



**DeSmet School District #20**  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
6:00 pm Monday, October 21st, 2024  
In the School Library

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## **Regular Meeting Agenda**

### **I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Chair Heather Burgad called the meeting to order at 6:02pm, and the meeting opened with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. Introduction/Comments of Guests on Items not on the Agenda**

### **III. Recognition of Students and Staff**

### **IV. Board Correspondence**

#### **A. Discussion, Action: Letter of Intent from Brock Belgarde to Serve on the Board**

A motion was made first by Sigrid Sheie and seconded by Katie Brubaker to appoint Brock Belgarde to serve on the board until the next school election. Motion was carried unanimously.

#### **B. Action: Updated Signature Card**

A motion was made first by Sigrid Sheie and seconded by Katie Brubaker to approve the addition of Brock Belgarde and removal of Jasmine Dahlquist to the list of approved signers for DeSmet Elementary's First Interstate Bank account.. Motion was carried unanimously.

### **V. Business Manager's Report**

#### **A. Action: Review/Approval of Minutes**

[\[9.16.24 Regular Meeting Minutes\]](#)

[\[10.2.24 Emergency Meeting Minutes\]](#)

A motion was made first by Sigrid Sheie and seconded by Katie Brubaker to approve the minutes from 9.16.24 and 10.2.24. Motion was carried unanimously.

B. Action: Review/Approval of Warrants  
[\[October Claims Detail Report\]](#)

A motion was made first by Sigrid Sheie and seconded by Katie Brubaker to approve the October Warrants. Motion was carried unanimously.

C. Review of Budget Reports  
[\[Object Summary Budget v. Actual\]](#)

Ms. Erikson reviewed the budget reports with trustee attendance.

D. Discussion, Action: Audit Contract with Debbie Oulette of Newland & Co.

A motion was made first by Sigrid Sheie and seconded by Katie Brubaker to approve the Audit Contract with Debbie Oulette of Newland & Co. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Discussion, Action: Student Activities Proposal

A motion was made first by Sigrid Sheie and seconded by Katie Brubaker to table the Discussion and Proposal for Student Activities until the next board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Superintendent's Report**  
[\[Annotated Superintendent's Report\]](#)

A. Discussion: ANB Count

Mr. Driessen discussed enrollment trends with trustee attendance.

B. Discussion, Action: Para Scholarship Recipient

A motion was made first by Sigrid Sheie and seconded by Katie Brubaker to approve Ellie Michels as the approved candidate to receive the \$1,000 para scholarship. Motion was carried unanimously.

C. Discussion: Studies on 4-Day School Weeks

Mr. Driessen reviewed data surrounding 4-Day school weeks with trustee attendance, and indicated that schools who have adopted this schedule generally see a decrease in academic performance.

#### D. Discussion: Housing Development

Mr. Driessen discussed the upcoming housing development, his goals for obtaining affordable staff housing, and possible funding methods with the board.

### **VII. Personnel Report**

- A. Action: Hire of Ellie Michels as Head Basketball Coach, to receive a stipend not to exceed \$1200, paid at an hourly rate.

A motion was made first by Sigrid Sheie and seconded by Katie Brubaker to approve the hire of Ellie Michels as Head Basketball Coach, to receive a stipend not to exceed \$1200, paid at an hourly rate. Motion was carried unanimously.

- B. Action: Hire of Remi Burubie as Assistant Basketball Coach, who has requested that the \$800 stipend be donated instead to the school, in place of receiving compensation

A motion was made first by Sigrid Sheie and seconded by Katie Brubaker to approve the hire of Remi Burubie as Assistant Basketball Coach, who has requested that the \$800 stipend be donated instead to the school, in place of receiving compensation. Motion was carried unanimously.

### **VIII. Committee Updates**

- IX. Upcoming Meeting:** Monday, November 18th

- X. Comments of Guest & School Board Members on Items Not on the Agenda**

- XI. Adjourn**

A unanimous motion to adjourn was carried at 7:05pm