

## NORTH LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14

Minutes of <b>Regular</b> Meeting: December 11, 2023
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The Board of Directors met on December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct the business of the District and the meeting was held in the school library and was open to the public in person or by Zoom.

**CALL to ORDER:** 2023 -24 Board Chair Scott Duffner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

1. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Scott Duffner, Preston Fivecoat, Dan Jansen, Mark Herinckx

Members Absent: Dwight Roth

Administration Present: Superintendent Gail Buermann, Principal Cameron Mitchem, Vice  
Principal Jim Missel and Board Secretary Janet Waldron,

Also Present: 2- Patrons of the District

2. **Review of the Agenda**

**Changes:** No Changes

**Discussion:**

**Motioned by:** Preston Fivecoat

Seconded by: Dan Jansen to approve the December 11, 2023 Agenda as presented.

**Vote:** Aye -4, Nay - 0, Absent -1

**Result:** Motion Carries

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

**Changes:** No changes made

**Discussion:** No further discussion

**Motioned by:** Dan Jansen

Seconded by Scott Duffner, to approve the November 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

**Vote:** Aye -4, Nay - 0, Absent -1

**Result:** Motion Carries

4. **Review of the Bills**

Bills are presented for Board Member review:

**Discussion:** None

**Questions:** About the First Student bill charges. We have been given a discount on some of the charges for what FS was not providing for us.

5. **New Business**

A. Dave Knowles – Lake County Tax Collector/ Assessor

Dave introduced Linda Hopper (Deputy Assessor) who he will support taking his place when he retires at end of 2024. Dave is here to address the Board because he made a mistake and interpreted a conversation with Sara as the return of extra bond funds as paying off the bond. It was also not questioned by a second reviewer and then Sara caught it. There are several choices the board can

make going forward. We could choose not to bill those who owe under \$10 and cut the amount of billings from 8,600 to 2,500. Dave will send out a letter notifying community that they can pre-pay what they owe or wait and pay two years' worth with next year's billing. Technically by statute the county can't take a pre-payment so the money will have to go into the account with next years taxes.

Dave is recommending we notify all 8,600 accounts. The letter would go out this month. The county would absorb the cost to send a second mailing and any associated costs for pre-payment. (He figures this will cost the county about \$1.26 per account)

Sara thinks we can borrow about \$180,000 (max) from the Gen Fund to make the minimum payment and then pay the fund back when the taxes come in.

Side Discussion: Ruby pipeline has put the south end of the county in a world of hurt financially.

On the North end - Obsidian Solar project has promised 4 million that needs to go to the NL Foundation.

Other solar projects will bring in even more money to this end. Solar companies are offering PILOT but we need to do our homework.

In 2 years solar companies may be our biggest cash cow in the county for generated taxes.

B. Transportation – It is the board's decision to move forward with a district option for transportation for 2024-25. Glenna Wade reports that all routes should be covered by next month. The board thinks community benefits of keeping tax dollars in the community and local control outweigh the risk. Glenna cautions that all the issues First Student had finding drivers will now be our headache.

Our buses are going to require a lot of hours to repair issues that keep arising. Bluebirds are having sensor and wiring issues. It is the recommendation that Bus 18 be retired once we get our new bus.

C. SIA Annual Report

i. Public Comment: None at this time

D. Early Literacy Grant

i. Public Comment: Kindergarten teacher, Laura House, weighed in that she would like a copy of the review and inventory to look over. Janet will get her a copy.

### **ACTION(S):**

**5A. Motioned by** Preston Fivecoat, seconded by Mark Herinckx, to take a fully transparent approach with our district and attempt to collect all taxes owed and encourage pre-payment in accordance with our tax assessor's recommendation. The Board also approves the loan the bond payment from the school's general fund until the balance of the taxes are paid.

**Vote:** Aye - 4, Nay - 0, Absent - 1

**Result:** Motion Carries

**5B. Motioned by** Preston Fivecoat, seconded by Dan Jansen to have Garrett Hemann Robertson notify First Student that we are giving our 180-day notice on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and terminating our contract with them effective June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Vote:** Aye - 4, Nay - 0, Absent - 1

**Result:** Motion Carries

**5C. Motioned by** Preston Fivecoat, seconded by Scott Duffner, to approve the SIA grant annual report for the 2022-23 school year.  
District.

**Vote:** Aye - 4, Nay - 0, Absent - 1

**Result:** Motion Carries

**5D. Motioned by** Dan Jansen, seconded by Mark Herinckx to approve the Early Literacy Grant as presented.  
District.

**Vote:** Aye - 4, Nay - 0, Absent - 1

**Result:** Motion Carries

**6. Public Comment**

A. None at this time

**7. Superintendent's Report**

A. **Budget/Financial:**

**Speaker(s):** Gail Buermann

**Attachments:** A1, A2

**Reports:**

1. Enrollment/Registration Report
2. Monthly Financial Report –

**ACTION(S):** No action items

B. **Maintenance/Facilities:**

**Speaker(s):** Gail Buermann

**Attachments:** None

**Reports:**

1. Nothing to report at this time

**ACTION(S):** No action items

C. **Transportation:**

**Speaker(s):** Gail Buermann

**Attachments:** C1

**Reports:**

1. Monthly Report was presented
2. New Bus Update
  - Due to arrive in late January

**ACTION(S):** No action items

D. **Student Issues, Athletics/Activities:**

**Speaker(s):** Jim Missel

**Attachments:** None

**Reports:**

1. Athletic Director's Report was presented. We had our home basketball tournament last weekend. The dugouts are being cut out and prepared.

**ACTION(S):** No action items

E. **Academics, Curriculum and Assessment:**

**Speaker:** Cameron Mitchem

**Attachments:**

**Reports:**

1. Principal's Report: Mr. Mitchem went over our November and early December K-12 activities with the board. Holiday program will be on 12/14 @ 1:00 PM.
2. Mystery Science Curriculum needs approval from the board.

**ACTION(S):**

**E2a. Motioned by** Dan Jansen, seconded by Preston Fivecoat, to approve the independent adoption of the Mystery Science Curriculum for grades K-5 for the 2023-24 school year.

**Vote:** Aye -4, Nay - 0, Absent -1

**Result:** Motion Carries

F. **Personnel/Human Resources:**

**Speaker(s):** Gail Buermann

**Attachments:** F3b

**Reports:**

1. Classified: None at this time
2. Confidential: None at this time
3. Certified:
  - a. Update on Zapphire Joy de la Cerna
4. Extra Duty:
  - a. Informational – Middle School Wrestling coaching position is still open.

**ACTION(S):** No Action items

G. **School Board Business, Policy Update:**

**Speaker:** Gail Buermann

**Attachments:** G1, G2, G3, G4

**Reports:**

1. Policy Corrections:
  - a. KL-AR - Rescind
  - b. JFCF-AR – Adjust language to match JFCF
  - c. EFA – Added goals to two areas.
2. Have to create civil rights committee. This will be Gail, Cameron, Jim since they already oversee the relevant areas.
3. Have to create an equity committee by 2025. We will do this in coordination with Lake ESD.

**ACTION(S):**

**Discussion:**

**G1a. Motioned by** Mark Herinckx, seconded by Preston Fivecoat, to rescind policy KL-AR.

**Vote:** Aye -4, Nay - 0, Absent -1

**Result:** Motion Carries

**G1b. Motioned by** Dan Jansen, seconded by Scott Duffner, to adjust language in JFCF-AR to match the language in policy JFCF. (Adding the words “hazing” and “menacing” back into the policy.)

**Vote:** Aye 4, Nay - 0, Absent -1

**Result:** Motion Carries

**G1c. Motioned by** Preston Fivecoat, seconded by Mark Herinckx, to revise policy EFA to add back goals to the areas of “Other activities that promote student wellness” and “nutritional promotion.

**Vote:** Aye -4, Nay - 0, Absent -1

**Result:** Motion Carries

**H. Upcoming events/dates:**

As presented. January meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

**9. Unfinished Business:**

A. None at this time

**10. Questions and Comments from Board Members:**

**11. Future Agenda Items**

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12. **Adjournment**

No further business presented; the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

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*Scott Duffner,*

Board Chairman

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*Janet Waldron,*

Board Secretary

**Minutes (to be) approved at the 1/8/24 Board meeting**