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Joint Powers Meeting With Hockey Boosters Summary

Date: September 14, 2026

Time: 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Room A, District Office

Attendees

- Dr. Wehrkamp Herman
- Carrie Tate
- Phillip Biermaier
- Melissa Millner
- Jen Seubert
- Dustin Vogelgesang, Boys Head Coach
- Brooks Savage, President
- Dave Fullerton, Vice President of Operations

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that the Hastings Hockey Boosters are informed of the current and anticipated financial considerations related to continuing the District's agreement with the Hastings Civic Arena for its hockey programs. The District emphasized the importance of transparency and maintaining open lines of communication with the Hockey Boosters.

Discussion Summary

The following topics were reviewed in detail with the Hockey Booster representatives using the [presentation](#) presented by Director Seubert during the August 12, 2026, Board Work Session.

- Joint Powers discussions with the City of Hastings have included the City's request that the District participate in funding capital improvements at the Hastings Civic Arena. Potential projects discussed include roof replacement in the high school locker room area, a potential HVAC system for the locker room, and replacement of the East Rink boards.
- The District's legal counsel previously confirmed that, under Minnesota law, the District is prohibited from funding capital improvements to facilities it does not own. This statutory limitation has also been discussed with the City in connection with previous projects.
- The District's legal counsel reviewed historical agreements between the District and the City and advised that the documents do not clearly assign responsibility for repairs or capital improvements.
- Several potential options were discussed, including:
 - **Revising the use of the dedicated locker room space** so that it could serve all arena users rather than remaining exclusive to the District's high school hockey program. The Hockey Booster representatives stated that this is not an option they support.

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- **Evaluating the financial impact of potential future increases** in the City's rental fees to the District. The District already pays a \$55-per-hour premium above the rate paid by all other arena users.
 - **Exploring alternative ice rental locations** and comparing rental rates throughout the region.
 - As an example, Tria Rink rates range from approximately \$190–\$255 per hour, compared with the Hastings Civic Arena's current base ice rental rate of \$325 per hour. The Hastings rate does not include the additional fees paid for exclusive locker room use and post-game cleaning.
 - **Considering future facility planning opportunities**, including potential partnerships and private donations.

Next Steps

- The Joint Powers Committee is scheduled to meet with the City's Joint Powers representatives on **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**. The District anticipates receiving information regarding proposed rental agreement rates at that meeting.
- The Hockey Boosters are now aware of the District's current challenges and expressed a willingness to assist. The District will continue to communicate with the Hockey Boosters as discussions progress.

Next Joint Powers Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Location: Tilden Room 117

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.