FINANCE/REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Oak Crest Elementary School, 1101 Commerce Dr, Belle Plaine, MN 56011
6:00 PM Monday, August 24, 2026

Our mission is to pursue excellence in academics, programming, and the social and emotional development of our students. Fostering a culture of kindness, inclusion, and pride in ourselves, our school, and our community.

Terry Kahle: Present, Karl Keup: Present, Matt Lenz: Present, Tracy O'Brien: Present, Kellen Schmidt: Present, Tonya Smith: Present.

1. Call to Order
Chairperson Kahle will call the meeting to order.

2. Acknowledgement of Visitors and Special Presentations
Chairperson Kahle will ask if visitors wish to be placed on the agenda.

1. Emergency Training: Principals
Principals Mindy Chevalier and Ben Tressel presented the district's Safety and Security Standard Response Plan. District nurse Rachelle Kerkow present the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan.

2. Defining Excellence: Principals
Principals Mindy Chevalier and Ben Tressel presented the 2026-2027 school goal-setting plans, focused on defining and measuring student excellence as individualized growth and development. The plans emphasize academic achievement and progress, student purpose and engagement, social-emotional development, and a safe, inclusive school culture.

3. Finance Meeting Chuck Keller

4. Other Items as Brought Before the Board & Consideration of Agenda
Chairperson Kahle will ask if there are any items that need to be brought before the board and for consideration of the agenda.
Approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Kellen Schmidt and seconded by Matt Lenz, Passed.
Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

5. Consensus Items Chair Kahle
If any board member has concerns about the adoption of the following consensus items, please acknowledge the Chairperson prior to the final vote. If there are no concerns, these items will be voted on as a group.
Approval of all consensus items is recommended. This motion, made by Tracy O'Brien and

seconded by Karl Keup, Passed.
Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

1. **Previous Board Meeting Minutes** Chair Kahle

Enclosed are the July 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes for your review and adoption.

2. **Approve Monthly Expenditures** Chair Kahle

At the board finance meeting, expenditures for the month of August were reviewed. The administration recommends approval of the August 2026 disbursements totaling $1,861,249.92. This includes Board Payables of $288,350.91, Hand Payments of $591,446.36, Electronic Payments of $965,277.80 and Student Activity Payments of $16,174.85.

3. **Personnel** Chair Kahle

See the attached Personnel Changes spreadsheet.

6. **Discussion Items** Chair Kahle

1. **Superintendent Update** Chair Kahle

Superintendent Laager will provide updates on current school activities.
Superintendent Laager provided background on and shared the district's academic development goal of achieving MCA results above the state average in reading and mathematics at all assessed grade levels. Superintendent Laager also provided updates on back-to-school events and district facilities. The facilities update included occupancy of the athletic complex shed and the timeline for the building project, with bid approval anticipated in November and groundbreaking planned for late March or early April. The district is also considering an alternate calendar for the 2027-2028 school year, which would begin in mid-August 2027 and end in early May 2028 to allow construction work to proceed while students are out of school.

1. **Alternate Calendar for 2027-28:**

2. **Facility Updates:**

2. **Board Member Reports** Chair Kahle

Board members will have an opportunity to share information about meetings they have attended over the past month.
Board member Kellen Schmidt expressed appreciation for district leadership and staff.
Board vice-chair Tracy O'Brien provided a summary of the recent Southwest Metro board meeting.

7. **Action Items** Chair Kahle

1. **2026-27 Handbooks:**

The 2026-27 Elementary, JH/SH and activities handbooks are attached. Approval is recommended.
Approve handbooks as presented. This motion, made by Matt Lenz and seconded by Tracy O'Brien, Passed.
Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

2. **2026-27 Superintendent Goals:** Chair Kahle

The 2026-27 Superintendent goals are attached. Approval is recommended.

Approval of the 2026-27 goals is recommended. This motion, made by Kellen Schmidt and seconded by Karl Keup, Passed.
Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

3. <u>2026-2028 Principal Contract:</u>
The 2026-2028 principal contract is attached. Approval is recommended.
Approval of the 2026-2028 Principal contract is recommended. This motion, made by Karl Keup and seconded by Tracy O'Brien, Passed.
Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

4. <u>2027-2030 Superintendent Contract:</u> Chair Kahle

The 2027-2030 Superintendent contract is attached. Approval is recommended.
Approval of the 2027-2030 Superintendent contract is recommended. This motion, made by Tracy O'Brien and seconded by Matt Lenz, Passed.
Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

8. <u>Upcoming Meetings</u>
Sept 14, 2026 6:00 p.m. Board Work Session
Sept 28, 2026 6:00 p.m. Finance/Regular Board Meeting

9. <u>Adjourn</u>
Adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. This motion, made by Tracy O'Brien and seconded by Tonya Smith, Passed.
Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

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Board Clerk Date