

**NORTH LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025  
NORTH LAKE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

Susan Schultz called the meeting of the North Lake School District Board of Education to order at 5:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Schultz, Debra Schaber, and Marty Iverson.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Superintendent, Liesl Ackley; Manager of Business Services, Jennifer Sellhausen; and Director of Buildings & Grounds, Karl Ashenfelter.

**2. Confirmation of Posting, Open Meeting Clarification, Final Agenda Approval**

Public notification was reviewed and clarification of the open meeting's ruling was given.

*Deb Schaber moved and Marty Iverson seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 3-0.*

**3. Guest Speaker: Lake Country Kindergarten Director, Kari Graziano**

- Kari Graziano reviewed the past three years of student enrollment numbers with the Board and highlighted the healthy program.
- She stated that Nichole Wright will teach a "bridge to summer" summer program.
- Dr. Ackley stated that she is appreciative of the outstanding Lake Country Kindergarten staff.

**4. Public Comments**

- None

**5. Approval of the March 19, 2025 Regular and Closed Session Minutes and the April 7, 2025 Board of Canvassers Minutes**

*Marty Iverson moved and Deb Schaber seconded to approve the March 19, 2025 Regular and Closed Session Minutes and the April 7, 2025 Board of Canvassers Minutes. Motion carried 3-0.*

**6. Approval of the March 2025 Checklist and Treasurer's Report**

*Deb Schaber moved and Marty Iverson seconded to approve the March 2025 Checklist and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 3-0.*

**7. Communications and Reports**

**Teaching & Learning Report:**

- Dr. Ackley stated that the Critical Response Group Inc. will be here next week for the onsite walkthrough to enhance our school safety through digital mapping.
- Dr. Ackley along with the school safety team will be attending a training, *Communicating Through Crisis: Navigating Critical Incidence*. North Lake is looking to learn everything it can about school safety and this training will bring a national perspective.
- Carey Wagner, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher, is holding a summer book club. The staff members involved will be reading *Figuring Out Fluency in Mathematics*.
- Dr. Ackley informed the Board that it has been a busy open enrollment period with many tours and shadow experiences for prospective students.
- There is an Arrowhead District School Board Assembly in May. The North Lake Board expressed no interest in joining a conversation about K-12 consolidation. The North Lake student academic achievement is top performing among the seven feeder schools. North Lake's total enrollment is increasing while maintaining small class sizes for the majority of sections. Conservative budgeting on behalf of the North Lake School Board in conjunction with a successful operational referendum, contributes to North Lake School's continued success. Dr. Ackley restated that research supports higher test scores in smaller K-8 districts than in larger K-12 districts. Dr. Ackley celebrated the benefits of a K-8 model which include increased accountability, local control, and faster innovation. Despite being a small K-8 school, North Lake offers wide selection of electives including Spanish, Robotics, Design & Modeling, Visual and Vocal Arts, Pop Rock Piano, Phy Ed/Health, and Laker's Manufacturing Experience.

### **Facilities Update:**

- Karl Ashenfelter stated that the new shed roof on the community outbuilding was completed by Bulldog Builders.
- He has received three quotes for the sealcoating the parking lot, repainting the United States map, and the possible striping of pickleball courts.
- The gym floor has buckled by the new northside gym doors that were recently installed. We may possibly be able to patch that area. Karl is still looking at options and why it is happening.
- Karl had J&H Heating quote a kitchen HVAC roof top unit given the fact that it is the original unit. The quote came in at approximately \$30,000, so more information is needed at this time.
- A new carpet machine has been purchased.
- A new GAGA pit will be delivered and installed this summer. It will be ADA accessible and have artificial turf.
- Dr. Ackley stated the lease on our copy machines is over 10/28/25 and James Imaging needs a letter of intent 120 days prior to the end of the lease. We need to make a decision by July. Chad Edstrand is heading up the tech side of the project, and Jenny Sellhausen is looking into the financing.

### **District Initiatives:**

- Dr. Ackley reviewed the North Lake Education Foundation (NLEF) fundraising plans including teacher grants, turfed GAGA pit, multi-media experience presentation monitors powered by Rise Vision software, and remaining upper school classroom furniture if they do well at the golf outing.

### **8. New Business**

#### **a. Action on Occupational Therapy Services 66.0301 Agreement for 2025-2026 school year**

*Deb Schaber moved and Marty Iverson seconded to approve the Occupational Therapy Services 66.0301 Agreement for 2025-2026. Motion carried 3-0.*

#### **b. Action on Lake Country Kindergarten Lease Agreement for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years**

- Dr. Ackley reviewed the changes to the Lake Country Kindergarten Lease Agreement with the Board.

*Deb Schaber moved and Marty Iverson seconded to approve the Lake Country Kindergarten Lease Agreement for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. Motion carried 3-0.*

#### **c. Discussion and Action on Agreement for Private Pay Transportation Service for the 2025-2026 school year**

*Marty Iverson moved and Deb Schaber seconded to approve the Agreement for Private Pay Transportation Service for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 3-0.*

#### **d. Action on Spanish Teacher 66.0301 Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year**

- Dr. Ackley noted that there is a high demand for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish next year.

*Marty Iverson moved and Deb Schaber seconded to approve the Spanish Teacher 66.0301 Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 3-0.*

#### **e. Action on CESA #1 Agreement for Services for the 2025-2026 school year**

*Deb Schaber moved and Marty Iverson seconded to approve the CESA #1 Agreement for Services for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 3-0.*

#### **f. Action on Alternative Open Enrollment Applications**

*Marty Iverson moved and Deb Schaber seconded to approve the Alternative Open Enrollment Applications. Motion carried 3-0.*

### **9. Adjourn**

*Deb Schaber moved and Marty Iverson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.*

Respectfully submitted by,

  
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School Board Clerk Signature/Date