

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138
NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL, FTLA ROOM #816,
38431 LINCOLN TRL, NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026**

The School Board of Independent School District 138 met in a Work Session on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the FTLA Room #816 at the North Branch Area Middle School

Remote Participation Notice: One or more School Board members may participate in this meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.02 or § 13D.021, using interactive technology. This provision applies to both regular business meetings and work sessions.

Chair MacMillan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Sarah Grovender, Shelly Johnson, Trystyn Johnson, Jesse LaValla, Tim MacMillan, Heather Naegele, Superintendent Paul and Adam Trampe

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Erica Bjerketvedt, Amanda Daeger, Pakou Lee, Clint Link, Taylor Swanson, Todd Tetzlaff, Jacob Truby

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Paul highlighted Workforce Development Month and the district's efforts to connect students with work-based learning, skilled trades, college courses, and career pathways. She also shared that North Branch Area Public Schools was recognized by the City of North Branch for its leadership and partnership in workforce development and that she presented the district's workforce development ecosystem at the AASA Superintendent Symposium in Washington, D.C.

Work Session Topics

A. **Spotlight: High School 2026-27 Goals**

The Board reviewed the high school focus on relationships, learning, growth, and ensuring students graduate with a plan. Goals include improving attendance, increasing academic achievement, providing targeted support, and expanding college, career, technical education, and work-based learning opportunities.

B. **Spotlight: Elementary 2026-27 Goals**

The Board received an overview of 2026-27 academic goals for preschool and K-5 students, including early literacy and math development, grade-level reading and math achievement, targeted interventions, and progress

monitoring. Curriculum updates included continued implementation of Arts & Letters, SPIRE reading intervention, and a math curriculum pilot. An accelerated math pathway for grades 4-5 was also introduced.

Board members adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM

Heather Naegele, Clerk