

BIG LAKE SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 727
BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 23, 2026
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools, was called to order on September 23, 2026 at 6:01 PM in the Middle School Student Center by Chair Reasoner.

II. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Ms. Chelsey Hancock, Ms. Amber Sixberry, Ms. Tonya Reasoner, Ms. Lenette Brown—arriving at 6:17 PM, Ms. Ashley Schabilion, Mr. Derek Nelson—arrived at 6:06 PM.

III. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Reasoner seconded by Schabilion to approve the agenda.

The motion carried 4-0.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Reasoner and the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. OPEN FORUM

Shawn Redepenning thanked the board and Director of Buildings and Grounds, TJ Zerwas, for the quick response regarding the walking path off Glenwood Avenue.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Sixberry seconded by Schabilion to approve the following:

- A. PREVIOUS MINUTES from the August 26, 2026 regular meeting and the September 10, 2026 work session
- B. CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS for the month of September in the amount of \$2,853,808.97 checks 109158-109286
- C. CREDIT CARD REPORT
- D. PERSONNEL

September 2026 Personnel				
Employee (Last, First Name)	Position	Building	Effective Date	Action Type
Molitor, Emiley	Program Secretary	Community Ed	08/24/2026	Resignation
Erickson, Jenny	Health Assistant	High School	08/31/2026	New Hire
Haberman, Steven	Custodian	Liberty	9/30/2026	Retirement
Luebben, Olivia	LTS Teacher	Liberty	09/01/2026	Transfer
Kilde, Krystal	LTS CE Coordinator	Community Ed	11/01/2026	Transfer
Sellner, Aimee	LTS Kids Club Site Supervisor	Community Ed	11/01/2026	Transfer
Anderson, Carly	LTS Social Worker	Middle School/High School	09/14/2026	New Hire
Ruggiero, Taylor	Paraeducator	Independence	09/14/2026	Transfer
Ronning, Jennifer	Health Assistant	Liberty	09/21/2026	New Hire
Geroux, Kendra	Recreation and Facilities Coordinator	Community Ed	10/01/2026	Transfer

E. FUNDRAISERS:

Big Lake Girls Swim and Dive, sell pizza coupons for Dominos and receive a percent of the profits, 9/24/26-09/30/26, purchase equipment for the team

The motion carried 4-0.

VII. DONATIONS

A motion was made by Schabilion seconded by Hancock to approve the following donations:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
Anderson Dahlen Inc	\$500.00	Sideline Cheer
Minnco Credit Union	School supplies valued at \$300.00	Students at Independence Elementary STEM
Precera Medical	\$1,500.00	High School Career Fair
Mac's Mini's	\$100.00	HS Choir
Minnco Credit Union	School supplies valued at \$300.00	Students at Liberty Elementary
Big Lake Swim and Dive Booster Club	\$480.00	iPad and case
Big Lake Swim and Dive Booster Club	\$900.00	Charter bus to Duluth
Mac's Mini	\$80.00	Girls Soccer Team
Mac's Mini	\$40.00	Boys Soccer Team
Douglas and Molly Van Metre	\$1,000.00	Little Learners Outdoor classroom
Big Lake Quarter Back Club	\$14,511.00	Football coaches' stipends
Minnco Credit Union	School supplies valued at \$300.00	Students at the High School
Gardner Builders	\$250.00	High School Career Fair
Metal Craft Machine & Engineering, Inc.	\$300.00	High School Career Fair
Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry	\$50.00	High School Career Fair
Howmet	\$1,000.00	High School Career Fair
Ken and Cindy Ohl	Classroom set for High School English Department valued at \$293.30	English Department
Jonny Pops	Popsicles valued at \$640.00	Liberty Popsicle Playdate Event

The motion carried 4-0.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Director of Business Services, Angie Manuel, presented the financial report for August.

A motion was made by Schabilion seconded by Hancock to approve the financial report as presented.

The motion carried 5-0.

IX. APPROVE PRELIMINARY PAY 2027 LEVY CERTIFICATION

A motion was made by Schabilion seconded by Sixberry to approve the Pay 2027 Preliminary Levy at maximum.

The motion carried 5-0.

X. ACTIVITIES ANNUAL UPDATE

Activities Director, Mark Kuisle, presented the annual update to the board.

XI. LIBERTY FIELDS ANNEXATION APPROVAL

A motion was made by Sixberry seconded by Schabilion to approve submitting the petition for annexation to the city.

The motion carried 6-0.

- XII. FIRST READING OF POLICY 721 PROCUREMENT
- XIII. SECOND READING OF POLICIES
404 Employment Background Checks; 435 Conflict of Interest by Elected Officials and Employees; 560 Memorials for Deceased Students and Staff; 809 Naming Rights
- XIV. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE/REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES
- a. Finance—none
 - b. Policy—none
 - c. Buildings and Grounds—none
 - d. School Board Representatives: District Curriculum Advisory—Schabilion; WTC—Sixberry
- XV. OCTOBER WORK SESSION DISCUSSION
October 14, 2026 Work Session time change from 6:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Middle School Student Center.
- XVI. SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION
Superintendent Truebenbach recognized the board members for their service.
- XVII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
Superintendent Truebenbach gave his monthly report to the board.
- a. Cabinet Department Update—none
- XVIII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Reasoner adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Clerk, Ashley Schabilion
Approved October 28, 2026