

SPIRIT LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 17, 2025

The Spirit Lake Community School Board of Directors met on November 17th at 5:25 p.m. in the District Office Board Room to hold a public hearing for the purpose of the internet safety policy and technology protection. Present were board members Teresa Beck, Sonja Hamm, Greta Gruys, and Mieka Stecker. Jeromy Mouw was absent. Also present were David Smith-Superintendent, Jane Loveall & Ashley Weber-Board Secretaries/Treasurers, Officer Vos, the Administration/Department Team, 5 visitors, 3 staff members, and 4 students. No public comments were received. The hearing was closed at 5:32 p.m.

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President Teresa Beck called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Hamm/Gruys moved/seconded to approve the agenda. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Hamm moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the October 13 regular meeting. All aye vote. Motion carried.

The Abstract of Votes showing the votes cast in the regular school board election held on November 4, 2025 was reviewed. Sonja Hamm (470 votes) and Mieka Stecker (445 votes) were elected to the office of Directors. Gruys/Hamm moved/seconded to accept the abstract of votes as presented. All Aye vote. Motion carried.

Ashley Weber presented a review of documents for the annual reconciliation of books.

Re-elected board members Sonja Hamm and Mieka Stecker were recognized.

Hamm/Gruys moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting of the retiring board. All aye vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

The organizational meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Board Secretary Ashley Weber.

Board Secretary, Ashley Weber, administered the oath of office to elected board members Sonja Hamm and Mieka Stecker.

Nominations were received for the office of President. Teresa Beck received a nomination. With a ballot vote of 4 to 0, Teresa Beck was elected President of the School Board. Board Secretary, Ashley Weber, administered the oath of office to Teresa Beck, President.

Nominations were received for the office of Vice President. Sonja Hamm received a nomination. With a ballot vote of 4 to 0, Sonja Hamm was elected Vice President of the School Board. Board Secretary, Ashley Weber, administered the oath of office to Sonja Hamm, Vice President.

Board President, Teresa Beck, then took over the Board meeting.

Gruys/Hamm moved/seconded to approve Jane Loveall and Ashley Weber as Board Secretaries and Board Treasurers for the Spirit Lake Community School District. All aye vote. Motion carried. Teresa Beck administered the oath of office to Jane Loveall and Ashley Weber, Board Secretaries/Board Treasurers.

Stecker/Gruys moved/seconded to approve the start time of regular monthly board meetings at

5:30 p.m. on the second Monday each month. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Hamm moved/seconded to designate Dickinson County News as the official publisher for the Spirit Lake Community School District. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Public comment was received from Jen Johnson-Ross concerning the legal representation for Spirit Lake Schools. She addressed a potential conflict of interest arising when the school attorney also represents an employee of the district.

Gruys/Hamm moved/seconded to designate Steve Avery for Spirit Lake School legal counsel. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Hamm moved/seconded to approve the board assignments for 2025-2026 as follows: Greta Gruys - IASB Delegate, Mieka Stecker - Alternate IASB Delegate, Jeromy Mouw - Legislative Representative, Teresa Beck - County Conference Board, Jeromy Mouw/Mieka Stecker - Review Financial Report/Claims for Payment, Sonja Hamm- District Improvement Team/District Cabinet, Teresa Beck & Greta Gruys - Spirit Lake School Foundation, and Sonja Hamm - Multi-Cultural Gender Fair Advisory Committee. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Stecker moved/seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented including the following: A) Claims for payment of \$410,653.57; B) Employment of Kelli Hagedorn as HS Wrestling Cheer Sponsor and Brent Scott as HS Asst Boys Basketball coach; Transfer of Richard Maris to HS Head Football Coach; Resignation of Joshua Bolluyt as HS Head Football Coach, Emily Brown as HS Head Volleyball Coach, and Jason Schneider as HS Asst Volleyball Coach; C) Open enrollment applications in to Spirit Lake for Briar Hoekstra from Sibley-Ocheyedan and Lorenzo and Aesir Saenz from ELC; open enrollment out application to Okoboji for Edward Armstrong, Silas Erb and Mahalia Ove; D) Winter Officials Contracts for 2025-26; E) Memorandum of Understanding from Northwestern College; F) Concert Revenue Sharing Agreement; G) Medical Enterprises, Inc. Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium Service Agreement. All aye vote. Motion carried.

The High School presented on the Industrial Technology programming and future goals.

Financial Report was presented by Jane Loveall and Ashley Weber.

Gruys/Stecker moved/seconded to approve the vote of Susan Brown to Prairie Lakes AEA board member for Director District #1. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Discussion began on the 2025-2026 Board Goals. The Strategic Plan goal will be updated to reflect progress made and sent to Board Secretary for updates. Discussion will continue next month.

Hamm/Gruys moved/seconded to update Board Policy 804.04 on stock medication. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Hamm moved/seconded to update Board Policy 604.06 on CIPA and E-Rate. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Stecker moved/seconded to adjourn. All aye vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Jane Loveall
Board Secretary

Teresa Beck
Board President