UNAPPROVED Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
The Board of Education
Foley ISD 51
Date: 9/21/2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Independent District No. 51, Foley, Minnesota, was called to order by Chair Pamela Vizenor at 5:30 pm, Monday, **9/21/2026,** at the Foley Intermediate School Media Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present: Sharon Kipka, Patric Lewandowski, Wayne Wilson, Nathan Anderson,Stephanie Rudnitski, Alyssa Schumacher and Pamela Vizenor.

Board member absent:

Others present: Dan Posthumus, Ryan Fetters(Virturally) and Kelly Gorecki

Presented by Chair Pamela Vizenor: The Board of Education would like to update the community regarding our practice for recording the business conducted at School Board meetings. Previously we had video recorded meetings and posted recordings from those meetings to the School District's YouTube channel, and also prepared and made available the minutes of the meetings. Going forward, we plan to have the official minutes of each meeting be the sole record of the meeting. As a result, this meeting will not be recorded by the District, and no recording will be posted on our YouTube channel. Minutes will be prepared and approved at the next regular meeting.

Presented by Superintendent Dan Posthumus: September is Minnesota School Board Recognition Month, and Foley Public Schools is proud to join the Minnesota School Boards Association in recognizing the dedicated public servants who help ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed. This year's statewide theme, "Minnesota School Boards Help Minnesota Kids Rise," capitalizes on the state's new
campaign and celebrates the essential role locally elected school boards play in helping students
achieve their highest potential.

ROUTINE BUSINESS
Motion by **Patric Lewandowski** to approve the modified adoption agenda with additional Table top items for the consent agenda, seconded by **Nathan Anderson** and the motion carried unanimously. 7-0

Approval of routine business items: Motion by **Patric Lewandowski** to approve the meeting minutes from **9/17/2026**, board bills and the consent agenda items. Seconded by **Wayne Wilson** and the motion carries unanimously. 7-0

Consent Agenda

1. Retirements-Resignations *(*added Table Top items)*

a. Child Nutrition/Cook- Kim Foss retires as of 8/20/2026.
b. FIS EA- Michelle du'Monceaux retired as of 8/21/2026.
c. FIS EA- Haylee Fremo resigns from her position as of 9/8/2026.
d. FIS EA — Missy Johnson resigns from her position as of 8/12/2026.
*e. FES Teacher- Jane Kotsmith retires from her position as of 10/19/2026.

2. Contracts/Adjustments/Position Change

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Contracts- New or changed	Individual	**Notes**	**Pay Level/ Amn't**
LTS EA-FES	Sarah Studanski	Starting 9/- 12/	Step 2=$ up to 32.5 hours per week
FIS SPED Teacher	Betty Makori	2026-27 school year	MA step 7= $65,496
Change in position	Marla Foss	Position change from SPED preschool EA to non-SPED EA	
Van EA Rider	Marla Foss	2026-27	1 hour per student contact day
Child Nutrition- Kitchen Assistant	Mary Evans	2026-27	Step 1= $19.09 per hour up to 15 hours per week
Child Nutrition- Kitchen Assistant	Shirley Ponsness-Carriveau	2026-27	Step 1= $19.09 per hour up to 15 hours per week
FES EA	Natasha Girtz	starting 9/8/2026	Step 3= $21.47 per hour up to 32.5 hours per week
ECFE Preschool Screener	Rachel Zierden	Starting 9/16/2026	6-7 days per year at $35.00 per hour
ECFE Preschool Screener	Rebecca Engelmeyer	Starting 9/16/2026	6-7 days per year at $35.00 per hour
ECFE Preschool Screener	Karen Eherenman	Starting 8/26/2026	6-7 days per year at $35.00 per hour
FES EA	Jenna Conroy	2026-27	Step 2= $20.92 per hour at 32.5 hours per week
FES Music Teacher	Teri Mick	2026-27	BA+30 step 7= $63,417.00
Van EA Rider	Isabel Bemboom	2026-27	up to 1 hour per day
FES SPED Teacher	Jocasta Adelsman	2026-27	MA step 2= $60,801.00
LTS FES Social Worker	Andrea Rahm	Starting 9/11/2026- 11/9/2026	$269.06 per day
FIS EA	Chelsea Markfort	Starting 9/16/2026 for the 26-27 school year	Step 1= $20.37 per hour, up to 32.5 hours per week.
FIS EA	Michaela Hanson	Starting September 2026	Step 1= $20.37 per hour, up to 32.5 hours per week.

EL Teacher	Vicki Disrud	Change of FTE in contract for the 2026-27 school year. Increase from .2 FTE to .4 FTE	$23,212.80 .40 FTE
*FES ASL Interpreter	Genelle Jackson	Starting 9/15/2026 for 153 days for the 2026-27 school year	$47.00 per hour, up to 7 hours per day.
*FIS EA	Kaitlyn George	TBD start date for the 2026-27 school year	Step 1= $20.37 per hour up to 32.5 hours per week

On/Off-Staff Extra Curricular	Individual	**Notes**	**Pay Level/ Amn't**
Football Assistant Coach	Grant Ludwig	Booster Funded	$2,000.00
Cross Country EA	Emily Ratka	Part time EA During Cross Country Season	
Cross Country EA	Annelise Jennissen	Part time EA During Cross Country Season	Step 1= $20.37 per hour

Advisory Contracts 2026-27	Individual	**Pay Level/ Amn't**
*FES Memory Book Co-Advisor	Samantha Lahr	$452.33
FES Memory Book Co-Advisor	Halle Brenny	$381.04
FES Memory Book Co-Advisor	Kayla Stafford	$514.09
FES Memory Book Co-Advisor	Megan Welinski	$445.64
FES Memory Book Co-Advisor	Carrie Virnig	$1,091.70
FES Re-Licensure Chair	Angie Arnold	$812.28
FIS Re- Licensure Chair	Amanda Kivel	$812.28
FIES 8th Grade Slide Show Advisor	Trent Robertson	$1,624.56
FIS Spelling Bee Coordinator	Heather Crego	$728.84
FIS Student Council Co-Advisor	Kristin Herbert	$1,624.56
FIS Student Council Co-Advisor	Jason Swanson	$1,244.48
FIS Student of the Month Advisor	Shawn Hovland	$1,624.56
FIS Yearbook Advisor	Austin Lewandowski	$2,545.12
FIS Instrumental Music Director	Richard Thomas	$1,300.78

FHS Re-Licensure Co-Chair	Michelle Hartman	$406.14
District Re-Licensure Chair	Amanda Kivel	$1,624.56
FHS Re-Licensure Co-Chair	Samantha Gerads	$340.61
District Vocal Music Director	Jody Martinson	$3,096.92
FHS Asst Instrumental Music Director	Karissa Darling	$4,061.40
FHS Instrumental Music Director	Janel Hesch	$5,685.96
FHS Jr Class Advisor	Mary Keating	$3,249.12
FHS Senior Class Co-Advisor	Marie Bauerly	$1,457.68
FHS Senior Class Co-Advisor	Becky Rasmusson	$1,624.56
FHS Student Council Advisor	Richard Johnson	$4,873.68
FHS Yearbook Advisor	Mary Keating	$6,498.24
District Chemical Health Officer	Robert Notsch	$3,249.12
FHS Language Club Advisor	Jennifer Monroe	$2,436.84
FHS MN Honor Society Advisor	Michele Gross	$3,249.12
Fall Musical Co-Director	Amanda Kivel	$5,685.96
Fall Musical Co-Director	Janel Hesch	$5,685.96
FHS Skills USA Advisor	Brian Kemmy	$3,096.92
FHS Math League Advisor	Josh Raymo	$2,436.84
FHS Knowledge Bowl Advisor	Rod Hommerding	$3,249.12
FHS Art Club Advisor	Melissa Gohman	$1,342.30

3. Fundraising Applications
    a. Theatre Department — Snap Mobile
    b. Staff Wellness- Sheet Pan Sale
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
5. Board Bills

7. Resolution for Accepting Gifts (Action) A motion by **Sharon Kipka** to accept the resolution for accepting gifts, seconded by **Wayne Wilson**. The motion was unanimously by Roll Call Vote 7-0.

8. Minnesota Permanent School Fund Information (Discussion) by Dan Posthumus

9. Levy Certification of 2026 Payable 2027 Levy Resolution(Discussion-Action) Motion by **Nathan Anderson** to approve Levy Certification of 2026 Payable 2027 Levy, seconded by **Patric Lewandowski**. The motion carried unanimously by a Roll call vote 7-0.

10. Policies requiring review: (Discussion) First reading and call for public comment of the following policies:

a. Policy 423 EMPLOYEE-STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS
b. Policy 503 STUDENT ATTENDANCE
c. Policy 524 INTERNET, TECHNOLOGY, AND CELL PHONE ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY POLICY
d. Policy 613 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
e. Policy 621 LITERACY AND THE READ ACT
f. Policy 704 DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF AN INVENTORY OF FIXED ASSETS AND A FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

11. Policies requiring review: (Discussion/Action) Third reading and call for the school board to comment on the following policies: A motion by **Patric Lewandowski** to approve the following Policies: 208, 402, 507.5, 509, 624, 722, seconded by **Wayne Wilson**. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.

a. Policy 208 DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES
b. Policy 402 DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
c. Policy 507.5 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS
d. Policy 509 ENROLLMENT OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS
e. Policy 624 ONLINE INSTRUCTION
f. Policy 722 PUBLIC DATA AND DATA SUBJECT REQUESTS.

12. Budget-Enrollment Report
13. Administrator Information and Reports

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members shared comments and thanked those who offer time, talents, and donations to our district.

Committee Reports:

- DACCS
- Wellness
- Benton-Stearns
- Buildings & Grounds
- Finance
- Health & Safety
- Insurance
- MSBA
- MSHSL
- Policy
- Tenure and Contracts/Negotiations

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD

"This public comment session is provided as an opportunity to address the School Board and express opinions, praise, or concerns. The School Board values the input of the community. However, we ask that complaints be submitted first to the building principal or other immediate supervisor so they can follow up, pursuant to Board Policy 103, and

that the procedures set forth in Board Policy 206 are followed when bringing a complaint to the School Board. Specifically, speakers must be mindful of both employees' and students' rights to privacy. Personal attacks will also not be allowed. Board Policy 103 and Board Policy 206 are both available on the School District's website."

- Mary Bentley- Teacher for the district- Congratulated Jane Kotsmith on her retirement and years of service.
- Katy DeMarais- Parent of district, spoke about being a voice for her child.
- Blake DeMarais- Parent of district, spoke about concerns with the district.
- Jody Hayes Kindred- Parent of district, spoke about her concerns with the district and her child.
- Mike Lewandowski- Community Member, spoke about his concerns about the legal fees our district is accruing.

Meeting Event and Notices
Note: This list does not include scheduled events.
• Please visit www.foley.k12.mn.us for a full calendar or visit the district office.

a. 9/21-9/25- 2026-27 Homecoming week
b. 9/30/2026- 2026-27 LEEA Banquet
c. 10/19/2026- Next Regular School Board meeting is held in the FIS Media Center at 5:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Patric Lewandowski to adjourn the meeting at **6:30** pm. Seconded by Sharon Kipka and the motion carried unanimously. 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Wilson, Clerk