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A semi truck at the Indus School makes clear the sentiment at Monday's hearing. Note next year's graduating class, 2024, with Hattie's signature.

Indus School closure hearing draws many

5-hour hearing rebuts evidence, shows support

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A semi-truck parked at the entry to the Indus School Monday gave an indication of the amount of support that would be inside to urge reconsideration of action by the South Koochiching-Rainy River School Board to close the school.

The support is also shown

along the highway with dozens of "Save Our School" signs posted at residences along Highway 11.

Often the site of National Honor Society inductions and homecoming events, this time the Indus School's gymnasium was packed with parents, students and alumni - many wearing red shirts with their sentiment, and the school's saying, "Small School Big Difference" - urging the board to reconsider its March 8 vote that set the legal process in motion to close the school before next fall.

Monday's lengthy hear-

ing, which lasted about five hours, was conducted by attorney Steven R. Rutzick, and the testimony recorded. The school board's evidence that led to the four options, two of which were closing the Indus or Northome school, offered to the board by Superintendent Jeremy Tammi was directed by its attorney.

Prior to the meeting, Rutzick said he knew nothing about the issue and was there to learn, listen and make a decision, but no other information about next

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