

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Independent School District #595, East Grand Forks, Minnesota was held on Monday August 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 195 at Senior High.

Board Chair Brott called the regular meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present: Brott, Hangsleben, Holweger, King, Larson and Perkerewicz
Board member absent: None

Brott moved to approve the agenda as presented. King seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Superintendent Grover reported that planning for the upcoming referendum is moving forward, with a work session and informational meeting taking place. A referendum website will be available soon, and an article has also been published in the Herald. The MSBA Convention is January 14–15 for anyone interested in attending. Superintendent Grover's review will take place next week. The ASEC Level 4 building project continues to move forward, with ongoing conversations and work sessions. The district is also getting back into the school-year routine, although there is still a need for additional custodial staff and the district continues to search for a Speech-Language Pathologist. The Legislature approved an amendment for the November ballot concerning school trust lands and how those funds are distributed. Staff and community members are encouraged to learn about the issue and participate by voting.

There were no committee reports.

Principals Hangsleben, Kroetsch, Torgerson, and Loer provided updates on the start of the new school year and activities taking place in their respective buildings.

Community Education Director provided updates on preschool and Community Education.

Perkerewicz moved to approve the consent agenda which contained the following items:

Approval of Minutes – Approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026 regular school board meeting and the July 27, 2026 special school board meeting.

Personnel

Hires –

Aden Hassan, custodian, SH, beginning July 20, 2026
Rachel Aker, library paraprofessional, NH, beginning August 20, 2026
Kaitlin Driscoll, paraprofessional, NH, beginning August 20, 2026
Achol Bior, paraprofessional, SP, beginning August 20, 2026
Alexis Lindgren, paraprofessional, SP, beginning August 20, 2026
Emily Simek, paraprofessional, SP, beginning August 20, 2026
Olivia Grefsheim, paraprofessional, SP, beginning August 20, 2026
Paige Knuttila, paraprofessional, SP, beginning August 20, 2026
Brylie Peterson, paraprofessional, SP, beginning August 20, 2026
Ava Odne, paraprofessional, SP, beginning August 20, 2026
Kennedy Ellingson, paraprofessional, SP, beginning August 20, 2026
Kalyn Jacobs, paraprofessional, SP, beginning August 20, 2026
Abigail Adams, paraprofessional, SP, beginning August 20, 2026
Alexis Dahl, paraprofessional, SH, beginning August 20, 2026
Kandy Edwards, paraprofessional, SH, beginning August 20, 2026
Susie Reckner, paraprofessional, SH, beginning August 20, 2026
Sara Pershke, paraprofessional, SH, beginning August 20, 2026
Rachel Gunderson, paraprofessional, PS, beginning August 20, 2026

Resignations –

Chelsey Berg, Head Girls Softball Coach, District, effective August 10, 2026

Cheryl Hanson, paraprofessional, NH, effective August 21, 2026

Steven Howey, paraprofessional, SH, effective July 16, 2026

Cassidy Wise, paraprofessional, NH, effective July 27, 2026

Natalie Overholt, paraprofessional, NH, effective August 7, 2026

Administrative Assistant Work Agreement – SEE ATTACHED**At-Will Contracts**

Karla Afshari, Business Manager

Deka Ali, Bilingual Home School Liaison/Homeless Liaison Assistant

Kristie Devine, Health Aide

Mike Dschaak, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Chad Grassel, Career Academy Coordinator

Cody Hlavka, Transportation Director

Jason Kalt, Senior Computer Support Technician

Scott Koberinski, Activities Director

Robin Metzgar, Payroll and Benefits Manager

Nancy Misialek, Human Resources Manager

Dara Omang, American Indian Education Coordinator

Darren Schimke, School District Mechanic

Laura Thorvilson, Community Education Director/Preschool Coordinator

Brandi Vigness, Nutrition Services Manager

Casi Zimny, Accounts Payable Clerk

Miscellaneous Payments – Approve July 13, 2026 Miscellaneous Payments in the amount of \$27,637.78 and the July 28, 2026 Miscellaneous Payments in the amount of \$25,191.65.

District Activity Fee Schedule – SEE ATTACHED**Handbooks -**

Employee Handbook

Senior High Handbook

CMS Handbook

South Point Handbook

New Heights Handbook

Policy Updates - First Reading

Policy 208 - Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies

Policy 402 - Disability Nondiscrimination Policy

Policy 410 - Family and Medical Leave Policy

Policy 423 - Employee-Student Relationships

Policy 503 - Student Attendance

Policy 507.5 - School Resource Officers

Policy 509 - Enrollment of Nonresident Students

Policy 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records

Policy 521 - Student Disability Nondiscrimination

Policy 524 - Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

Policy 530 - Immunization Requirements

Policy 613 - Graduation Requirements

Policy 615 - Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students

Policy 621 - Literacy and the READ Act
Policy 701 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget
Policy 721 - Procurement Policy
Policy 722 - Public Data and Data Subject Requests

Code of Conduct – SEE ATTACHED

Extracurricular Assignments – Fall 2026 – SEE ATTACHED

Brott seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

King moved to accept the donations to the school district in the amount of \$4,958.00 as presented and attached. Perkerewicz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Holweger moved to approve the payment of the K-12 bills #132065 through #132154 as follows:

FUND	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
01	General	\$550,322.01
02	Food Service	\$1,501.93
04	Community Ed	\$10,016.30
14	Community Service	\$2,699.96
21	Student Activities	\$1,750.00
EFT		\$699,406.82
TOTAL		\$1,265,697.02

King seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The bills are on file in the Superintendent's Office.

The next meeting of the school board will be a special meeting held on August 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

The regular meeting was convened to enter a work session regarding the levy referendum. Following the work session, the Board reconvened the regular meeting.

King moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:17 P.M. Holweger seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Perkerewicz
Board Clerk