MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477
Regular meeting June 8, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Jeannie Arthur, Nathan Erickson, Rodney Huttunen, Cheri Kangas, Eric Nelson and JoAnn Olson. Absent: Kayla Frame. Also present were Superintendent Dave Kerkvliet; Principal Amie Westberg; Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff member Melissa Koch and Review Messenger Reporter Dave Hanson (virtually).

Under Visitor and Delegation Comments, Jen Chapman from Ehlers reviewed the Sale Date Report for the $1,050,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds and Capital Notes, Series 2026A for the issuance of bonds to finance the roofing project and capital notes to finance for buses and transportation. She noted that the school received a credit enhancement rating of "AAA" and three bids were received for the bond and capital notes. Ehlers accepted the low bid of 3.34 % from Baird, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Also, under Visitor and Delegation Comments, Donna Anderson, representing the Sebeka Pool Boosters was present to inform the school board that a Sebeka Pool Boosters Club has been formed to try and save the city pool. The committee is looking into what needs to be done to fix up the pool. She also noted that a possibility would be to move the fence and add more fencing to either the north or west side of the pool to add a splash pad and asked for permission to do pool enhancements.

Huttunen moved, Olson seconded to approve the agenda with the additions of 7.5.7 Approve High School Math Teacher Bethany Langlie, 7.5.8 Approve NHS Advisor Nicole Oyster, 9.8 Approve Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy for School Board Elections, and 9.9 Approve Insurance Quote from MarshMcLennan Agency. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on all employee open enrollment changes have been entered for health, dental and vision for employee elections for SY2026-2027; Career and Tech portion of the levy for FY2027 has been entered in the MDE system and noted the amount for the three CTE areas is $232,447; completed the initial budget for fiscal year 2027; completed all Time and Effort and Semi-annual certifications for Special Ed; working on Title I,II and IV applications for FY2027 which are due at the end of June; and met with Tim Skarperud from Marsh McLennan Agency to review the renewal package for general liability and workers comp insurance for the 2026-2027 school year.

Superintendent Kerkvliet reviewed Jon Lillquist's AD report which included the following coaching positions: received two applications for the C-team Volleyball position and noting interviews will be held for that position; recommending Emily and Gregg Crabb as co-coaches for Girls Basketball and Arrysa Kessler as assistant Girls Basketball coach.

Principal Westberg reported on Portrait of a Graduate and report cards as a whole for all students in elementary and high school noting that the elementary report card for students in grades K-6 for 2025-2026 includes reading and math readiness, attendance rate and career exploration experience and the 2025-2026 high school report card includes data from students in grades 9-12 on attendance rate, GPA's of 2.8 and higher, dual credits earned, number of college credits earned, ACT test scores, co-curricular activities and work place experience; completed the DIRS (discipline incident reports) and Local Literacy Plan; working on Title I narratives; and updated on the 820online school noting that she has called, left voicemails and emailed all of our online families and noted that four (4) students have enrolled so far.

Superintendent Kerkvliet reported on updates from MREA, MSBA, MASA and working on Title Grants on MDE in the MEGS system for SY26-27; Custodial Department beginning summer projects; created an electronic folder for MSBA Policy updates including a newsletter summarization of policy changes and shared it with the policy committee; met with the food service supervisor to review items to continue efficient operations; Transportation supervisor Anni Olson has been coordinating transportation for summer events and special transportation for summer Targeted Services; received a thank you from BPA students who attended the BPA Nationals; completed the Special Education Statement of Assurance; completed agreements with Northern Pines, Central Lakes College for the Schools/Concurrent Enrollment, LCSC for school safety and compliance services with Jeff Preuss; completed the required Bond Sale paperwork and noted that we had received a "AAA" rating for our Series 2026A GO LTFM bonds; and has attended meetings with the Wadena County Joint Task Force, Wadena County Family Services Collaborative Executive committee, Freshwater and a superintendent workshop provided by Sourcewell.

Under Discussion Items, Superintendent Kerkvliet noted that the Bond and Capital Note Sale is being fully implemented, will be coordinating items for the board to consider during the Board Work session which will be held on Wednesday, June 24th; and reviewed the school's general liability and workman's comp insurance renewal.

Huttunen moved, Erickson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: May 11th regular school board minutes; Treasurer and Investment report for June; monthly bills at $681,762.93; Call for Milk Bids; MSBA, MREA, MASA, MESPA, AND

LCSC Annual dues for FY2026-2027; assignment of Becca Pulju as Q-Comp coordinator; assignments of Emily Crabb and Gregg Crabb as Co-Head Girls Basketball Coaches; assignment of Sherri Kaufman as Co-Chair for Homecoming; resignation of Joni Redetzke as Food Service Assistant; assignment of Arrysa Kessler as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; lane change request from Katie Rasmussen from BA+45 to MA+15 effective September 1st; assignment of Nicole Oyster as National Honor Society Advisor; and end of year enrollment at 417 students K-12. Motion passed 5-1 with Olson against and Frame absent.

Erickson moved, Arthur seconded to approve the second reading of the final budget revisions for fiscal year 2026 showing revenues at $7,897,978 and expenditures at $8,145,714 for a deficit of $247,736. Motion carried unanimously.

Kangas moved, Arthur seconded to approve the resolution accepting the following donations: $1200 from Menahga VFW Post 6206 to BPA for Nationals; $250 from Knob Hill Sportsman's Club to Summer School; $200 from Sebeka Basketball Boosters to Boys Basketball; and $1,050 from West Central to SkillsUSA for Nationals; and $300 from an anonymous donor for Little League Baseball jerseys. The following members voted in favor: Arthur, Erickson, Huttunen, Kangas, Nelson, Olson; against: none; absent Frame; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Olson moved, Kangas seconded to approve the first reading of the 2026-2027 initial budget showing revenues at $7,796,921.13 and expenditures at $8,116,717.68 with a deficit of $319,796.55. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Arthur seconded to approve the resolution to renew the membership in the MSHSL for the 2026-2027 school year. The following members voted in favor: Arthur, Erickson, Huttunen, Kangas, Nelson, Olson; against: none; absent Frame; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Olson moved, Kangas seconded to approve the recertification of Superintendent Kerkvliet as the designated administrator for the External (IoWA) User Access. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board tabled the Pool Booster request in regard to pool enhancements to get more information.

Huttunen moved, Erickson seconded to approve the resolution awarding the $1,050,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds and Capital Notes, Series 2026A to Baird at 3.34% interest rate. The following members voted in favor: Arthur, Erickson, Huttunen, Kangas, Nelson, Olson; against: none; absent Frame; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Arthur moved, Kangas seconded to approve the resolution authorizing participation with the Community Concern for Youth Program with Todd-Wadena Community Corrections at a cost of $2,194.00 for the project entitled Todd-Wadena Community Concern for Youth during the period from 01/01/27 through 12/31/27, which is to be paid on 01/01/27. The following members voted in favor: Arthur, Erickson, Huttunen, Kangas, Nelson, Olson; against: none; absent Frame; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Olson moved, Kangas seconded to approve the resolution establishing dates for filing affidavits of candidacy for school board elections which will be held during the general election on November 3rd and noting that that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the Office of School Board member for Independent School District No. 820 shall begin on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, and shall close at 5:00 clock p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 and at that election, four (4) members will be elected to the School Board for a term of four (4) years each; Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the School District Office, 200 1st ST NW, Sebeka, MN 56477; the filing fee for this office is $2 and a candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same general election. The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 clock p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026. The following members voted in favor: Arthur, Erickson, Huttunen, Kangas, Nelson, Olson; against: none; absent Frame; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Arthur moved, Erickson seconded to approve the insurance quote from MarshMcLennon Agency for the school's general liability and workman's comp insurance for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Arthur seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson

Clerk of Sebeka School District