Board of Directors Meeting

August 12, 2026

7pm

Overview

The Board of Directors meeting on August 12 covered several key points. Director Walper commended the summer activities. Youth football had 115 participants, and the district is preparing for the school year. Maggie Kelly and Dani Randall highlighted back-to-school communication, athletics sponsorships, and the RISE committee's activities. Scott Pillar reported a $2 million transfer to balance the budget and discussed the PERS pension obligation bonds. Ryan Carpenter noted high retention rates, facility capacity issues, and the need to review youth sports facility agreements. The board approved the consent agenda, including the Chief Financial Officer contract and substitute services, with a projected $600,000 to $700,000 in substitute costs.

Action Items

- Dani Randall - Coordinate Communications staff to attend upcoming elementary and middle school back-to-school open houses on August 26–27, providing transition support, handing out calendars, taking photos, and serving as an extra point of contact for families.
- Maggie Kelly - Recruit one additional community member for the Rise Committee, review all applications, make final recommendations to the Board, and prepare to present the committee's reports at the September meeting.
- Maggie Kelly - Plan and schedule a pre-school-year Facebook Live session featuring Superintendent Carpenter to answer parents' questions online.
- Ryan Carpenter - Develop and deliver a written or verbal report to the Board, likely in the first or second quarter, summarizing the district's emerging financial decision-making framework and its implications for program cuts and reserve usage.
- Ryan Carpenter - Lead a review of existing youth athletic facility use agreements to clarify season dates, prioritize in-season sports, limit off-season access based on availability, and close loopholes used by club teams, with a view to tightening these rules before the next school year.
- Prepare and include in each board packet the monthly June enrollment report plus a preliminary wrap-up of last fiscal year and the first month of the current fiscal year.

- Follow up with Piper Sandler to explore a virtual or in-person presentation by Michael Sandler on the proposed PERS/EPSB bond program, and develop a more detailed overview or workshop format for the Board.
- Participate in upcoming meetings and discussions with administration and Athletics about revising youth athletic facility use agreements and related policies.
- Perform a quick online check on options and considerations for adding lights to artificial turf fields to extend usable practice time.

Outline

Board of Directors Meeting Introduction and Agenda Approval

- Chair Riedel calls the Board of Directors meeting to order and Superintendent Carpenter leads the pledge of allegiance.
- Denise Pemberton confirms the presence of directors and quorum.
- SDirector Wheeler moves to approve the agenda as presented, which is seconded by Director Walper and approved by the board.
- Director Walper commends Dani and Maggie on their summer activities and expresses disappointment about the lack of discussions at the event.

Director Reports and Communications Department Update

- Director Wheeler reports on the youth football season, noting 115 participants and the competitive nature of the teams.
- Director Johnston mentions navigating an airport and expresses excitement for the upcoming school year.
- Maggie Kelly and Dani Randall from the communications department provide updates on back-to-school communication, athletics sponsorships, and the summer park series.
- Maggie Kelly highlights the completion of school calendars, back-to-school magazine, and the rise committee's activities.

Summer Activities and Upcoming Events

- Dani Randall discusses the success of the Park Series events at Campanella and Timber Park, with about 100 attendees.
- Upcoming back-to-school open houses and transition services for elementary students are mentioned.
- The communications department's collaboration with athletics, including sponsorships and growth in sports offerings, is highlighted.
- Maggie Kelly suggests a Facebook Live with Superintendent Carpenter to engage parents more comfortably online.
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Sustainability Report and Financial Overview

- Scott Pillar presents the June enrollment report, noting a dip at the end of the year and good initial projections for next year.
- The preliminary wrap-up of the last fiscal year and the first month of the current fiscal year is discussed, highlighting budget performance issues and the need for transfers to balance the budget.
- The PERS pension obligation bonds are explained, including the district's history of issuing bonds and the current plan to issue new bonds.
- The board is informed about the need for a risk analysis and the engagement of Piper Sandler as bond advisors.

Superintendent's Report and Facilities Challenges

- Ryan Carpenter reports on the district's readiness for the new school year, including administrative and leadership retention rates.
- The district's facilities are in good condition, and the technology and summer food programs are ready to serve students.
- Carpenter discusses the challenges of facility use capacity due to growth and the need to review and streamline facility use agreements with youth programs.
- The board is informed about the emergence of club teams and the impact on facility availability and the need for new policies to manage these demands.

Consent Agenda and Annual Resolutions

- Director Wheeler approves the consent agenda, seconded by Director Lohmeier which includes policy second readings and the appointment of new auditors.
- The annual resolutions for the 2026-2027 fiscal year are approved by Director Wheeler and seconded by Director Lohmeier covering various administrative and financial authorizations.
- Director Walper approves the Chief Financial Officer contract, seconded by Director Lohmeier.
- The substitute services contract was approved by Director Lohmeier, seconded by Director Walper with discussions on the impact of paid leave laws and the competitive sub pay rates.
- The meeting concludes with no further citizen comments and the adjournment of the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at: 8:16