

**Holdingford School Board Briefs**

The Holdingford School Board held their organizational meeting on January 17, 202. Members present Evelyn Martini, Nicole Burg, Ed Feia, Lori Opatz, and Pat Meier. Member absent: Robert Knettel. Also attending was: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Business Manager Garrity Gerber, Student Representative Jada Moey, Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka and Reporter Hans Lammeman from the Star Post.

Acting Chair Feia called the meeting to order, the pledge was recited, the amended agenda was approved and election of officers took place. Lori Opatz was named Chairperson, Robert Knettel was named Vice-Chairperson, Patrick Meier was named Clerk and Evelyn Martini was named Treasurer.

The 2024 school board meeting calendar was set. Meetings will begin at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted or publicized. Meetings will be held in the High School Meeting Room. Meet and Confer meetings are at 3:15 PM, in the Boardroom and Work Sessions are at 6:00 PM in the High School Meeting Room.

The board salaries were approved as follows: \$60 for regular, special and committee meetings; \$85 for out of district meetings, and \$85 for meetings that exceed 6 hours in length; Chair \$300/year, Clerk \$100/year, Treasurer \$100/year, the mileage reimbursement rate was set at the federal reimbursement rate while using your own vehicle on school business, meal reimbursement rates were set to follow the State of MN Commissioners' Plan while on school business and the Star Post was retained as the official newspaper.

The Board retained Stearns Bank Holdingford, MN Trust, and Minnesota School District Liquid Assets Fund (MSDLAF), and that the Superintendent/Business Manager are authorized to make deposits in official depositories, approved to allow the use of facsimile board signatures affixed by computer on payroll and disbursement checks, named district administrative assistant as clerk's designee for routine school duties and handling election duties, authorized the superintendent to sign/renew contracts and service agreements in amounts up to \$20,000, authorized the business manager as treasurer's designee for routine duties including investments and electronic transfers, approved providing meals, coffee, and light refreshments to visitors, authorized the board chair and superintendent to be exclusive contacts with district counsel and to use one firm. Jovanovich, Dege, Athmann, PA of St. Cloud with Susan Dege as our Legal Counsel, approved participation in Title Programs I, II, and IV. The superintendent is the LEA representative for the programs. The ele-

mentary principal is authorized as the contact person. Discussion took place on board committee assignments. Final approval will be at the February meeting. That concluded the organizational meeting items.

The meeting continued with approval of the consent agenda. Items in consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from Dec. 20th School Board Mtg and Jan. 9th Spl Board Mtg; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$315405.54; Computer checks approved #55382 through #55500 and #30815 through #30844 in the amount of \$13,627.30; approval of the electronic transfer for Dec. 2023, \$478,328.06; acknowledgment of the Treasurer's Report balance per books \$6,371,842.32; approval of lane changes for Lydia Sailor from BS10 to BS20; Michelle Schumer from BS to BS20; Hunter Ahrens from BS to BS10; Emily Wolter from BS to BS30; approval of Policy 413 Harassment and Violence; approval of Policy 507 Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint; and accept the donation from Cherry Berry of \$250 worth of gift certificates to the middle school/high school PBIS Team, \$500 Stearns Electric to HS Activity account, \$50 to Swimming from Bowlus American Legion, and \$25,000 from the Husker Athletic Booster Club. The Board thanked the Donors for their generosity!

**Reports:**

Superintendent Swenson reported on the MSBA Convention attended by Nicole Burg, Pat Meier and himself. Topics covered at the convention included: workforce needs, AI use, science curriculum, book selection and MSHSL Grants. Discussion ensued on the development of AI.

Student Representative Jada Mosey reported winter sports teams are doing well and NHS is planning for the winter formal. High School report: Mr. Swenson opened discussion on sports teams state participation. Fan buses, and live streaming have been offered for fan participation. Some districts close school during the state competitions but our district has not in the past. He asked for input from the Board and explained further discussion will take place before decisions are made. Mr. Swenson also informed the Board that the high school will follow the elementary format for scheduling parent teacher conferences.

Elementary Principal Stang thanked ROCORI for hosting the Teacher Academy Day, PTA for sponsoring "Be the Nice Kid" Speaker Bryan Skavnakid, his message encourages kids to become kind, inclusive, confident adults. Mr. Stang also thanked the night custodians and their leadership for a great job cleaning up all the mud that gets brought into the building each day. He explained the Kindergarteners are working on Bus Driver

Appreciation Letters to present to the drivers and preparation are in the works for Kindergarten Round-up. Lastly, Mr. Stang informed the Board that his Principal Association suggested inviting legislators into schools and he is working on inviting local legislators in to experience this great place from facilities to kids to staff.

Meier reported BSED business as usual including appointing committees, positions, and approving policies.

Business Manager Gerber reported expenses are trending along on track. All contracts are settled and W2's will be out shortly. He informed the Board that the grant that he and Rodney submitted for stop arm cameras for all current buses was awarded to the district.

Other agenda items at the January 18, 2023 meeting included:

**Business Items:**

- Approved the District Certified Staff Seniority list for 2023-2024 as presented.
- Adopted the Resolution Appointing Elissa Ebnet as a School Board Member. The Board thanked Elissa Ebnet for her willingness to serve another year.
- Mr. Gerber presented quotes to replace the swimming, baseball and softball scoreboards which are being purchased with funding from the Husker Athletic Booster Club. Accepted the quotes from AIM Electronics to remove existing boards, furnish and install the new boards in the amount of \$63,552.00. With a huge thank you to the Husker Athletic Booster Club!

**Personnel:**

- accept the resignation from Tech Assistant Brianna Rudolph with her last day being 1/18/2024. With many thanks to Ms. Rudolph for her time & assistance to the Tech dept.
- Mr. Stang recommended Ms. Hellermann for an additional Paraprofessional. Hired Kayla Hellermann for the new Para position with a start date of 1/2/2024.

A review of the upcoming meeting dates took place.

Paraprofessional Week is January 22-26, 2024

Meet & Confer Meeting February 21, 2024 @ 3:15 PM in the HS Board Room

School Board Meeting February 21, 2024 @ 6:00 PM in the HS Meeting Room.

This article is a summary of the minutes. The full text is available for public inspection at the District Office or online at <http://www.isd738.org/school-board-meeting-agendasminutes.html>.

**Albany Area Schools**  
**Albany, Minnesota 56307**  
**Administration Office Telephone 320/845-2171 – FAX 320/201-5878**  
**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Albany Area Schools – ISD #745 District Board Room 30 Forest Ave Albany, Minnesota 56307**  
**January 24, 2024, 5:30 PM**  
**AG E N D A**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Transportation Services Contract

4. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Transportation Employee Severance
  5. Approval of Dust Collection System Bids
  6. Approval of Ten Year Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan
  7. Adjournment
- Note: Items may be added to the agenda which have an immediate effect on the operation of the school district. An effort will be made to keep additions to a minimum.

Amy Sand, Clerk  
 P-4-1B

**Holding Township Notice**

Holding Township will hold their Board of Audit on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. at the Holding Town Hall located at 790 4th Street West, Holdingford, MN 56340 to review the Clerk & Treasurer's records for the year of 2023.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will commence at 7:00 P.M. at the Holding Town Hall.

Julianne Ebnet, Clerk  
 P-4-1B

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2. Roll Call
3. Student Representatives
4. Europe Trip Presentation
5. Albany Principal Presentation
6. Teaching and Learning Update
7. Superintendent Update
8. Adjournment

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**PROBATE NOTICE**  
 STATE OF MINNESOTA  
 COUNTY OF STEARNS  
 DISTRICT COURT  
 SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No: 73-PR-24-363

In Re: Estate of Julian Edward Kortenbusch, aka Julian E. Kortenbusch, aka Julian Kortenbusch,

ing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Decedent. Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

**BY THE COURT**

Dated: January 18, 2024

/s/ Matthew Engelking  
 Judge of District Court

Dated: January 18, 2024

/s/ George Lock  
 Court Administrator

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Melrose City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at the Melrose Fire and Ambulance Station located at 405 2nd Avenue SE, Melrose MN.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the re-

quest of Kwik Trip Inc. DBA Kwik Trip Store # 1215 for an Off Sale 3.2% Malt Liquor License.

Dated this 18th day of January 2024

Patricia Haase – City Clerk

Publish in the Star Post on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

CITY OF AVON SUMMARY BUDGET DATA 2024			
	2023 Original	2023 Final	2024 Proposed
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 985,000	\$ 985,000	\$ 1,120,000
Tax Increments	\$ 153,000	\$ 153,000	\$ 65,500
All Other Taxes	\$ 208,000	\$ 208,000	\$ 228,000
Special Assessments	\$ 315,000	\$ 315,000	\$ 295,000
Licenses/Permits	\$ 44,600	\$ 44,600	\$ 49,550
Federal Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State General Purpose Aid	\$ 330,886	\$ 330,886	\$ 376,813
State Categorical Aid	\$ 69,500	\$ 69,500	\$ 75,000
Grants from County/Other Local Gov	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Services	\$ 220,395	\$ 220,395	\$ 364,098
Fines/Forfeits	\$ 11,300	\$ 11,300	\$ 8,300
Interest on Investments	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 66,000
Misc Revenues	\$ 31,011	\$ 31,011	\$ 24,750
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,398,692</b>	<b>\$ 2,398,692</b>	<b>\$ 2,673,011</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
General Government	\$ 378,984	\$ 378,984	\$ 423,945
Public Safety	\$ 823,226	\$ 823,226	\$ 910,379
Streets/Highways	\$ 196,590	\$ 196,590	\$ 213,597
Sanitation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Human Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Culture/Recreation	\$ 63,745	\$ 63,745	\$ 81,360
Conservation Natural Resources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Economic Development	\$ 78,689	\$ 78,689	\$ 65,500
Misc Current Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,541,234</b>	<b>\$ 1,541,234</b>	<b>\$ 1,694,781</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
Debt Service-Principal	\$ 601,283	\$ 601,283	\$ 886,223
Interest/Fiscal Fees	\$ 158,130	\$ 158,130	\$ 148,198
Streets/Highway Construction	\$ 205,000	\$ 205,000	\$ 225,000
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Financing Uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,505,647</b>	<b>\$ 2,505,647</b>	<b>\$ 2,954,202</b>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>			
Property Tax Levy	\$ 1,295,000	\$ 1,295,000	\$ 1,410,000
Investments Loss/Gain	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (33,868)
<b>General Fund Beginning Balance (Jan 1, 2023)</b>		\$2,948,772	
<b>General Fund Ending Cash Balance - Unaudited (Dec 31, 2023)</b>		<b>\$3,455,626</b>	