

LEGAL NOTICE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #891 REGULAR SCHEDULED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING JUNE 2, 2025 - 5:30 P.M. - HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

1. Opening of Meeting:

1.1 **Call to Order:** Chair Leppke called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

1.2 **Roll Call Attendance:** Leppke, Kockelman, Fairchild, Thorpe, Pesek, Bueltel

1.3 **Welcome Visitors**

1.4 **Approve the Agenda:** Motion by Kockelman, second Fairchild, to approve the agenda with the addition of 3.7 Out of State Travel, motion carried 6-0.

1.5 **Public Comment:** Baseball Booster. Field improvements/Safety concerns/suggestions: small field dugout, metal tree punched through that needs to be cut, weeds need to be sprayed, field dragging, outfield fence foul line fencing. Looking into Twins grant-\$15,000, + possible local donation. Booster would like to help with field maintenance. Is that alright with the school? Can we come to an agreement to work together? Coach Kockelman is aware. Booster will hire student to chalk field for summer baseball.

1.6 **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Thorpe, second Bueltel, to approve the minutes from 5-19-2025, motion carried 6-0. 1.7 Approve Payment of Bills: Motion by Kockelman, second Fairchild, to approve the payment of the bills dated 5-23-25 through 6-2-25, motion carried 6-0.

01 General Fund:	\$	87,893.15
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Building fund	\$	605,770.78
Total:	\$	692,531.81

2.0 New Business / Board Discussion:

2.1 **Aviation Class Project:** Mr. Lutgen presented. Mack Family is wanting to donate to CHS Taylorcraft plane, last annual 1973, FAA un-airworthy in 1980. Class to restore through a 2-year plan. Estimate \$25,000 over 2 years before CTE reimbursement 35%. Work with LATC for certification and assistance. Possible resale of \$30,000+. Additional learning experiences – history, craftsmanship, technical experience, problem-solving, teamwork, authenticity, safety and more. Liability – will have to be examined and FAA approved before sale.

2.2 Administrative Reports

2.2.1 **High School Principal Report:** Dr. Slaba absent.

2.2.2 **Elementary Principal Report:** Mr. Arndt shared they are shifting to summer mode. Title grant due June 30, 2025. Classroom placements and Supply Lists out by July 1.

2.2.3 **Superintendent Ryan Nielsen:** Mr. Nielsen stated the District Office is working on property and liability insurance quotes. Summer maintenance has begun: rooms cleaning, floor waxing, student workers, classroom painting, outside work is helped with side-by-side. Gym access is day to day – working to make sure kids have safe access. Looking at a cybersecurity plan to keep outside devices off our network. 1.5 Maintenance positions open. District office in the media center for the summer.

2.3 **Legislative Update:** Superintendent Nielsen updated the board on the status of the legislative session related to education.

2.4 **Language Access Plan:** Requirement by MDE and the federal government. Plan for multilingualism.

2.5 **Project Update:** New site manager through the end of the project. Former manager took another position. Clean up on westside. Pond work will be soon-can it be buried and used as parking? Future plans to look at trophy cases, blue & gold, hall of fame etc. requests for space in the new lobby. HVAC and new entrance at HS work has begun. Sanding the new gym floor. Still in conversation on ag wing classroom flooring. Landscaping tubes are a requirement and cannot be moved. It will be a busy summer.

3.0 Board Action:

3.1 **FY25 Letter of Engagement for Audit:** Motion by Kockelman, second Fairchild, to approve FY25 Letter of Engagement for Audit, motion carried 6-0.

3.2 **Preliminary FY26 Budget:** Motion by Thorpe, second Bueltel, to approve Preliminary FY26 Budget, motion carried 6-0.

3.3 Personnel:

3.3.1 **PE Teacher:** Motion by Kockelman, second Fairchild, to approve, contingent upon meeting all state and district hiring requirements, the hiring of Logan Oellien as a PE teacher, motion carried 6-0.

3.3.2 **Resignation:** Motion by Fairchild, second Bueltel, to approve resignation of Ellen Helgesen as Band Teacher effective May 28, 2025, motion carried 6-0.

3.4 **Language Arts Curriculum:** \$72,000. Motion by Fairchild, second Kockelman, to approve the purchase of Language Arts Curriculum, motion carried 6-0.

3.5 **Surplus:** Motion by Kockelman, second Fairchild, to approve surplusing Two Shellysteal steam food serving carts, motion carried 6-0.

3.6 **Closed Session for Negotiations:** Motion by Thorpe, second Bueltel, to approve a Minn. Stat. § 13D.03; 13D.05, subd. 3 closed session, motion carried 6-0. Motion by Fairchild, second Bueltel, to come out of a Minn. Stat. § 13D.03; 13D.05, subd. 3 closed session, motion carried 6-0.

3.7 **Out of State Travel:** Motion by Fairchild, second Kockelman, to approve transportation for Aviation Club to Wisconsin in July, motion carried 6-0.

4.0 Communication

4.1 **SRTS Committee** June 11 at 10:30 a.m.

4.2 **Policy Committee** June 16 at 4:30 p.m.

4.3 **Next Board Meeting:** June 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

5.0 Adjournment

5.1 **Adjournment:** 6:52 p.m. Motion Kockelman, to adjourn, second Fairchild, motion carried 6-0.