

**Minutes of the Regular/Organizational Meeting
Joint Powers Board
January 15, 2025**



**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN
INTEGRATION SCHOOL DISTRICT**
A Global Community Learning and Growing Together

Call to Order

Chair Gordee called the regular/organizational meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:15 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom with the following members present: Kacy Deschene, Rich Zeck, Ross Meisner, Mindy Freiberg, Tanya Prince, Amanda Lawrence, Eric Gordee, and ex-officio Heather Lyke. Also in attendance: Jeff Ridlehoover, Rockford Public Schools Superintendent; Chelcie Johnson, NWSISD; and Aaron Nielsen, MMKR auditor.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Freiberg, seconded by Meisner, to approve the agenda as presented for January 15, 2025. Upon roll call, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Board Representation

- Welcome new board members: Amanda Lawrence, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose; Rich Zeck, Brooklyn Center; Tanya Prince, Osseo.
- The board recognized former board members Aubry Woksonsommers (Brooklyn Center), Bob Sansevere (Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose), and Jackie Mosqueda-Jones (Osseo) with sincere thanks and appreciation for their service and time dedicated to the NWSISD collaborative.

2025 Organizational Action Approvals

Motion by Zeck, seconded by Deschene, to approve the NWSISD organizational items #1-3 and #5-8. Upon roll call, all voted in favor.

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Zeck, to approve the NWSISD organization item #4. Upon roll call, Zeck, Lawrence, Meisner, Freiberg, Prince, and Gordee voted in favor, Deschene abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Officer Appointments

- **Chair:** Eric Gordee
- **Vice Chair:** Rich Zeck
- **Treasurer:** Ross Meisner
- **Clerk:** Amanda Lawrence

Joint Working Group Appointments: Board members Eric Gordee and Tanya Prince will serve on the committee with Superintendents to be determined. This committee will meet on an as-needed basis.

Organizational Items

- Designation of Official Newspaper - Sun Post
- Designation of Official Depositories for District Funds - MSDLAF
- Authorization of Payments for Goods and Services in Advance of Board Approval
- Authorization of Procedures for the Investment of Excess Cash
- Authorization Relating to Negotiable Safekeeping
- Designation of Identified Official with Authority for the MDE External User Recertification
- Adoption of 2025 Board Meeting Dates

NWSISD Programs and Other Reports

1. **NWSISD Financial Audit:** Aaron J. Nielsen, Principal with MMKR, presented the audit report and findings for FY 2023-24. MMKR completed two audits this year, the regular single NWSISD audit,

and the federal MSAP grant. Nielsen reported it was a good audit and thanked NWSISD staff for their assistance.

2. NWSISD Financial Report: Lyke presented the monthly financial report, making note NWS is right on track for their 2024-25 budget.
3. Executive Director Report: Lyke provided a written report giving details on magnet schools, college & career readiness, family & community engagement, and professional development.
4. NWSISD Magnet Schools Update: Lyke presented a report on the number of assignments made during the first lottery. Notification letters are currently being completed and mailed to families.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Deschene, to approve the Consent Agenda of routine action items including: Check register for November – December 2024; Minutes from the regular Joint Powers Board meeting, held on November 26, 2024; personnel consent agenda; and policies series 100, and 600. Upon roll call, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Gordee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Amanda Lawrence
Board Clerk