

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
Maple Grove, MN
Tuesday, September 29, 2026

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 in the board room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Tanya Prince called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
ROLL CALL	The following members were present: Kelsey Dawson, Erica Foster, Thomas Brooks, Tanya Prince, Keith Tate and Sarah Mitchell.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Chair Prince.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Motion by Thomas Brooks, seconded by Sarah Mitchell, to accept the printed agenda. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES	Dr. Hiel and Amy Tollefson, Assistant Superintendent introduced the Student School Board Representatives for the 2026-2027 school year.
RECOGNITIONS	Girls 4x400 Relay Team, Maple Grove Senior High – 1 st Place at State Adapted PI Softball Team, Osseo Senior High – 2 nd Place at State Girls Golf Team, Maple Grove Senior High – 2 nd Place at State
PRESENTATION	Preliminary Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Report presented by Kelly Benusa, Director of Business Services.
PRESENTATION	Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth Update presented by Rebecca Gilgen, Executive Director of Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth.
AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD	The following individual addressed the Board: LaDawn Severin (district resident) - blind spots.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	Dr. Kim Hiel's included recognition of the School Board of Osseo Area Schools, noting that September is designated as the Minnesota School Board Association's School Board Recognition Month. The report also included Points of Pride, celebrating students, staff and community members who are contributing to the accomplishment of the district's mission, which is to inspire and

	prepare each and every scholar with the confidence, courage and competence to achieve their dreams, contribute to community, and engage in a lifetime of learning. Reminders of several events were also shared.
SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS	Kelsey Dawson reported on the AIPAC committee and RISE committee kickoff meetings, the Hispanic Heritage Month event, and the upcoming AMSD conferences. Erica Foster gave a reminder of upcoming policy committee and DPAC committee meetings. Sarah Mitchell reported on the kickoff meeting for CPAC. Tanya Prince reported on the Northwest Suburban Integration School District meeting.
CONSENT AGENDA	Motion by Thomas Brooks, seconded by Keith Tate, to approve the consent agenda as follows: A. Minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2026 B. Minutes of the negotiation strategies meeting of August 25, 2026 C. Financial reports for the month of August 2026 D. Payment of items for the month of August 2026 E. Fundraisers F. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Achievement and Integration Grant and Incentive Revenue Grant in the amount of \$5,344,995 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$5,344,995 G. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Compensatory Grant in the amount of \$25,005,882 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$25,005,882 H. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 American Indian Education Aid Grant in the amount of \$270,500 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$270,500 I. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Native Language Revitalization Grant in the amount of \$302,351 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$302,351 J. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Title I Grant in the amount of \$4,175,976 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$4,175,976 K. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Title II Grant in the amount of \$543,393 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$543,393 L. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Title III Grant in the amount of \$392,860 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$392,860 M. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Title IV Grant in the amount of \$333,597 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$333,597 N. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Stronger Connections Grant in the amount of \$37,962 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$37,962

	O. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Title VI Grant in the amount of \$124,310 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$124,310 P. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 College and Career Ready Grant in the amount of \$45,000 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$45,000 Q. Federal Grant Delegation Resolution R. Personnel S. Approval of the 2027-2031 Joint Powers Agreement with the Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth and authorization for participation as a Member Organization T. Renewal of General Liability Insurance U. Termination of Easement V. Bid Award: Zanewood Renovations W. Bid Award: Weaver Lake Renovations The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.
ACTION ITEM PRELIMINARY LEVY	Motion by Keith Tate, seconded by Thomas Brooks, to approve the 2026 Pay 2027 preliminary levy at the maximum. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.
SECOND READING OF POLICIES	General Counsel Amy Moore shared each policy up for Second Reading. Motion by _____, seconded by Erica Foster, to approve the second reading of policies: Policy 101: Racial Equity in Achievement Policy 102: Equal Opportunity and Prohibition against Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Policy 503: Attendance and Absences Policy 510: School Activities Policy 511: Student Fundraising Policy 542: Extended Educational Field Trips Policy 545: Student Fees Policy 558: Enrollment Options Program Policy 807: Procedure B – Cardiac Emergency Response Plan The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.
ACTION ITEM GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT	Motion by Sarah Mitchell, seconded by Thomas Brooks, to approve Gifts to the District totaling \$78,995.72. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

CLOSED MEETING/ ADJOURNMENT	Motion by Kelsey Dawson, seconded by Erica Foster, to recess the regular business meeting at 7:48 PM, and convene in the Forum Room for a closed session. The session was closed pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03, to discuss labor negotiations strategies pertaining to all employee units. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at the conclusion of the closed session, at 9:03 p.m.
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