

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #656

Work Session  
May 4, 2026, 5:30 pm  
Faribault Public Schools  
710 17<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Faribault, MN 55021

## MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Jerry Robicheau, Casie Steeves, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Members absent: Linda Moore. 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. Informational Items

- A. Lincoln Principal Update from Jamie Bente, Superintendent

III. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to move to a closed session at 7:33 p.m., as permitted by Minn. Stat. 13D.03, for Labor Negotiation Strategies for our Local 70 Unions and Administrative Assistant Employees. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Closed session attendance: Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Steeves, Wolff, Jamie Bente, Superintendent, Nicole Yochum, Director of Human Resources, Barbie Roesler, Director of Finance and Operations, and Rob Dehnert, Director of Special Services.

IV. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the work session. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

V. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Boudreau, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

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Casie Steeves, Clerk  
Approved: May 18, 2026