a Bond is conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this Resolution. When the Bonds have been so prepared, executed, and authenticated the Clerk shall deliver the same to the Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price in accordance with the contract of sale heretofore made and executed, and the Purchaser is not obligated to see to the application of the purchase price.

Section 3. Form of Bond.

3.01. Execution of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be printed or typewritten in substantially the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT B.

3.02. Approving Legal Opinion. The Clerk is authorized and directed to obtain a copy of the proposed approving legal opinion of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and cause the opinion to accompany each Bond.

Section 4. Payment; Security; Funds; Pledges and Covenants.

4.01. Debt Service Fund. The Bonds shall be payable from the General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2024A Debt Service Fund (the “Debt Service Fund”) hereby created, and the proceeds of ad valorem taxes hereinafter levied are hereby pledged to the Debt Service Fund. The amounts to be applied to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund at least three (3) business days prior to each respective interest payment date and principal payment date. There is appropriated to the Debt Service Fund amounts over the minimum purchase price of the Bonds paid by the Purchaser to the extent designated for deposit in the Debt Service Fund in accordance with Section 1.03 hereof.

4.02. Construction Fund. The District hereby creates the General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2024A Construction Fund (the “Construction Fund”). Proceeds of the Bonds (reduced by the appropriation made in accordance with Section 5.04 to pay costs of issuance and the appropriation, if any, made in accordance with Section 4.01 hereof) shall be deposited in the Construction Fund and used solely to pay the costs of the Projects. Any balance remaining in the Construction Fund after completion of the Projects may be used for any other public use authorized by law and approved by resolution adopted or vote taken in the manner required to authorize the application of the proceeds of the Bonds for such new use and purpose, or credited to the Debt Service Fund or other District debt service fund, all in accordance with Section 475.65 of the Act.

4.03. General Obligation Pledge. For the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, as the same respectively become due, the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged. If a payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds becomes

due when there is not sufficient money in the Debt Service Fund to pay the same, the Treasurer must pay such principal or interest from the general fund of the District, and the general fund shall be reimbursed for those advances out of the proceeds of the Taxes (as hereinafter defined) levied herein, when collected.

4.04. Pledge of Taxes. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds, there are levied direct annual irrevocable ad valorem taxes (the "Taxes") upon all of the taxable property in the District, to be spread upon the tax rolls and collected with and as part of other general taxes of the District. The Taxes shall be credited to the Debt Service Fund above provided and shall be levied in the years and amounts attached hereto as EXHIBIT C to this Resolution, and, in the event the Taxes so levied are ever insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, additional Taxes are hereby authorized to be levied without limitation as to rate or amount. Said tax levies shall be irrevocable as long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, provided that the District reserves the right and power to reduce the levies in the manner and to the extent permitted by the Act (specifically, Section 475.61 of the Act).

4.05. Debt Service Coverage. It is determined that the estimated collection of Taxes levied in accordance with Section 4.04 hereof shall produce at least five percent (5%) in excess of the amount needed to meet when due the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. The tax levies herein provided shall be irrevocable until all of the Bonds are paid, provided that at the time the District makes its annual tax levies the Treasurer may certify to the Auditor/Treasurers of Wright and Hennepin Counties, Minnesota (collectively, the "County Auditors") that the District made an irrevocable appropriation of a specified amount to the Debt Service Fund of money actually on hand or if there is on hand any excess amount in the Debt Service Fund and the County Auditors shall reduce by the amount so certified the amount otherwise to be included in the rolls next thereafter prepared.

4.06. Registration of Resolution. The Clerk is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with each of the County Auditors and to obtain the certificates required by Section 475.63 of the Act.

Section 5. Authentication of Transcript.

5.01. District Proceedings and Records. The officers of the District are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser and to the attorneys approving the Bonds certified copies of proceedings and records of the District relating to the Bonds and to the financial condition and affairs of the District, and such other certificates, affidavits, and transcripts as may be required to show the facts within their knowledge or as shown by the books and records in their custody and under their control, relating to the validity and marketability of the Bonds, and such instruments, including any heretofore furnished, shall be deemed representations of the District as to the facts stated therein.

5.02. Certification as to Official Statement. The Board Chair, the Clerk, and the Treasurer, or any of their authorized designees, are authorized and directed to certify that they have examined the final Official Statement prepared and circulated in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the final Official Statement is a complete and accurate representation of the facts and representations made therein as of the date of the final Official Statement and further that said final Official Statement did not (as of the date of the final Official Statement) and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact which should be included therein for the purpose for which the final Official Statement is to be used, or which is necessary in order to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

5.03. Other Certificates. The Board Chair, the Clerk, and the Treasurer, or any of their authorized designees, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish to the Purchaser at the closing such certificates as are required as a condition of sale. Unless litigation shall have been commenced and be

pending questioning the Bonds or the organization of the District or incumbency of its officers, at the closing the Board Chair, the Clerk, and the Treasurer shall also execute and deliver to the Purchaser a suitable certificate as to absence of material litigation, and the Treasurer shall also execute and deliver a certificate as to payment for and delivery of the Bonds.

5.04. Payment of Costs of Issuance. The District authorizes the Purchaser to forward the amount of Bond proceeds allocable to the payment of issuance expenses to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association on the closing date for further distribution as directed by the Municipal Advisor.

5.05. Electronic Signatures. The electronic signatures of the Board Chair, the Clerk, and the Treasurer, or any of their authorized designees, to this Resolution and any document or certificate authorized to be executed hereunder shall be as valid as an original signature of such party and shall be effective to bind the District thereto. For purposes hereof, (i) “electronic signature” means a manually signed original signature that is then transmitted by electronic means; and (ii) “transmitted by electronic means” means sent in the form of a facsimile or sent via the internet as a portable document format (“pdf”) or other replicating image attached to an electronic mail or internet message.

Section 6. Tax Covenants.

6.01. Tax-Exempt Bonds. The District shall comply with all the necessary requirements and take all necessary actions (or decline to take prohibited actions) to ensure that interest on the Bonds shall not be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 and Sections 141 through 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and applicable Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (the “Regulations”). The District covenants and agrees with the holders from time to time of the Bonds that it shall not take or permit to be taken by any of its officers, employees, or agents any action which would cause the interest on the Bonds to become subject to federal income taxation under the Code and the Regulations, in effect at the time of such actions, and that it shall take or cause its officers, employees, or agents to take all affirmative action within their powers that may be necessary to ensure that such interest shall not become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Code and applicable Regulations, as presently existing or as hereafter amended and made applicable to the Bonds.

6.02. Continuing Requirements. The District shall comply with all requirements necessary under the Code and Regulations to establish and maintain the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds under Sections 103 and 141-150 of the Code and applicable Regulations including, without limitation, requirements relating to temporary periods for investments, limitations on amounts invested at a yield greater than the yield on the Bonds, and the rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States. The Board Chair, the Clerk, and the Treasurer, being officers of the District charged with the responsibility for issuing the Bonds pursuant to this Resolution, are authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Purchaser a certificate in accordance with the provisions of Section 148 of the Code and applicable Regulations stating the facts, estimates, and circumstances in existence on the date of issue and delivery of the Bonds which make it reasonable to expect that the “gross proceeds” of the Bonds will not be used in a manner that would cause the Bonds to be “arbitrage bonds” within the meaning of the Code and the Regulations. The District covenants and agrees to retain such records, make such determinations, file such reports and documents, and pay such amounts at such times as are required under Section 148(f) and applicable Regulations to preserve the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, unless the Bonds qualify for an exception from the rebate requirement in accordance with one of the spending exceptions set forth in Section 1.148-7 or Section 1-148-8 of the Regulations. The District shall use its best efforts to comply with any federal procedural requirements which may apply in order to effectuate the designations and covenants made by this section.

6.03. Rebate. The District will comply with requirements necessary under the Code to establish and maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103 of the Code of the interest on

the Bonds, including without limitation requirements relating to temporary periods for investments, limitations on amounts invested at a yield greater than the yield on the Bonds, and the rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States.

6.04. Not Private Activity Bonds. The District further covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds or to cause or permit them or any of them to be used, in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be determined to constitute “private activity bonds,” within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code and the applicable Regulations promulgated thereunder.

6.05. Not Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The District shall not designate the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 7. Book-Entry System; Limited Obligation of District.

7.01. DTC. The Bonds shall be initially issued in the form of a separate single typewritten or printed fully registered Bond for each of the maturities set forth in Section 1.04 hereof. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of each Bond shall be registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, and its successors and assigns (“DTC”). Except as provided in this section, all of the outstanding Bonds shall be registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

7.02. Participants. With respect to Bonds registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the District, the Registrar, and the Paying Agent shall have no responsibility or obligation to any broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions from time to time for which DTC holds Bonds as securities depository (the “Participants”) or to any other person on behalf of which a Participant holds an interest in the Bonds, including but not limited to any responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds; (ii) the delivery to any Participant or any other person (other than a registered owner of Bonds, as shown by the registration books kept by the Registrar), of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption; or (iii) the payment to any Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of Bonds, of any amount with respect to principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds. The District, the Registrar, and the Paying Agent may treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the Bond Register as the holder and absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal, premium and interest with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Bonds, and for all other purposes. The Paying Agent shall pay all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds only to or on the order of the respective registered owners, as shown in the registration books kept by the Registrar, and all such payments shall be valid and effectual to fully satisfy and discharge the District’s obligations with respect to payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a registered owner of Bonds, as shown in the Bond Register, shall receive a certificated Bond evidencing the obligation of this Resolution. Upon delivery by DTC to the Clerk of a written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the words “Cede & Co.” shall refer to such new nominee of DTC; and upon receipt of such a notice, the Clerk shall promptly deliver a copy of the same to the Registrar and Paying Agent.

7.03. Representation Letter. The District has heretofore executed and delivered to DTC a Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations (the “Representation Letter”) which shall govern payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds and notices with respect to the Bonds. Any Paying Agent or Registrar subsequently appointed by the District with respect to the Bonds shall agree to take all action necessary for all representations of the District in the Representation Letter with respect to the Registrar and Paying Agent, respectively, to be complied with at all times.

7.04. Transfers Outside Book-Entry System. In the event the District, by resolution of the Board, determines that it is in the best interests of the persons having beneficial interests in the Bonds that they be able to obtain Bond certificates, the District shall notify DTC, whereupon DTC shall notify the Participants, of the availability through DTC of Bond certificates. In such event the District shall issue, transfer, and exchange Bond certificates as requested by DTC and any other registered owners in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the District and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. In such event, if no successor securities depository is appointed, the District shall issue and the Registrar shall authenticate Bond certificates in accordance with this resolution and the provisions hereof shall apply to the transfer, exchange, and method of payment thereof.

7.05. Payments to Cede & Co. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution to the contrary, so long as a Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, payments with respect to principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond and all notices with respect to the Bond shall be made and given, respectively in the manner provided in DTC's Operational Arrangements, as set forth in the Representation Letter.

Section 8. Continuing Disclosure.

8.01. Execution of Continuing Disclosure Certificate. For purposes of this Section, "Continuing Disclosure Certificate" means that certain Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed by the Board Chair and Clerk and dated the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, as originally executed and as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

8.02. District Compliance with Provisions of Continuing Disclosure Certificate. The District hereby covenants and agrees to comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, failure of the District to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate is not to be considered an event of default with respect to the Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under this section.

Section 9. Defeasance. When all of the Bonds and all interest thereon have been discharged as provided in this section, all pledges, covenants, and other rights granted by this resolution to the holders of the Bonds shall cease, except that the pledge of the full faith and credit of the District for the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall remain in full force and effect. The District may discharge all Bonds which are due on any date by depositing with the Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full. If any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit.

Discussion: Refunding bonds Series is still out there.
Motion carried 6-0

C. Resolution - Discontinuance of Contract
Evan Ronken, Director of Human Resources

Discontinuance of contract is due to end of substitute assignment or out-of-license assignment.

Smude/Lawrence to approve that the following substitute teachers, acting incumbents, yearly and out-of-licensure contracts be discontinued pursuant to the provisions of their individual contracts. The Superintendent is directed to inform these staff members of their discontinuation and to express the District's thanks for their services: substitutes - Kaitlyn Alberg, Tyler Bruder, Nicole Dietman, Steve Hermanson, Margaret Hohenstein, David Jungers, Samantha Kramer; and out-of-license – Greg Amundson, Tandrell Foster, Kathryn Hyams, Jackson Litterer, KellyAnn Lockrem, Amy Mattson, Dwight Monson, Caleb Quernemoen, Scott Russek, Jacob Wilts, Kylee Zumach.

Motion carried 6-0

- D. Out-of-State Trip - Wrestling - Fargo, ND
Scott Thielman, Superintendent

Tournament is in Minnesota but team will stay in a hotel in North Dakota.

Sansevere/Lee to approve
Motion carried 6-0

- E. 2025-26 School Calendar
Scott Thielman, Superintendent

Traditional calendar with day after Labor Day start and all traditional breaks and holidays.

Lawrence/Smude to approve
Motion carried 6-0

6. REPORTS

- A. American Indian Annual Compliance/Vote of Concurrence
Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning

Annual MDE required notice stating that we are in compliance and meeting the needs of the American Indian Students in our district. AIPAC met on January 24, 2024 and issued a vote of concurrence.

- B. Capital Facilities and Long-Term Facilities Maintenance - 2024-25
Tim Helppi, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Meetings were held with administration and building head engineers to create this list of wants and needs. List will be reviewed and a final list will be compiled and presented for approval. List includes many pieces of equipment for custodial use.

LTFM list was also created after meetings with staff and includes the Health and Safety budget. This 10-year plan is updated annually and presented to MDE. Items that will be taken care of through the bond issue have been removed from the list.

- C. 2nd Semester Class Size Report
Anita Underberg, Admin. Asst. to Superintendent and BOE

Average class sizes for the second semester are: 20.96 at elementary, 26.22 at middle school and 26.32 at high school. These are similar to the October numbers.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AB – SWMISD, Custodial Negotiations
MB – Teacher Negotiations, Custodial Negotiations
BS – Teacher Negotiations

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Acknowledgement and thanks to our School Board members during School Board
Appreciation Month
March 18, 2024 Day at the Capital

9. ADJOURN

Sansevere/Lawrence to adjourn at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Bjorklund, Clerk
ISD 877 Board of Education