

## **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #656**

Regular School Board Meeting  
September 28, 2026, 5:30 p.m.  
Faribault Public Schools  
710 17<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Faribault, MN 55021

### MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Casie Steeves, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente (attended remotely).

Members absent: Jerry Robicheau. Other attendees included Student Board Representative Amira Williams, administrators, staff, and members of the public.

#### I. Call to Order

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

II. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Steeves, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

III. Recognition, Awards, and Presentations - None

#### IV. Items of Information

- A. Reports from School Board Members Moore, Wolff, and Bellingham
- B. Report from Student Board Representative Amira Williams
- C. Report from Superintendent Jamie Bente

#### V. Public Comment

VI. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Knudson, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed, 5-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).

- A. Minutes - August 17, 2026, September 10, 2026, and September 14, 2026
- B. Employment
- C. Additional Assignments/Other
- D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Accounts

VII. District Advisory Committee - No report

#### VIII. Policy Committee

- A. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the Second reading of revisions to policies
  - 1. Policy 208: Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies
  - 2. Policy 402: Disability Nondiscrimination Policy
  - 3. Policy 423: Employee/Volunteer – Student Relationships
  - 4. Policy 507.5: School Resource Officers
  - 5. Policy 509: Enrollment of Nonresident Students
  - 6. Policy 521: Student Disability Nondiscrimination

## 7. Policy 613: Graduation Requirements

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

B. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Bellingham, to approve the second reading of revisions to Policy 524: Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and form. The motion passed after discussion, 5-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).

C. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Knudson, to approve the second reading of revisions to Policy 621: Literacy and the READ Act. The motion passed after discussion, 5-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).

D. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Wolff, to approve the second reading of revisions to Policy 709: Student Transportation. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

E. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Steeves, to approve the second reading of revisions to Policy 722: Public Data Requests. The motion passed 5-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).

## IX. Other Committees

A. Finance Committee report by Lynda Boudreau

B. Facilities Committee report by Linda Moore

## X. Other Matters

A. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to approve Gifts/Donations - Resolution 27-02. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, after discussion, 6-0.

B. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Knudson, to consider approval of the proposed agreement with Local #70 Nurses. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

C. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Knudson, to consider approval of the proposed agreement with Local #70 Operating Engineers. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

D. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of revisions to the Administrative Assistant Employment Agreement (2026–2028). The motion passed, 6-0 (Boudreau abstained).

E. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the Preliminary 26 Pay 27 Property Tax Levy. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

F. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Knudson, to consider approval of one additional paraprofessional at Jefferson Elementary School. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

G. Moved by Moore, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of 2.0 FTE additional paraprofessionals at Roosevelt Early Learning Center. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

H. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of the Media Specialist Service Agreement with Nerstrand. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

I. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Knudson, to consider approval of the Professional Services Agreement between HCI & FPS for FY27. The motion passed after discussion, 5-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).

J. Moved by Knudson, seconded by Wolff, to consider approval of a Family Engagement Navigator. The motion passed 5-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).

XI. Dates to Remember:

- October 5, 4:00 p.m. - District Advisory Committee
- October 5, 5:30 p.m. - Board Work Session
- October 6, 3:45 p.m. - Policy Committee
- October 8, 7:30 a.m. - Facilities Committee
- October 12, 7:30 a.m. - Finance Committee
- October 19, 5:30 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

XII. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

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Casie Steeves, Clerk  
Approved: October 19, 2026