

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Independent School District #595, East Grand Forks, Minnesota was held on Monday September 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 195 at Senior High.

Vice Board Chair King called the regular meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present: Hangsleben, Holweger, King, Larson and Perkerewicz
Board member absent: Brott
Student Representative present: Easton Anderson

King moved to approve the agenda as presented. Perkerewicz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Superintendent Grover thanked the School Board members for their service in recognition of School Board Member Appreciation Month. He discussed the graduation venue for next year and whether to return to the Civic Center or continue using the Chester Fritz, which was used last year. He recommended adding an additional kindergarten section and placing the hiring candidate on the evening's agenda for consideration. An interested buyer has expressed interest in the Senior High Center, which will be discussed at the upcoming Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. Solar panel installation at the Middle School is expected to begin soon. Referendum promotion efforts are moving forward, including filming this week, an upcoming meeting with local business owners, and a Facebook Live event. The Superintendent also encouraged Board members to consider joining the Education Foundation, noting that funds raised are returned directly to support the schools.

Principals Loer, Torgerson, Kroetsch and Hangsleben provided updates on activities and happenings in their respective buildings, and Community Education Director Thorvilson provided a report on Community Education programs and activities.

Perkerewicz moved to approve the consent agenda which contained the following items:

Approval of Minutes – Approve the minutes of the August 24, 2026 regular school board meeting

Personnel -

Hires –

Sahra Abdi, custodian, beginning September 10, 2026
Rachel Aker, teacher, NH, beginning September 21, 2026
Penny Bailey, evening custodian, SH, beginning September 14, 2026
Jane Beasley, paraprofessional, SH, beginning September 2, 2026
Amanda Goss, evening custodian, SH, beginning September 8, 2026
Ellie Grieve, paraprofessional, NH, beginning September 18, 2026
Jen Hardley Yen, paraprofessional, NH, beginning September 21, 2026
Skye Hughes, paraprofessional, NH, beginning September 8, 2026
Kendra Johnson, ECFE teacher, beginning September 14, 2026
Samantha Johnson, paraprofessional, NH, beginning September 2, 2026
Molly Korynta, paraprofessional, CMS, beginning September 14, 2026
Stefanie Parsons, paraprofessional, NH, beginning September 21, 2026

Resignations –

Sophia Alderman, paraprofessional, NH, effective August 26, 2026
Liesa Hanson, head girls track & field coach, district, effective September 14, 2026
Kristie Olson, paraprofessional, SH, effective September 4, 2026
Amy Pepin, paraprofessional, NH, effective August 26, 2026

At-Will Contracts –

Lynne Deitz, Special Education Assessment Specialist, District, effective August 27, 2026

Miscellaneous Payments - Approve August 13, 2026 Miscellaneous Payments in the amount of \$18,769.31 and August 28, 2026 Miscellaneous Payments in the amount of \$26,660.91

King seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

King moved to set the Truth-In-Taxation meeting for December 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Holweger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

King moved to adopt the resolution to Hire Short-Term Substitute Teachers as presented and attached. Larson seconded the motion. The motion was carried on a vote of 5-0 with 1 member absent. Brott – ABS, Hangsleben – YES, King – YES, Larson – YES, Perkerewicz – YES, Holweger - YES

Perkerewicz moved to Approve the Resolution Relating to Construction of a Cooperative Facility and the Financing Thereof; Approving Intent For the Award of a Lease Purchase Agreement and the Sale of Certificates of Participation Therein as Printed. King seconded the motion. The motion was carried on a vote of 5-0 with 1 member absent. Brott – ABS, Hangsleben –YES, King – YES, Larson – YES, Perkerewicz – YES, Holweger - YES

Holweger moved to approve the payment of the K-12 bills #132219 through #132344 as follows:

FUND	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
01	General	\$508,584.81
02	Food Service	\$32,916.71
04	Community Ed	\$7,277.09
14	Student Activities	\$9,195.00
EFT		\$604,950.08
TOTAL		\$1,162,923.69

King seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The bills are on file in the Superintendent's Office.

The next meeting of the school board will be a special meeting held on September 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Perkerewicz moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 6:05 P.M. Hangsleben seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Perkerewicz
Board Clerk