

Notice of Public Hearing Stearns County, Board of Adjustment

Notice is hereby given that the Stearns County Board of Adjustment, in and for the County of Stearns, will conduct the following public hearings to consider variance applications:

A request from Paul and Deana Hiltner, Melrose, MN, from Sections 6.58.2 B and H of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance 439 to construct a forty-two (42) foot by seventy (70) foot residential dwelling, less than 200 feet from an existing dwelling as a Secondary Single Family Residential Dwelling Unit Accessory to an Agricultural Operation. Said ordinance requires a secondary single family residential dwelling unit shall be located a minimum of two hundred (200) feet from the existing residential dwelling unit on the property and that the property must be able to be legally subdivided to create one lot for the primary dwelling and a separate lot for the secondary dwelling. Affected Property: 80 acres in the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 36 Township 126 Range 033, Melrose Township. Property address: 38823 County Road 168, Melrose MN 56352

When and where is the meeting?

Date and Time: Thursday, April 11, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. Location: Stearns County Service Center, Room 1104 3301 County Road 138 Waite Park, MN 56387

How do I participate?

Public Testimony: If you would like to provide public testimony, you may do so by appearing at the above hearing, you are invited to do so by attending said hearing in person or by joining virtually. To participate virtually, please contact Brian Krippner at brian.krippner@stearnscountymn.gov or call 320-656-3613 by Noon on the Wednesday preceding the meeting date.

Written Testimony: You may submit written testimony by emailing brian.krippner@stearnscountymn.gov by 3pm on the hearing date. Written testimony may also be mailed to the Stearns County Environmental Services Department, Service Center, 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387.

Comments on this public hearing are not limited to those persons receiving copies of this notice. If you know of any interested person, who for any reason has not received a copy of this notice, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Where can I view the application?

Copies of the applications can be viewed approximately one week prior to the meeting at https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal. Action taken on this request will be available shortly after the meeting at the same website location.

What if the meeting changes?

This meeting is subject to change. Please sign up for automatic updates for this meeting at https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal. Call the Department for assistance.

Stearns County Board of Adjustment

Barrier Free Status: This meeting will be accessible to the handicapped. Attempts will be made to accommodate any other individual need for special services. Please call (320) 656-3613 early so arrangements can be made.

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ALBANY TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Important Information Regarding Property Assessments This may affect your 2025 property taxes

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Albany Township shall meet on Monday, April 8, 2024 from 7:00 to 7:30 P.M. at the Albany City Hall Council Chambers.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office at property.assessment@co.stearns.mn.us to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to your local board of appeal and equalization before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Diane E Noll, Clerk Treasurer Albany P.O. Box 344 Albany MN 320-224-9616

albanytwp@albanytel.com Published March 27 and April 3, 2024

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CITY OF MELROSE

Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property This may affect your 2025 property taxes.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Melrose, will meet on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the Melrose City Center 225 1st Street NE, Melrose MN. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board shall review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Dated this 27th day of March 2024. Patricia Haase, City Clerk, City of Melrose 225 1st St NE Melrose MN, 56352

Please publish in the March 27, 2024 and April 3, 2024 edition of the Star Post

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CITY OF ALBANY

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

There will be a Planning Commission meeting in and for the City of Albany, Stearns County, MN at 6:30 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in the Council room at 400 Railroad Avenue for the said City for the following:

The public hearing will be to consider a request by Matthew and Kendra Imdieke 360 County Road 54, for a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment, in the R1 Single Family District, Section 80.06, Subd.4 to add the option of an automatic pool cover that complies with ASTM F 1346-91 requirements in lieu of a fence around an in-ground pool.

Anyone wishing to comment will be heard at the public hearing and written comments may be forwarded to the office of the City Clerk/Administrator before the time of the public hearing.

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Gary Winkels Clerk/Adm. P-13-1B

Millwood Township Notice

Board of Appeal and Equalization: Important Information Regarding Property Assessments; this may affect your 2025 property taxes. The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Millwood Township will meet on April 10, 2024 at 11:30 am - 12:00 am, at the City of St Rosa park. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation and classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Julianne Ebnet, Clerk P-13-1B

CITY OF ALBANY Important Information Regarding Property Assessments

This may affect your 2025 property tax payments.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Albany, Stearns County, MN will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at the Albany City Hall, 400 Railroad Avenue.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation and classifications after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the Stearns County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

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Gary Winkels Clerk/Adm. P-12-2B

Crain Township Important Information Regarding Property Assessments This may affect your 2025 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for KRAIN TOWNSHIP will meet on Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., at the Crain Town Hall: 43207 State Highway 238, Freeport, MN. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

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Holding Township Notice

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Holding Township will meet on Tues., April 2, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. at the Holding Town Hall located at 790 4th Street W., Holdingford MN. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation and classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Julianne Ebnet, Clerk P-12-2B

PROBATE NOTICE STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File Number: 73-PR-24-1743

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of RONALD GENE VELDKAMP, a/k/a RONALD G. VELDKAMP, and a/k/a RONNIE VELDKAMP, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 19, 2024 at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 725 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Karen Wardarski, whose address is 505 - 2nd Avenue SE - Apt 217, Little Falls, MN 56345; and Robert Veldkamp, Jr., whose address is 411 Washington St. W, Burtrum, Minnesota 56318, to act jointly as personal representative of the

Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing 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; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

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 (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 03/08/2024 BY THE COURT /s/ Leonard A. Weiler Judge of District Court

Mark F. Uphus (MN# 141136) 310 Main St. E -PO Box 158 Melrose, MN 56352 Telephone: 320/256-7491 Facsimile: 320/256-7612 e-mail: manager@uphuslaw.com

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONERS

*This hearing will be held administratively and your appearance is not required.

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SUMMONS STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE TYPE: QUIET TITLE Court File Number: 73-CV-24-1694

SUMMONS

Blueprint Framing LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

Luis Alfonso Reyes Chacón, County Road 74 Holdings LLC, Magnifi Financial Credit Union f/k/a Central Minnesota Credit Union, Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO DEFENDANT LUIS ALFONSO REYES CHOCAN.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiffs have started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiffs' Complaint against you is on file in the office of the court administrator of the above-named court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons

located at: Burns & Hansen, P.A. 8401 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 300 Minneapolis, MN 55426

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiffs' Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiffs should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiffs everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DIS-

PUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. REAL ESTATE. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Stearns County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

That part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 124 North, Range 28 West, Stearns County, Minnesota, lying southeasterly of the southeasterly right of way line of Minnesota State Highway Number 15 as dedicated on MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 73-32, a duly recorded plat on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Stearns County, Minnesota, also lying southwesterly of the most southwesterly line of DWYER ADDITION, a duly recorded plat on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Stearns County, Minnesota, also lying northwesterly of the centerline of County State Aid Highway Number 74 (old Highway No. 15). Less and except the following parcel described as follows: Beginning at a point of intersection of the south line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of

said Section 21 and the southeasterly right of way line of said Minnesota State Highway Number 15; thence North 34 degrees 05 minutes 22 seconds East, assumed bearing, along said right of way line, 333.34 feet; thence continuing along said right of way line North 35 degrees 48 minutes 15 seconds East, 380.25 feet; thence South 44 degrees 34 minutes 09 seconds East, 442.33 feet to the centerline of said County State Aid Highway Number 74; thence South 45 degrees 25 minutes 51 seconds West, along said centerline, 387.69 feet to the south line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 21; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West, along said south line, 443.52 feet to the point of beginning and there terminating.

Also less and except BOULDER ADDITION, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns County, Minnesota.

Also less and except SPEC-TRUM ADDITION, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns County, Minnesota.

The object of this action is to quiet title as to a legally invalid recorded mechanics' lien. Dated: March 6, 2024 BURNS & HANSEN, P.A. By: /s/ Daniel Roach Daniel R. Roach (#0398510) droach@burnshansen.com 8401 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 300 Minneapolis, MN 55426 Phone (952) 564-6262 Fax (952) 564-6263 Attorneys for Plaintiff P-11-3B

SUMMONS STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE TYPE: Consumer Credit Contract/Replevin Court File Number: 73-CV-24-1782

SUMMONS

21st Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

Heidi J. Gardiner, Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO: Heidi J. Gardiner.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: Foley Mansfield, 250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 540, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for

in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

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FOLEY MANSFIELD Dated: March 08, 2024.

By: /s/ Sean C. Mansfield Sean C. Mansfield (#0400374) Michael S. Kernstock (#0398879) 250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 540 Minneapolis, MN 55401 Telephone: (612) 338-8788 Fax: (612) 338-8690 scmansfield@foleymansfield.com mkernstock@foleymansfield.com

Attorneys for 21st Mortgage Corporation P-11-3B

PUBLIC NOTICES

Agenda of the Meeting of the Avon Township Local Appeals & Equalization Board (LBAE)
Monday, April 15, 2023
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order – 6:00 PM, Avon Township Hall, Queens Road, Avon (MN). Also available virtually via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8325486945>. Passcode: AvonTown.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda

5. Business
 - a. Welcome – Chair
 - b. Procedures – Assessor’s Office
 - c. Sales Summary – Assessor’s Office
 - d. Requests & Actions
 6. Other Business
 7. Announcement of next Supervisor’s meeting: May 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM
 8. Other Upcoming Meetings:
 - a. Planning Commission – April 24, 2024; 7 PM
 9. Adjournment
- P-13-1B

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
March 27, 2024, 6:00 PM
AG E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Forum
4. Agenda -- Additions and Deletions
5. Approvals
 1. Previous Meeting Minutes
 2. Cash Flow Reports
 3. Acceptance of Gifts and Donations
6. Consent Agenda
7. Reports
 1. Purple Pride
 2. Student Representatives
 3. Band Trip Presentation
 4. Food Service Presentation
8. Business
 1. Enrollment Report
 2. Filling a Vacant Board Position

3. COVID Plan Review and Approval
 4. School Board Policies - Second Read
 1. 535 Service Animals and Therapy Dogs in Schools
 2. 606.5 Library Materials
 3. 707 Transportation of Public School Students
 4. 901 Community Education
 5. 904 Distribution of Materials on School District Property By Nonschool Persons
 5. AFT Negotiations Update
 1. Close the Meeting
 2. Reopen the Meeting
 6. AFT Negotiations Recap
 9. Committee Reports
 10. Superintendent Report
 11. 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-13-1B

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116, that Wilwerding Dairy, Inc. has made application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Stearns County for a permit to construct or expand a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The feedlot facility is located in the NW 1/4 of Section 35 of Milwood Township in Stearns County, Minnesota. The existing facility consists of (5) total confinement barns, an open lot area and a partial confinement barn that have a total holding capacity of 1,877 hd of dairy cattle (>1,000lbs.) and 417 hd of dairy calves, totaling 2,711.2 animal units. Existing liquid manure is currently being stored in (4) outdoor earthen lagoons, a concrete manure storage pit, and a concrete sand lane. Solid manure is being stored within total confinement barns, (5) permanent concrete stockpile areas and in approved temporary field stockpiles ahead of land application.

The expansion to the facility will consist of adding two, 94’ x 44’ anaerobic digesters with a total liquid manure storage capacity of 1,850,900 gallons. As a supporting component to the digester system, there will also be a 30’x24’12” concrete pit proposed with a total liquid manure capacity of 52,620 gallons. The digesters will utilize the existing manure generated from the facility as feedstock to produce a renewable natural gas product. The expansion will not consist of an increase in animal numbers. The existing facility will remain at 2,711.2 animal units.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law..

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AVON TOWNSHIP ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Electronic Bids will be received by Avon Township, Minnesota, on the QuestCDN.com website via the VirtuBid electronic bidding application. Only electronic bids will be accepted for this project. Bids will be received on the QuestCDN.com website, until 11:00 A.M., CDT on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, at which time they will be opened electronically and reviewed for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and all else necessary for the following:

145th AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

In general, work consists of the reclaiming and resurfacing of the roadway, and re-shouldering. The Project consists of the following approximate quantities:

7,250	SY	Reclaim Bituminous Pavement
390	CY	Common Excavation
1,490	TN	Bituminous Pavement Mixture
50	LF	18” RCP Culvert
140	CY	Aggregate Shouldering

Along with Traffic Control and related appurtenances. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com for \$30 by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc #9046068 on the website’s Project Search page.

The estimated construction cost for this Project is \$210,000. Direct inquiries to Engineer’s Project Manager Jeremy Mathiasen at (320) 266-5232. Bid Security in the amount of 5 percent of the amount of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to retain the deposits of the 3 lowest Bidders for a period not to exceed 60 days after the date and time set for the Opening of Bids. No Bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the date and time set for the Opening of Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and further reserves the right to award the Contract to the best interests of the Owner.

Stephen Saupe, Township Clerk
Avon Township, Minnesota

PUBLIC NOTICES

Holdingsford School Board Briefs

The Holdingsford School Board held their regular meeting on March 20, 2024. Members present Evelyn Martini, Nicole Burg, Lori Opatz, Robert Knettel, Ed Feia, and Pat Meier. Member absent: Elissa Ebnet. Also attending was: Superintendent Chris Swenson, Elementary Principal Jim Stang, Secondary Principal Kevin Beehler, Business Manager Garrity Gerber, Adm. Assistant Linda Zapzalka and Hans Lammeman from Star Publications. Guests attending: Carin Pedersen, Tammi Hanson, Kaitlyn Thell and Ashia Berscheid.

Chair Opatz called the meeting to order, the pledge was recited, the amended agenda was approved. The meeting continued with approval of the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: approval of the minutes from the 2/21/2024 school board meeting and closed meeting; approval of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$488,613.87; Computer checks approved #55640 through #55794 and #30899 through #30924 in the amount of \$4,715.14; approval of the electronic transfer for Feb. 2024, \$332,544.87; acknowledgement of the Treasurer’s Report balance per books \$5,409,259.69; approval of Policy 410 Family and Medical Leave Policy; approval of Policy 416 Drug, Alcohol, and Cannabis Testing with Attachments; approval of spring Com. Ed. Instructors; approval of spring track coaches; Call for a Closed Session to follow the 3/20/2024 Reg mtg; Accept the following donations: \$500 Central Chapter MDAA to Trap Team, \$2000 Bowlus Firemen’s Relief Assoc to the Athletic Director, \$1000 Lioness Club of Holdingsford towards new pool stairs. The Board Chair recognized and thanked all the Donors for their generosity!

Reports: Superintendent Swenson reported BSED met with member Superintendents and Business Managers to discuss options for the Voyagers facilities. It is in need of many repairs. Options being considered are remodel, replace, or lease space. A favorable goal is to lease a space large enough to have all of the BSED programs at one campus. They would sell the Voyagers building and the BSED main office building and discontinue leasing space from Sartell-St. Stephen School District. Mr. Swenson will have more updates as decisions are made. He updated the Board on the Read Act training process for staff. The goal is to use as much Professional Development time as possible and not add training time outside of the normal work day unless absolutely necessary. The District is registered for the training so as soon as it becomes available the process will start.

Student Board Representative Jada Mosey brought up a concern regarding elementary students needing more time to eat. Mr. Stang shared that when students are dismissed from lunch they may stay and finish eating. The administration will take a look at the schedule and see if any practical changes can be made. Mr. Swenson reiterated that students can stay sitting and finish eating when their class is excused. Ms. Mosey also reported students are upset about Prom / Post Prom being a complete lock-in from Grand March until 5:00 AM. It seems that there is some confusion on the information given to students. Mr. Beehler will meet with the Prom Advisors to get clarification and follow-up with the Board and students.

Secondary Principal Beehler reported students have selected their elective courses and the master schedule is built for next school year, scheduling will start next week and there will be a change starting next school year with college class students, they will not be able to leave campus during office hours. He updated the Board on the TAP Committee’s conference proposal for next year due to the alternating classes. The proposal is to have a conference night each quarter at mid-quarter from 4-8 PM. Mr. Beehler also informed the Board that the first round of MCA testing is complete, the Harvest Time kickball tournament has started, Student Council is working with Stearns County to present Towards Zero Death prior to Prom, and upcoming events include the end of quarter 3, Spring Fling and College Career Day.

Mr. Beehler then shared some parent concerns over controversial topics in a Health Class curriculum. The content is part of the standards that are required to be taught in this class, however to alleviate the controversy the teacher will have a permission form for parents and students that opt out will have an alternative assignment. The Board thanked Ms. Hoffmann for her efforts in developing a parent consent moving forward. Lastly Mr. Beehler explained due to Ms. Carlson’s resignation there will be an open Secondary Counseling position and some different options are being considered on how to fill the position. Discussion ensued on the duties of this position and how to cover the duties if the position isn’t filled with a full time Counselor.

Elementary Principal Stang thanked those involved with behavior issues in the elementary, the PTA, special guest readers for the I Love to Read month activities and those involved in

bringing back the option of in-person Kindergarten Round-Up. He reported on Summer School plans and end of year events.

BSED report given by Pat Meier, he met with the CEU Committee prior to the meeting. At the meeting policies were reviewed and approved, Tech Check contract was approved for tech support, a new phone system is being put in and the member districts will receive rebates.

Business Manager Gerber reported he is working on the budget for FY25 which is a challenging puzzle. Transportation Director Mr. Ebnet is looking at purchasing a new Bus and SPED Van to update the fleet, Food Service is still in need of more cooler and freezer space because the original plan was not feasible. He is working on options to alleviate those challenges and will bring proposals to the board next month. Mr. Gerber informed the Board that he is researching options to make Credit Card payments an option without a cost to the district and that it is insurance renewal time for property, liability and workman’s comp which all affect the budget along with some revenue allocations that are restricted making it difficult to access the constrained funds.

Other agenda items at the March 20, 2024 meeting included:
Business Items:
 • Mr. Gerber explained the FY25 LTFM plan revision to include the remaining HVAC project costs. The School Board approved the FY25 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Ten Year plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595.
 • Mr. Gerber summarized the bids for parking lot maintenance work to take place over the next two summers and recommended accepting the bid from Done Right Contracting MN. Approved parking lot seal coating and crack filling bid with Done Right Contracting MN.

Personnel:
 • Adopted the Resolution Non Renewing Alyssa Rosenberger a Tier 1 Teacher.
 • Accepted the resignation from Shelby Rosenberger, teacher on LOA effective at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year.
 • Accept the resignation from Secondary School Counselor Hannah Carlson effective at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. The Board thanked Ms. Carlson for her 4 years with the district!
 • Approved FMLA Leave for Tina Gross.
 • Approved extended day, adding 15 minutes to the end of day schedule for Para Anna Christensen retroactive to 10/16/2023.
 • Approved Medical Leave for Joy Swanson.
 • Hired Denise Waletzko for a Long Term Sub Teacher for Grade Three.
 • Approved lane change for Tara Wolford from MS20 to MS30 to be effective at the start of quarter 4, of the 23-24 school year.
 • Approved FMLA Medical Leave for Pat Caspers.
 • Accepted the resignation from MaKenna Stanoch, Kids’ Zone Assistant.

A review of the upcoming meeting dates took place.
 School Board Meeting April 17, 2024 @ 6:00 PM in the HS Meeting Room.

A Closed Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 738 was called to order in the High School meeting room at 7:26 PM by Chairperson Opatz.

Board members present: Evelyn Martini, Nicole Burg, Lori Opatz, Robert Knettel, Ed Feia, and Pat Meier. Absent: Elissa Ebnet. Also attending was Superintendent Chris Swenson and Business Manager, Garrity Gerber.

Discussion ensued on budget reductions. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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>.