

BIG LAKE SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 727
BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 26, 2026
7:45 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools, was called to order on August 26, 2026 at 7:45 PM in the Middle School Student Center by Chair Reasoner.

II. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Ms. Chelsey Hancock, Ms. Amber Sixberry, Ms. Tonya Reasoner, Ms. Lenette Brown, Ms. Ashley Schabilion—arriving at 7:46 PM, and Mr. Derek Nelson—arriving at 7:52 PM.

III. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Brown seconded by Sixberry to approve the agenda.

The motion carried 4-0.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Reasoner and the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. OPEN FORUM

No participants

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Sixberry seconded by Hancock to approve the following:

- A. PREVIOUS MINUTES from the July 22, 2026 regular meeting and the August 11, 2026 work session
- B. CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS for the month of August in the amount of \$1,500,609.88 checks 109025-109157
- C. CREDIT CARD REPORT
- D. PERSONNEL

August 2026 Personnel				
Employee (Last, First Name)	Position	Building	Effective Date	Action Type
Krueger, Kristin	Health Assistant	Liberty	08/01/2026	Resignation
Faust, Karla	Health Assistant	High School	07/31/2026	Resignation
Callahan, Marris	Paraeducator	Middle School	08/05/2026	Resignation
Schlichting, Hailey	Paraeducator	Middle School	08/31/2026	Resignation
Hoffmann, Bailey	LTS Teacher	Liberty	08/24/2026	Transfer
Hale, Jennifer	Payroll Specialist	District Wide	08/10/2026	New Hire
Osowski, Katelyn	Teacher	Liberty	08/07/2026	Resignation
Saiko, Gary	Accountant	District Wide	10/05/2026	New Hire
Houtz, Penny	Building Sub Teacher	Independence	08/24/2026	Rehire
Ray, Jessica	Building Sub Teacher	High School	08/24/2026	Rehire
Olson, Taylor	Teacher	Liberty	08/24/2026	New Hire

Anderson, James	Paraeducator	High School	09/01/2026	Resignation
Alfuth, Jobethany	Paraeducator	Middle School	08/31/2026	New Hire
Schwartz, Rebecca	Building Sub Teacher	Middle School	08/24/2026	Rehire
Huetttl, Jessica	Teacher	Community Ed	08/24/2026	Rehire
Eisinger, Sydney	Paraeducator	Middle School	08/31/2026	New Hire

E. FUNDRAISERS

Boys Lacrosse, sell mulch with the profits going for general operating costs, March-May 2027, Boys Lacrosse, sell softener salt with profits going for general operating costs, October-November 2027, Independence Elementary, Tyler Halverson's class, ask families to sponsor students for 9 books throughout the year, August 27-September 10, 2027

F. EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM

Girls Soccer

G. APPROVAL OF ONE READ POLICIES

208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies; 510 School Activities; 701.1 Modification of School District Budget; 702 Accounting; 703 Annual Audit; 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy; 710 Extracurricular Transportation; 713 Student Activity Accounting; 714 Fund Balances; 722 Public Data Requests; 725 Transportation for Day Treatment; 806 Crisis Management; 806A Cardiac Emergency Response Plan; 808 Animals on School Premises; 813 Nuclear Emergency and Potassium Iodide; 905 Advertising

The motion carried 4-0.

VII. DONATIONS

A motion was made by Reasoner seconded by Sixberry to approve the following donations:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
Compass Group	\$2,000.00	Scholarship
Compass Group	\$1,666.00	HS JAVA Hive
PS I Love You MN and Frozen Spoon	\$100.00	Baseball
Big Lake Swim and Dive Booster Club	\$734.98	TV Stand, GoPro, Smart TV

The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. APPROVAL OF \$2,570,000 GO REFUNDING BONDS

A motion was made by Schabillon seconded by Hancock to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$2,545,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026A; AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE, AWARDING SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation issuing the bonds referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting, so far as they relate to said bonds;

and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

After a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

Director of Business Services, Angie Manuel, presented the financial report for July. A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Brown to approve the financial report as presented.

The motion carried 6-0.

X. FIRST READING OF POLICIES

404 Employment Background Checks; 435 Conflict of Interest by Elected Officials and Employees; 560 Memorials for Deceased Students and Staff; 809 Naming Rights

XI. SUMMARY OF SUPERINTENDENT TRUEBENBACH'S EVALUATION

Chair Reasoner reviewed Superintendent Truebenbach's evaluation completed during a closed meeting on August 11, 2026. Reviewed 2025-2026 goals and progress.

1. Referendum campaign: executed campaign plan, referendum did not pass. Continue to lay groundwork with community for future referendum.
2. Create systems for historical procedural document processes and issues for future use: transition plans, partially met, will continue to monitor and standardize this practice.
3. Prioritize engagement throughout the district: met with multiple community and civic groups, and attended many after school events. Will continue this goal in 26-27.
4. Discussed possible goals for 26-27: prioritize engagement throughout the district, strategic plan process, grant readiness and completion, create an organizational alignment document, create a legislative platform for use during Capitol visits, complete MASA Advanced Leadership Training.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Truebenbach gave his monthly report to the board. Scheduled a work session for Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 4:30 PM in the Middle School Student Center. Policy committee meeting will be September 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the district office.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Reasoner at 8:17 PM.

Clerk, Ashley Schabillon
Approved September 23, 2026