

Regular School Board Meeting, August 24, 2026

The Board of Independent School District 308 met on Monday, August 24, 2026, in the Media Center and via Zoom. Chair Dave McGee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ben Hass, Andy Lindow, Karrin Lindow, Dave McGee, and Aimee Plumley. Jen McNamee joined the meeting via Zoom from Sitka, Alaska.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Ben Hass to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Dave McGee to approve the financial reports as presented by Tom Haldeman, Accounts Payable Clerk, with a cash balance at the end of July of \$2,035,442.16. The Payment Register and payment of claims were approved in the amount of \$197,253.16. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second Karrin Lindow to approve the following consent agenda items: donations as follows -

Bleacher purchase over a period of 10 years at \$1,500 per year

Arvig	\$ 1,500.00
Wolff and Simon Real Estate	1,500.00

for a total of \$3,000; minutes of the regular school board meeting held July 27, 2026; minutes of the school board work session held August 18, 2026; work agreement with Amy Nelson, Educational Assistant, for the 2026-2027 school year; work agreement with Laura Gleixner, Assistant Cook, for the 2026-2027 school year; contract with Joel Juni, Payroll and Employee Benefits Coordinator effective August 31, 2026; contract with Michelle Haldeman, Journey Teacher, for the District's Apprenticeship Program not to exceed two hours per week and participate up to 40 hours of Journey Teacher Training during the 2026-2027 school year; contract with Jessica Wicks, Apprentice for the Nevis School District's Apprenticeship Program for the 2026-2027 school year; Jen Geraedts as advisor/director for the One Act Play and Three-Act Play; resignation of Tim Coy, regular route bus driver, effective August 13, 2026; first reading of ISD 308 Policy 625, Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence; snow removal bid from Sunshine Lawn and Landscape at a cost of \$3,500 for up to 10 snow plowings and \$350 per plowing need thereafter for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 winter snow removal season. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Karrin Lindow, second by Aimee Plumley to approve the request from Karly Cobb for an unpaid leave of absence October 5, 2026 through January 3, 2027 contingent upon finding a long-term substitute. On a roll call vote, voting 'yes' were Andy Lindow, Ben Hass, Aimee Plumley, Karrin Lindow, and Jen McNamee; voting 'no' was Dave McGee. Motion carried.

Board members reported attending the PTA sponsored 'Floats in the Park' where rootbeer floats were served at the city park August 17 and participating on the interview committee for the Payroll and Benefits Coordinator position.

Elementary Principal, Shawn Klimek's report included Kinder Camp was held August 24-26 for incoming kindergarten students; paraprofessionals attended an all-day training in Verndale August 4; Pre-K through 6th grade Open House is scheduled for September 8 and 9 from noon-7:30 p.m.; Special Education staff attended a work day August 24; all elementary reading staff have been training in Functional Phonics and Functional Morphology; new teacher training is scheduled for August 25; Handle with Care refresher course for special education teachers and administrators will be held August 26; and fall staff in-service days begin August 31.

Superintendent Seykora reported an assembly will be held in Tiger Arena the first day of school for all students in grades 7-12 as well as staff. A Community Open House is scheduled for September 14 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria providing information on the upcoming referendum.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Karrin Lindow to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Plumley, Clerk