



School Board Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
5:30 PM - ITV Room

Members Present: Boyd Johnson (Chair), Robyn Sonstegard (Vice Chair), Jerem Haack (Clerk), Craig Severs (Treasurer), Kayla Johnson (Director), Nathan Hayes (Director)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff Nelson, Woody Fiala, Dale Fuller, Jill Olson

1. **Call to Order by Chair Johnson at 5:31 PM.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Swearing in of District 1 School Board Member Craig Severs, District 2 School Board Member Boyd Johnson, District 3 School Board Member Nate Hayes, and District 5 School Board Member Kayla Johnson**

Sonstegard: Do you swear/affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, and that you will discharge faithfully the duties of the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 390 to the best of your judgment and ability?

Boyd Johnson, Craig Severs, Nate Hayes, & Kayla Johnson: Yea

Boyd Johnson, Craig Severs Nate Hayes, & Kayla Johnson: Sign the Acceptance and Oath of Office

4. **Agenda**
Motion by Jerem Haack second by Robyn Sonstegard to approve the agenda.

Severs Yea B. Johnson Yea Hayes Yea Sonstegard Yea K. Johnson Yea
Haack Yea

Motion passes (6-0)

5. **Election of Officers**
I'll open the floor for nominations for Board Chair.

a. Jerem Haack Nominates the following:

Boyd Johnson for **Board Chair**

ROBYN SONSTEGARD: Once the nominees have been identified for the Board Chair, repeat twice, “**Are there any other nominations for Board Chair?**” If none then state, “**There being no other**

nominations, the Chair will close the floor for further nominations and call for a vote on Board Chair as presented.”

ROBYN SONSTEGARD: **“The acting Treasurer (due to the absence of a Clerk) will now call the roll for voting on the office of Chair.”**

ROBYN SONSTEGARD: **“Board Member Severs.”** Severs votes Yea for B. Johnson
“Board Member B. Johnson.” B. Johnson votes Yea for B. Johnson
“Board Member Hayes.” Hayes votes Yea for B. Johnson
“Board Member Sonstegard.” Sonstegard votes Yea for B. Johnson
“Board Member K. Johnson.” K. Johnson votes Yea for B. Johnson
“Board Member Haack.” Haack votes Yea for B. Johnson

ROBYN SONSTEGARD: **“Boyd Johnson received a majority of the votes cast and is elected Chair.”**

(The new Chair takes over the meeting following the vote on Board Chair.)

I'll open the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

b. Jerem Haack Nominates the following:

Robyn Sonstegard for **Board Vice Chair**

BOYD JOHNSON: **“Are there any other nominations for Board Vice Chair?”** (repeated twice) If none then state,

BOYD JOHNSON: **“There being no other nominations, the Chair will close the floor for further nominations and call for a vote on Board Vice Chair as presented.”**

BOYD JOHNSON: **“The acting Chair (due to the absence of a Clerk) will now call the roll for voting on the office of Vice Chair.”**

BOYD JOHNSON: **“Board Member Severs.”** Severs votes Yea for Sonstegard
“Board Member B. Johnson.” B. Johnson votes Yea for Sonstegard
“Board Member Hayes.” Hayes votes Yea for Sonstegard
“Board Member Sonstegard.” Sonstegard votes Yea for Sonstegard
“Board Member K. Johnson.” K. Johnson votes Yea for Sonstegard
“Board Member Haack.” Haack votes Yea for Sonstegard

ACTING CHAIR: “_Robyn Sonstegard_____ received a majority of the votes cast and is elected Vice Chair.”

I'll open the floor for nominations for Clerk.

c. _Boyd Johnson_____ Nominates the following:

_Jerem Haack_____ for **Clerk**

BOYD JOHNSON: “Are there any other nominations for Board Clerk?” (repeated twice)
If none then state,

BOYD JOHNSON: “There being no other nominations, the Chair will close the floor for further nominations and call for a vote on Clerk as presented.”

BOYD JOHNSON: “The acting Chair (due to the absence of a Clerk) will now call the roll for voting on the office of Clerk.”

BOYD JOHNSON: “Board Member Severs.” Severs votes _Yea for Haack_____
“Board Member B. Johnson.” B. Johnson votes _Yea for Haack_____
“Board Member Hayes.” Hayes votes _Yea for Haack_____
“Board Member Sonstegard.” Sonstegard votes _Yea for Haack_____
“Board Member K. Johnson.” K. Johnson votes _Yea for Haack_____
“Board Member Haack.” Haack votes _Yea for Haack_____

ACTING CHAIR: “_Jerem Haack_____ received a majority of the votes cast and is elected Clerk.”

I'll open the floor for nominations for Treasurer.

d. _Jerem Haack_____ Nominates the following:

_Craig Severs_____ for **Treasurer**

BOYD JOHNSON: “Are there any other nominations for Board Treasurer?” (repeated twice) If none then state,

BOYD JOHNSON: “There being no other nominations, the Chair will close the floor for further nominations and call for a vote on Treasure as presented.”

BOYD JOHNSON: “The acting Clerk will now call the roll for voting on the office of Treasurer.”

JEREM HAACK: “**Board Member Severs.**” Severs votes Yea for Severs
“**Board Member B. Johnson.**” B. Johnson votes Yea for Severs
“**Board Member Hayes.**” Hayes votes Yea for Severs
“**Board Member Sonstegard.**” Sonstegard votes Yea for Severs
“**Board Member K. Johnson.**” K. Johnson votes Yea for Severs
“**Board Member Haack.**” Haack votes Yea for Severs

ACTING CHAIR: “__Craig Severs__ received a majority of the votes cast and is elected Treasurer.”

6. Meeting Dates/Times for 2025

Motion by __Robyn Sonstegard__ second by __Craig Severs__ to set meeting dates for 2025 as presented:

January 27 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

February 24 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

March 24 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

April 28 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

May 19 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

June 23 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

July 28 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

August 25 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

September 22 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

October 27 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

November 24 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

December 15 (Working Session @ 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM in ITV Room)

Motion passes (6-0)

7. Designation, Authorization, Appointments

a. Financial Institutes & Depositories

Motion by __Kayla Johnson__ second by __Robyn Sonstegard__ to name Border Bank, US Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Minnesota Trust and MSDLAF as designated depositories.

Motion passes (6-0)

b. Chief Financial Officer with Authorization

Motion by __Robyn Sonstegard__ second by __Kayla Johnson__ to designate the Superintendent as Chief Financial Officer of the District with authorization to pay bills in advance.

Motion passes (6-0)

c. Authorization of Electronic Transfers

Motion by Robyn Sonstegard second by Craig Severs to authorize Superintendent and Business Manager to make Official District Electronic Transfers.

Motion passes (6-0)

d. Legal Counsel

Motion by Kayla Johnson second by Robyn Sonstegard to appoint Pemberton Law Firm as legal counsel for the School District for 2025.

Motion passes (5-1)

e. School Board Compensation

Motion by Jerem Haack second by Nate Hayes to set Board Compensation for 2025 at \$ 75.00 per meeting, Board Chair at \$ 100.00 per Board Meeting.

Motion passes (4-2)

f. Official Newspaper

Motion by Kayla Johnson second by Nate Hayes to name The Northern Light Region as the official newspaper for the school district.

Motion passes (6-0)

g. Mileage Allowance

Motion by Robyn Sonstegard second by Craig Severs to set the mileage reimbursement rate for 2025 at the IRS rate or \$0.70, or \$0.19 per mile if personal vehicle is used by choice.

Motion passes (6-0)

h. Meal Allowance

Motion by Jerem Haack second by Robyn Sonstegard to set meal allowance for 2025 at \$ 50.00 per day.

Motion passes (6-0)

8. Committee Assignments

Motion by Robyn Sonstegard second by Jerem Haack to make Committee Assignments for 2025 as presented.

Motion passes (6-0)

9. Adjourn by Chair Boyd Johnson at 6:33 PM.

Minutes Approved by: Chair, Boyd Johnson

Date

Minutes Approved by: Clerk, Jerem Haack

Date

**LAKE OF THE WOODS SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION POSITIONS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2025**

Chairperson: Boyd Johnson

Vice Chair: Robyn Sonstegard

Clerk: Jerem Haack

Treasurer: Craig Severs

Directors: Kayla Johnson, Nate Hayes

Appointments:

- Human Rights Officer (1): Jerem Haack
- BRIC Board Representative (1): Nate Hayes
- MSHSL Representative (1): Kayla Johnson

Labor Negotiations:

- Certified/Classified Staff (3): Kayla Johnson, Jerem Haack, Robyn Sonstegard
- Non-Certified Staff (3): Nate Hayes, Boyd Johnson, Craig Severs

Committees:

- Activities & Community Education & Wellness (2): R. Sonstegard, Jerem Haack
- Budget and Finance (3): B. Johnson, R. Sonstegard, Kayle Johnson
- Calendar Committee (2): Nate Hayes, Craig Severs
- Facilities and Transportation (3): B. Johnson, Craig Severs, Jerem Haack
- Health and Safety (2): R. Sonstegard, Craig Severs
- Meet and Confer (2): J. Haack, Nate Hayes
- Policy Manual (2): B. Johnson, Nate Hayes
- School Forest (2): Craig Severs, Jerem Haack
- Comprehensive Achievement, Instruction & Professional Development (3): R. Sonstegard, Kayla Johnson, Boyd Johnson