School Board Retreat Day 2
Wednesday, August 19, 2026

District Office
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Minutes

1. **Call to Order / Roll Check**
   Chair Hatch called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM. Roll call confirmed that four of five members were present: Directors Dyson, Ruby, Ferguson, and Hatch. Director Rooklyn was absent.

2. **Review and Approve Agenda Presented**
   Supt Hattrick requested that District Goals be added to the end of the agenda.

   ❖ **Motion:** Director Ruby moved, and Director Ferguson seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of District Goals added to the end of the agenda.
   Aye: Dyson, Ferguson, Hatch, Ruby
   Nay: none
   Result: The motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. **State of the District – 2026-27 District Vision**
   Superintendent Hattrick shared a vision for 2026–27 centered on moving from stability to student success. The year's succinct vision is: "Every student is known, engaged, growing, and prepared for what comes next." District work will be organized around four commitments: every student grows, every student belongs, every student is prepared, and the system sustains the mission. He emphasized that SB 141 provides a way to measure progress but should serve as the "scoreboard, not the strategy."

   Superintendent Hattrick described the District's progression from stabilizing in 2024–25, to aligning systems with reality in 2025–26, to transforming in 2026–27 by using that stronger foundation to improve student outcomes and opportunities. Board discussion emphasized evaluating both what has changed for students because the system changed and what still needs to change.

   The Board also discussed transformation as an ongoing, adaptive process rather than a one-time project. Long-range planning is generally focused on the experience of today's kindergarten students over approximately the next 10 years, while maintaining flexibility to adjust as enrollment, community needs, and other conditions change.

4. **Budget Update**
   Director of Business Services Sherry Ely provided an update on the State School Fund and other district revenues. The District's June State School Fund estimate is approximately $234,000 below the amount budgeted, due in part to changes in special education funding calculations and statewide adjustments used in the funding formula. Ely emphasized that State School Fund estimates fluctuate throughout the year as enrollment, property tax collections, and other statewide factors change.

   Positive revenue adjustments include approximately $120,000 more in Student Investment Account funding, $100,000 more in Early Literacy funding, and $100,000 in Title I carryover. The District is also monitoring potential changes to future PERS rates and continued legislative discussion about increasing the 11% special education funding cap. Final insurance runout costs associated with the transition to OEBB are not yet available.

   Board discussion included questions about special education and focal student counts and how state calculations affect both funding and accountability measures. Staff will continue seeking clarification as those calculations and requirements are refined.

5. **Board Training**
   The Board participated in training on the BoardBook platform, including how to access meeting materials and use the platform during Board meetings. The Board also reviewed best practices for making motions,

emphasizing the importance of stating the full motion rather than using “so moved” to ensure clarity in Board action and the official record.

6. **Policy Review**
The Board reviewed revisions to Policy KL – Public Complaints and the District’s chain of command for addressing complaints. Discussion focused on significant changes to the appeal process, including the role of the Board Chair and Vice Chair in determining whether an appeal will be heard by the Board and the process to be followed when an appeal is accepted for Board review.

The Board also reviewed new Policy KNA – Immigration Enforcement on District Property, which is required to be adopted by September 30, 2026. The policy will be presented for further review at the August 27 Work Session.

- ❖ At 2:18 pm, Director Ruby moved that the Board stand at ease. Vice Chair Dyson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At 2:23 pm, Chair Hatch called the meeting back to order.

7. **Legislative Updates**
The Board discussed opportunities for legislative advocacy, including building relationships with legislators and distinguishing between individual advocacy and positions formally adopted by the Board. Members also reviewed upcoming OSBA professional learning and regional meeting opportunities.

8. **District Goals**
The Board reviewed its 2025–26 goals of Informed Decision Making, Building Trust, and Advancing Financial Growth and Sustainability, including progress on associated action items. The Board discussed focusing future goals on desired outcomes rather than specific activities. The Lead Team will develop 2026–27 District goals aligned with the District’s vision and academic priorities. These will be reviewed at the September Work Session, when the Board will also develop its goals. District, Board, and Superintendent goals will ultimately be aligned and presented at a regular Board meeting.

9. **Superintendent Evaluation Process**
The Board reviewed the proposed 2026–27 Superintendent evaluation timeline and process. Members supported continuing with the existing evaluation tool and agreed that a 360-degree survey is not necessary this year. A final evaluation timeline and process will be brought forward for Board approval in September.

10. **Other- None**

11. **Adjourn**
There being no further discussion, Chair Hatch adjourned the meeting at 3:38 pm.

Submitted by: Holly Rosser, Board Secretary Date for board approval: September 10, 2026