

Call to Order

The work session of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Board Chair Deb Ulm on the **15th day of September 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the District Center Board Room.

Roll Call: Members Present: Deb Ulm, Eric Minks, Dawn Bourdeaux, Sue VanHooser and Eric Strandberg. Members Melissa Lynch joined via zoom. Absent: Jen Super.

Others present: Superintendent Pat Devine, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, and Student Council Representative Mick Dudek.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

REPORTS **Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board member attended.**

Eric Strandberg Finance Committee Meeting

Sue Vanhooser Candidate Forum

Dawn Bourdeaux None

Eric Minks Finance Committee Meeting; Rum River North Meeting; Candidate Forum

Deb Ulm Agenda Planning; Candidate Forum

Melissa Lynch Finance Committee Meeting; Candidate Forum

Student Council Report: Student council shared various events taking place throughout the district. The HS fall musical has been cast and is in production. The student council is bringing back the homecoming ball relay, which brings the game ball from Chisago Lakes to Princeton. There is also a community tailgate party that will take place prior to the homecoming game.

Superintendent Report: The school year has started out great so far. Transportation has been fairly smooth and we have worked out a few issues. Superintendent is working with the city regarding the maintenance of Mark Park.

The candidate forum was run well by the Chamber of Commerce, but the Superintendent shared a few areas of clarification in the areas of: reading curriculum training, meeting with area schools regarding instructional strategies, and state funding of the school district.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made by Sue VanHooser, seconded by Dawn Bourdeaux, **to approve the agenda as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS and ACT on PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Eric Strandberg, seconded by Eric Minks, **to approve the September 1 board meeting minutes as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Eric Minks, seconded by Sue VanHooser, **to approve the consent agenda as presented.** Motion passed unanimously. Personnel, bills, field trips, grants, treasurer's report, wire transfers, and the Resolution for the Acceptance of Gifts were approved.

The board started their information session at 6:19 p.m. The items discussed were:

INFORMATION

- Levy
- First Reading of Policy

ACTION

Levy

Motion made by Sue VanHooser, seconded by Eric Strandberg, **to accept the levy resolution as presented.** Uon roll call the following voted in favor: Melissa Lynch, Eric Strandberg, Sue VanHooser, Dawn Bourdeaux, Eric Minks, and Deb Ulm. Against: none. Motion passed 6:0.

Set Truth in Taxation Meeting

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Eric Minks, **to schedule the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m..** Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA- None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Tiger Community Connections - Sep 24, 7:30AM

Agenda Planning - Oct 1, 12:00PM
Finance Committee - Oct 6, 4:30PM
Regular Meeting - Oct 6, 6:00PM

ADJOURN

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Eric Strandberg, **to adjourn the meeting**. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Deb Ulm

Melissa Lynch

Recorder- Emily McKinnon