

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2021

The Pelican Rapids Board of Education held a regular meeting on November 15, 2021 in the media center at the high school at 6PM. Board members present: Jon Karger, Anne Peterson, Molly Welch, Brenda Olson, and Brittany Dokken, and Greg Larson.

Others Present: Brian Korf, Rudy Martinez, Derrick Nelson, Emily Evenson, Lou Hoglund, Lauren Siebels, Bill Simmons, Karla Breen, Charlie Blixt, Jessica Sjostrom, Cary Haugrud, and Jake Januszewski.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM and the pledge of allegiance was led by Jon Karger.

Brenda Olson moved to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Brittany Dokken and carried with all members present voting in favor.

### Acknowledgements

Fall Coaches/Advisors & Athletes/Participants

Cross Country - Section 8A Team Academic Awards: Boys' Silver, Girls' Gold

Charlie Larson - 11th at State and named All-State

Mohamed Ahmed - 2nd Team All State Soccer

Sebastian Centeno - 1st Team All State Soccer

### Administrative reports

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| A. | Elementary Principal/AD     | Mr. Derrick Nelson |
| B. | Finance Director            | Mr. Rudy Martinez  |
| C. | Superintendent/HS Principal | Mr. Brian Korf     |

Brittany Dokken moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

- A. Approve board minutes - October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Financial claims -October bills
- C. Treasurer's report
- D. Accept donations  
PRHS Scholarship Fund - \$20 - Anonymous
- E. Personnel  
Approve the resignation of Logan Knorr as JH Girls Basketball Coach  
Approve the resignation of John Peter as Head Girls Track Coach  
Approve the resignation of Asma Mohamud as Sp. Ed. Para at VES effective October 31, 2021  
Approve the resignation of Courtney Thorson as Sp. Ed. Para at VES effective Nov. 25, 2021  
Approve the hire of Madison Abarr as JH Girls Basketball Coach  
Approve the hire of Joy Miller as JH Girls Basketball Coach
- F. Approve the following lane change requests:  
Karli Kirkwood BA to BA+10(S)

The motion was seconded by Anne Peterson and carried with all members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

Anne Peterson motioned to approve the Employee Assistance Program Agreement for January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2023 with Lakeland Mental Health Centers. The motion was seconded by Brittany Dokken and carried with all present members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

Anne Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR A PARKING LOT  
RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 548 (Pelican Rapids), Minnesota (the District), as follows:

1. Proposed Property Tax Abatement.

The District, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 to 469.1815, as amended, is authorized to grant an abatement of the property taxes imposed by the District on all properties within the District boundaries (collectively, the Property), if certain conditions are met, through the adoption of a resolution specifying the terms of the abatement. It has been proposed that the District undertake a parking lot reconstruction project between the Viking Elementary School and the District's athletic complex and construction of a new parking lot across Highway 59 from the school performance auditorium, which will enable District residents to continue to conveniently and safely access these facilities, and benefiting the Property (the Improvements). In order to finance the Improvements, it has been proposed that the Board grant a property tax abatement on the Property in an amount not to exceed \$1,650,000 over ten (10) years (the Proposed Property Tax Abatement), and that this Board hold a public hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Abatement as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1813, subdivision 5.

2. Public Hearing.

A public hearing is hereby scheduled to be held on the Proposed Property Tax Abatement on December 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the District offices, at 310 South Broadway, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such public hearing in substantially the form of Exhibit A hereto to be published in the official newspaper of the District more than ten (10) days but less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

**EXHIBIT A**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of Independent School District No. 548 (Pelican Rapids), Minnesota (the District) will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the District offices, at 310 South Broadway, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota to consider granting an abatement of the property taxes imposed by the District (the Proposed Property Tax Abatement) on all properties within the District boundaries.

The purpose of granting the Proposed Property Tax Abatement is to provide funds to finance a parking lot reconstruction project between the Viking Elementary School and the District's athletic complex and construction of a new parking lot across Highway 59 from the school performance auditorium, which will enable District residents to continue to conveniently and safely access these facilities. The total estimated amount of the Proposed Property Tax Abatement by the District is \$1,650,000 over ten (10) years.

All who wish to be heard as to the Proposed Property Tax Abatement will be given an opportunity to express their views at the time of the public hearing or may file written comments with the Finance Director prior to the public hearing.

The motion was seconded by Brittany Dokken and upon a vote being taken the following board members voted in favor:

Brittany Dokken, Greg Larson, Jon Karger, Anne Peterson, Brenda Olson, Molly Welch

And the following voted against:

None

The resolution is approved.

Anne Peterson motioned to approve the nomination of Jon Karger for the Lakes Country Service Cooperative Board. The motion was seconded by Molly Welch and carried with all present members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

Anne Peterson motioned to approve the Principal Contract 2021-22 & 2022-23. The motion was seconded by Jon Karger and carried with all present members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

Brittany Dokken motioned to approve the HVAC Project. The motion was seconded by Anne Peterson and carried with all present members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

Brenda Olson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption.

## **FORM A**

### **Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS the Governing Board of ISD 548 recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist schools in recognizing, promoting, and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletics and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of ISD 548 supports the school's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees.

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Date

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Board Chair/Head of School

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Date

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Board Clerk - Treasurer/Finance Director

The motion was seconded by Brittany Dokken and upon a vote being taken the following board members voted in favor:

Brittany Dokken, Greg Larson, Jon Karger, Anne Peterson, Brenda Olson, Molly Welch

And the following voted against:

None

The resolution is approved.

No motion made to approve the Application for Flexible Learning Year (2022-23, 2023-24, & 2024-25).

Greg Larson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brittany Dokken and carried with all members voting in favor with a roll call vote.

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Board Chair

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Board Clerk