

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #0656

Regular School Board Meeting

July 21, 2025, 5:30 pm

Faribault Public Schools

710 17th Street SW

Faribault, MN 55021

MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Casie Steeves, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Jerry Robicheau was absent. Others in attendance were administrators, staff, and members of the public.

I. Call to Order

A. Determination of a Quorum Present

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Knudson, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

III. Recognition, Awards, and Presentations - None

IV. Items of Information

A. Reports from School Board Members Wolff, Steeves, Boudreau, Moore, Knudson, and Bellingham

B. Report from Superintendent Jamie Bente

V. Public Comment

VI. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the consent agenda with the removal of Item B:

A. Minutes - June 23, 2025, and July 14, 2025

C. Additional Assignments/Other

D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Account

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

B. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Steeves, to approve Employment. Moved by Moore, seconded by Knudson, to eliminate the approval of the Rise Mentor from the high school. The motion failed by roll call vote after discussion 1-5 (with Moore voting in favor, and Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, Wolff, and Bellingham voting against). The main motion passed after discussion 5-1 (with Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

VII. District Advisory Committee - No report

VIII. Policy Committee - No report

IX. Other Committees

- A. Finance Committee report by John Bellingham
- B. Facilities Committee Meeting by Linda Moore

X. Other Matters

- A. Update about the Superintendent's Evaluation from John Bellingham, Board Chair

B. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Steeves, to approve Gifts/Donations - Resolution 26-01. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote after discussion, 6-0.

C. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the 2025-2026 Student Handbooks for Roosevelt Early Learning Center, Jefferson Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, Faribault Middle School, Faribault High School, and Faribault Online Academy (FOA). The motion passed after discussion 5-1 (with Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

Moved by Moore, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the 2025-2026 Student Handbook for Faribault Area Learning Center. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

D. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Bellingham, to consider approval of the FY26 MOU and LEA agreement between Faribault and Elysian Head Start Center. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

E. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the 10-Year LTFM Plan. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

F. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the second reading of Faribault Public Schools Vision Plan. The motion passed, 5-1 (with Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

G. First Reading of the New Mission Statement

H. 2025-26 Superintendent Goals discussion postponed until August 4, 2025

XI. Dates to Remember

- August 4, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - Work Session
- August 5, 2025, 3:45 p.m. - Policy Committee
- August 11, 2025, 7:30 a.m. - Finance Committee
- August 14, 2025, 7:45 p.m. - Facilities Committee Meeting
- August 15, 2025, 11:00 a.m. - Joint Boards Meeting
- August 18, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

XII. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Knudson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: August 18, 2025

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