

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES
OF MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51
(FOLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 51, (Foley Public Schools), Minnesota, was held on the 9th day of February 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

and the following were absent:

Board Member _____ introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO CENSURE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

WHEREAS, it has recently come to light that School Board Member Patric Lewandowski posted on social media reacting to immigration and customs enforcement actions in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, one or more of Board Member Lewandowski's social media posts contained profane language, including use of profanity in reference to those who disagreed with Board Member Lewandowski's position on the issue; and

WHEREAS, one or more of Board Member Lewandowski's social media posts referenced fighting or violence as a reaction to the issue; and

WHEREAS, members of the community screenshotted and criticized Board Member Lewandowski's posts on a public social media page, and he responded directly, stating that he could not apologize for his beliefs, but did apologize for posting with profanity and stated he would refrain from using profanity on the social media site going forward; and

WHEREAS, each member of the School Board serves as a trustee of public education in the community and as such is expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with School District policies; and

WHEREAS, School District Policy 209 sets forth the ethical and professional standards expected of School Board members; and

WHEREAS, School District Policy 209(B)(3) provides that each School Board Member is to consider themselves “a trustee of public education” and do their best to “protect, conserve, and advance its progress”; and

WHEREAS, School District Policy 209(C)(3) requires that each School Board Member “make no disparaging remarks, in or out of school board meetings, about other members of the school board or their opinions” and

WHEREAS, School District Policy 209(F)(6) provides that in fulfilling legal obligations, each Board member shall “take no private action that will compromise the school board or administration”; and

WHEREAS, School District Policy 461.3 sets forth certain ethical obligations of School District employees, which School Board Members should also honor; and

WHEREAS, School District Policy 461.3(4) requires School District employees to maintain “friendly and intelligent cooperation between the community and the school system;” and

WHEREAS, Board Member Lewandowski’s use of profane language regarding ideological opponents or reference to violence when speaking on a sensitive and politically charged issue in a public forum constitute conduct unbecoming a School Board member; and

WHEREAS, Board Member Lewandowski’s use of profane language regarding ideological opponents or reference to violence when speaking on a sensitive and politically charged issue in a public forum have caused concern and disruption within the school community and diverted administrative time and attention from the School District’s educational mission; and

WHEREAS, such conduct fails to reflect the responsibilities of a trustee of public education as required by School District Policy 209(B); and

WHEREAS, such conduct constitutes disparaging remarks about ideological positions reasonably likely to be held as opinions by one or more members of the School Board, contravening School District Policy 209(C)(3); and

WHEREAS, such conduct constitutes private action that has compromised the School Board and the administration in violation of School District Policy 209(F)(6); and

WHEREAS, such conduct does not represent the type of friendly and intelligent interactions with the community required by School District Policy 461.3(4); and

WHEREAS, the School Board recognizes that individual School Board members retain their personal First Amendment rights, but also affirms that those rights do not absolve

Board members from the ethical and governance obligations they accept when serving in public office, nor do they immunize a School Board Member from censure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 51 as follows:

1. That the School Board hereby formally censures Board Member Lewandowski for conduct inconsistent with School District Policy 209 and School District Policy 461.3, and the standards of conduct expected of a member of the School Board;
2. That this censure serves as an official expression of the Board's disapproval and a public reprimand Board Member Lewandowski's actions, which caused unnecessary concern in the community and corresponding disruption diverted administrative time and attention from the School District's educational mission.
3. That the School Board reaffirms its commitment to civil discourse, collegial and respectful communication with the community, and governance focused on the education, safety, and well-being of all students and staff;
4. That this Resolution shall be entered into the official minutes of the School Board and made part of the District's public record.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Board Member _____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

And the following abstained:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

