

# **UNAPPROVED Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**

**The Board of Education**

**Foley ISD 51**

**Date: 1/05/2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Independent District No. 51, Foley, Minnesota, was called to order by Acting Chair Patric Lewandowski at 5:30 pm, Wednesday, **1/05/2026**, at the Foley Intermediate School Media Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board members present:** Sharon Kipka, Patric Lewandowski, Wayne Wilson, Nathan Anderson, Stephanie Rudnitski, Alyssa Schumacher and Pamela Vizenor.

**Board member absent:**

**Others present:** Dan Posthumus, Ryan Fettters and Kelly Gorecki

## **OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD**

No comments were brought forth.

## **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

Motion by **Nathan Anderson** to approve the adoption of the agenda, seconded by **Wayne Wilson** and the motion carried unanimously. 7-0

Organizational Business

a. Elect Chairperson

Elect Chairperson: Acting Chairperson Patric stated: "**Nominations are now in order for the office of chair.**" Alyssa Schumacher nominated Pamela Vizenor. Pamela accepted the nomination.

"**Are there any further nominations for the office of the chair?**" Stephanie Rudnitski nominated Wayne Wilson. Wayne accepted the nomination.

Patric stated: "**Are there any further nominations for the office of the chair?**" Patric Lewandowski nominated himself, Patric Lewandowski.

Patric stated: "**If there are no further nominations, nominations for the office of the chair are closed.**" The board voted for the current chair position.

Round 1: Pamela Vizenor received 3 votes, Wayne Wilson received 2 votes and Patric Lewandowski received 1 vote. Sharon Kipka abstained from voting. Patric Lewandowski withdrew.

Round 2: Pamela Vizenor received 3 votes, Wayne Wilson received 3 votes. Sharon Kipka abstained from voting.

Round 3: Pamela received 4 votes, Pamela Vizenor, Sharon Kipka, Alyssa Schumacher, and Nathan Anderson.

Wayne Wilson received 3 votes, Wayne Wilson, Stephanie Rudnitski and Patric Lewandowski. Patric declared Pamela Vizenor as the "acting Chair"

b. Elect Vice-Chair

Elect Vice-Chair: Chairperson Pamela stated: **Nominations are now in order for the**

**office of Vice Chair.**" Patric Lewandowski nominated Wayne Wilson. Wayne accepted the nomination.

**"Are there any further nominations for the office of the Vice Chair?"** Patric Lewandowski nominated Nathan Anderson. Nathan accepted the nomination.

Pamela stated: **"Are there any further nominations for the office of the Vice Chair?"**

**"If there are no further nominations, nominations for the office of the Vice-Chair are closed."** The board voted for the current vice-chair position

Wayne Wilson received 2 votes, Wayne Wilson and Stephanie Rudnitski. Nathan Anderson received 5 votes, Nathan Anderson, Sharon Kipka, Patric Lewandowski, Alyssa Schumacher and Pamela Vizenor.

Pamela declared Nathan Anderson as the "Vice Chair"

c. Elect Clerk

Elect Clerk- Chairperson Pamela stated: **"Nominations are now in order for the office of Clerk."** Nathan Anderson nominated Sharon Kipka. Sharon accepted the nomination.

**"Are there any further nominations for the office of the Clerk?"** Pamela Vizenor nominated Wayne Wilson. Wayne Wilson accepted the nomination.

**"Are there any further nominations for the office of the Clerk?"**

Pamela stated: **"If there are no further nominations, nominations for the office of the Clerk are closed."** The board voted for the current clerk position

Sharon Kipka received 3 votes, Sharon Kipka, Nathan Anderson and Stephanie Rudnitski.

Wayne Wilson received 4 votes, Wayne Wilson, Alyssa Schumacher, Patric Lewandowski and Pamela Vizenor.

Pamela declared Wayne Wilson as the "Clerk"

d. Elect Treasurer

Elect Treasurer- Chairperson Pamela stated: **"Nominations are now in order for the office of Treasurer."** Patric Lewandowski nominated Sharon Kipka. Sharon accepted the nomination.

**"Are there any further nominations for the office of the Treasurer?"** Nathan Anderson nominated Stephanie Rudnitski. Stephanie declined the nomination.

**"Are there any further nominations for the office of the Treasurer?"**

Pamela stated: **"If there are no further nominations, nominations for the office of the Treasurer are closed."**

Sharon Kipka is the only candidate nominated for the office of the Treasurer, and I hereby declare Sharon Kipka was elected by acclamation and directed the "Treasurer"

Approval of routine business items: Motion by **Patric Lewandowski** to approve the consent agenda items. Seconded by **Wayne Wilson** and the motion carries unanimously. 7-0

8. Consent Agenda

8.a. Contracts/Adjustments/Position Change

8.a.1. FES EA — Tabitha Chmielewski has been hired as an LTS EA for FES starting

1/5/2026. Pay is set at Step 2: \$19.58 per hour, up to 33.5 hours per week.

9. Organizational Business (Discussion/Action)

a. 2026 Standard Mileage Rates for Businesses from IRS- \$.73 cents per mile

Motion by **Sharon Kipka** to approve 2026 Standard Mileage Rates for Businesses from IRS- \$.73 cents per mile, seconded by **Wayne Wilson**. The motion carries unanimously. 7-0

b. School Board Members: \$4,000 Annual Stipend (\$1,000 paid quarterly)  
\$100/year for Clerk and Treasurer; \$500/year for Chairperson Board Member Family  
Passes to all district events to the field house

Motion by **Patric Lewandowski** to approve School Board Members: \$4,000 Annual Stipend (\$1,000 paid quarterly)\$100/year for Clerk and Treasurer; \$500/year for Chairperson Board Member Family Passes to all district events to the field house, seconded by **Alyssa Schumacher**. The motion carries unanimously. 7-0

c. Official Publication: Benton County Herald News

Motion by **Patric Lewandowski** to approve Official Publication: Benton County Herald News, seconded by **Stephanie Rudnitski**. The motion carries unanimously. 7-0

d. Designated Posting Place: Foley District Office

Motion by **Patric Lewandowski** to approve Designated Posting Place: Foley District Office, seconded by **Nathan Anderson**. The motion carries unanimously. 7-0

e. Designate Legal Counsel: Knutson, Flynn & Deans PA

After a great discussion about Legal Counsel, a Motion by **Stephanie Rudnitski** to approve Designate Legal Counsel: Knutson, Flynn & Deans PA, seconded by **Patric Lewandowski**. The motion carries unanimously. 7-0

The Board of Education will schedule a work session to discuss how they would like to move forward with their choice of Legal Counsel. Pamela requested to have Dan Posthumus reach out to other counsel's and get some new quotes and schedule a future work session with expectations that the counsels would do a presentation to the Board of Education.

10. Designate Depositories 2025-26 (Discussion/Action) Motion by **Nathan Anderson** to approve Designate Depositories 2025-26, seconded by **Patric Lewandowski**. The motion carries unanimously. 7-0

11. Authorize designated (SMS) personnel and the Superintendent to make electronic fund transfers (Discussion/Action) Motion by **Nathan Anderson** to approve Authorize designated (SMS) personnel and the Superintendent to make electronic fund transfers, seconded by **Patric Lewandowski**. The motion carries unanimously. 7-0

12. Resolution: Combining Polling Places (Discussion/Action) A motion by **Patric Lewandowski** to accept the Resolution: Combining Polling Places , seconded by **Stephanie Rudnitski**. The motion carries unanimously by 7-0.

13. Set Board-Committee Meeting Dates January 2026–December 2026 (Discussion-Action) Motion by **Wayne Wilson** to approve Set Board-Committee Meeting Dates January 2026–December 2026, seconded by **Alyssa Schumacher**. The motion carries unanimously. 7-0

14. Open forum for citizens to address the school board:

Michael Lewandowski, community member, spoke to the board about the recent Policy 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction goals. Concerned about some language that is used in the policy. Feels that some of the language under Definitions comes across negative and would like the board to consider changing it.

15. Meeting Events and Notices: Note that this list does not include all scheduled events. Please visit [www.foley.k12.mn.us](http://www.foley.k12.mn.us) for a full calendar or visit the district office.

a. 1/26/2026 — The next Regular Board meeting starts at 5:30pm in the FIS Media Center.

16. Adjournment Motion by **Sharon Kipka** to adjourn the meeting at **6:14 pm**. Seconded by **Alyssa Schumacher** and the motion carried unanimously. 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Wilson, Clerk