

OFFICIAL MINUTES: AUSTIN SCHOOL BOARD**SPECIAL MEETING**

Independent School District No. 492

Monday, September 21, 2026 5:00 pm

District Office Conference Room

401 Third Avenue NW, Austin, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carolyn Dube
Robert Hartman
Cece Kroc
Don Leathers
Dan Zielke
Superintendent Dr. Joey Page

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol McAlister and Peggy Young

MEETING CALLED

TO ORDER: Chairperson Dube called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room at Austin High School.

AGENDA APPROVED: A motion was made by Hartman, seconded by Kroc and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**2026 PAYABLE 2027
PROPOSED LEVY
CERTIFIED:**

Following an overview of the 2026 payable 2027 levy details by Executive Director of Finance and Operations Todd Lechtenberg, Hartman made a motion, seconded by Zielke and carried unanimously to certify the 2026 payable 2027 proposed property tax levy at the maximum. The final levy will be presented for approval at the regular December meeting following the Truth in Taxation hearing scheduled for 6 pm on December 12, 2026 in the AHS Annex Recital Hall.

**REFERENDUM
UPDATE:**

Superintendent Page, Executive Director of Finance and Operations Todd Lechtenberg, Sue Peterson from ISG, a representative from Knutson Construction, and PTMA representative Michael Hart provided a referendum update.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Zielke, seconded by Leathers, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 5:45 pm.

Dan Zielke, Clerk