

HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023
7:15 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order by Board President Robert VanDenElzen. The meeting was attended by approximately twenty-one people, including staff and community members.
2. President VanDenElzen introduced the Board members that were present.
3. Brett Eidahl nominated Robert VanDenElzen to serve as Chairman of the Annual Meeting. Craig Dreier seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Mr. VanDenElzen called for a vote, unanimous vote; motion carried. Mr. VanDenElzen assumed the Chairman's role at the Annual Meeting.
4. Brett Eidahl made a motion to appoint Mrs. Tamie Neilson to serve as Clerk for the meeting. Jesse Powell seconded the motion. With no other nominations, Mr. VanDenElzen called for a vote, unanimous vote; motion carried. Chairman VanDenElzen appointed Mrs. Tamie Neilson as Clerk for the Annual Meeting.
5. Minutes for October 24, 2022, were approved at the November 14, 2022, Board of Education meeting.
6. Mr. Todd Timm, District Administrator, reported on the following:
 - a. Celebrated the Construction Projects
 - b. Celebrated Community Leaders
 - c. District Team Celebrations
 - d. Budget Summaries / Voucher Expense / Mill Rate
 - e. Low Spending and High Achieving
 - f. Impactful Legislation – ACT 20
 - g. Upcoming Opportunities – ACT 20, Mathematics Resource Implementation, Student Mental Health Challenges, Budget Uncertainty Every Biennium Budget
7. Jesse Powell made a motion to approve the Board salary of \$3,750; Brett Eidahl seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion passed.
8. Craig Dreier made a motion to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses for Board members' travel in the performance of Board duties with reimbursement for mileage at the current IRS allowed amount; Dana Ramshak seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(These are the same provisions as for other staff employed by the District.)*
9. Brett Eidahl made a motion to authorize the sale of school property; Timothy Rietveld seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(Any necessary sale of equipment may be sold during the school year. The largest items are generally school buses.)*
10. Samuel Engelland made a motion to authorize the Board to direct and provide for the prosecution or defense of any legal action or proceeding in which the District is interested; Jesse Powell seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(Legal fees for the 2022-23 school year were \$32,988.51 and were for student, policy, personnel and contractual issues.)*
11. Carla Stenzel-VanDenElzen made a motion to direct the Board to furnish school lunches to District students and appropriate funds as necessary; Dallas Herbst seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(The school lunch program is self-supporting; prices are offset through the use of government commodities. Lunch fees are adjusted as necessary to balance revenues with expenditures.)*

12. Samuel Engelland made a motion to authorize the Board to furnish textbooks and resource materials to students; Jared Deli seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(This year's anticipated expenditures are approximately \$110,000.)*
13. Timothy Rietveld made a motion to authorize short-term borrowing of funds sufficient for the operation of the District; Craig Dreier seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(This standing motion is in place should the District need to borrow funds. The District did not need to borrow funds and it is anticipated that the District will not need to borrow funds this year. This motion should be approved should borrowing become necessary. Borrowing has often been necessary as the District receives most of its revenues in the second half of the fiscal year, and even some after the fiscal year has ended.)*
14. Brett Eidahl made a motion to provide accident insurance for all students for the 2023-2024 school year; Jared Deli seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(The estimated cost for the 2024-25 school year is \$27,664. The cost for the 2023-24 school year is \$27,686)*
15. Ms. Christina Peterson summarized the Treasurer's Report for the 2022-23 school year. The General Fund revenues received for the year totaled \$63,727,606 and the General Fund expenditures expended for the year totaled \$64,486,058.
16. Ms. Christina Peterson, Director of Business Services, presented and reviewed the proposed budget for the 2023-24 school year (subject to final adjustments to be considered by the Board of Education following this Annual Meeting on October 24, 2022). *(Copies of the proposed budget were presented at the Annual Meeting and are also available in the District Administrative and Business Offices.)*
17. Samuel Engelland made a motion to approve 2023 tax levy of \$20,950,378 (includes additional debt levy of \$550,000); Jesse Dallas Herbst seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. The estimated District-wide tax rate is \$5.91 per thousand dollars of property value. *(The levy for 2022-23 was \$20,155,321 with a tax rate of \$6.61 per thousand dollars of property value.)*
18. Carla Stenzel-VanDenElzen made a motion to authorize the Board to set the date for the next annual meeting; Jesse Powell seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(Monday, October 28, 2024, an annual meeting in September or October allows the Business Office to prepare the annual budget based on the Third Friday Attendance Report.)*
19. Samuel Engelland made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Craig Dreier seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried.
20. With no further business, Chairman VanDenElzen adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamie Neilson, Administrative Assistant