

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #656

Work Session
September 14, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
Faribault Public Schools
710 17th Street SW
Faribault, MN 55021

MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Members absent: Casie Steeves. Other attendees included staff and a member of the public.

Robicheau was appointed clerk for the meeting.

I. Call to Order

- A. Determination of a Quorum Present
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Moore, to approve the agenda with flexibility. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

III. Informational Items

- A. First Days of School report by Jamie Bente, Superintendent
Chad Wolff arrived at 5:35 p.m.
- B. Discussion about the Academic Honors Recognition for Graduating Seniors

IV. Moved by Moore, seconded by Knudson, to move to a closed session at 6:30 p.m., as permitted by the attorney-client privilege (Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b)) to discuss the potential resolution of a threatened lawsuit against FPS. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Attendance: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Chad Wolff, Superintendent Jamie Bente, and Sarah Bushnell, Attorney.

Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Boudreau, to adjourn the closed session at 7:22 p.m. and reconvene the work session.

- A. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Knudson, to consider approval of a Settlement Agreement concerning a lawsuit threatened by FPS former employee Lindsay Scholten. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

V. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to move to a closed session at 7:29 p.m., as permitted by Minn. Stat. 13D.03, for negotiation strategies with Local 70. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Attendance: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Chad Wolff, Superintendent Jamie Bente, Nicole Yochum, Director of Human

Resources, Barbe Roessler, Director of Finance and Operations, and Robert Dehnert, Director of Special Services.

Moved by Wolff, seconded by Bellingham, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the work session. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

VI. Moved by Moore, seconded by Knudson, to adjourn the work session at _____ p.m. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: September 28, 2026

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