Board of Directors Meeting

Overview

October 14, 2026

The board reviewed district performance and finances, received required compliance and assessment reports, and agreed to continue evaluating a possible PERS obligation bond issuance.

Financial Outlook

- Enrollment remained above the district's estimate, and projected fund balance was over $4 million.
- PERS rates are expected to rise by 5.87 percentage points, increasing annual costs by roughly $1.3 million. The existing side account is expected to run out in March, though debt service on the current bonds continues through 2028.
- The board gave a nonbinding nod to continue exploring new bonds. Will market conditions support issuance at or below the proposed 5.25% interest-rate ceiling?

District Reports

- Communications staff reported strong community response to CTE coverage, ongoing surveys, and student and community engagement activities.
- The district reported compliance with all 58 Division 22 standards.

Student Assessment

- Initial **MAP** results placed the district at the 44th percentile in reading and 40th in math among districts using the assessment. The district identified reading needs among first graders and middle school students, and math needs in fifth grade and secondary grades.

Action Items

- Continue evaluating the PERS obligation bond strategy, monitor market conditions and pricing, answer board questions, and prepare a draft resolution for the next board meeting.

- Send families communication about the student health survey, including its sensitive content, parent opt-out choice, and use of the resulting data.
- Send the final parent-survey text message tomorrow evening, reminding families that they have one remaining day to participate.
- Coordinate the November 18 Park and Walk event for River Mill families, including library parking and walking routes to and from school.
- Send each student's family a personalized MAP assessment letter showing the student's current score, goals, and projected learning trajectory.

Outline

Opening and Consent

- The board approved the agenda as written and later approved the consent agenda.
- Board members shared updates on school activities, communications, and student programs.

Communications Report

- Staff highlighted CTE and early college stories, survey outreach, state-testing coverage, and community engagement.
- Safe Routes to School activities include a planned park-and-walk event and route guidance for students.

Finance and PERS Bonds

- Enrollment and cash-flow projections were reviewed; the district remains above its enrollment estimate and projects a fund balance over $4 million.
- A proposed PERS bond consortium could provide rate relief, but results depend on market returns, issuance costs, and interest rates.
- The board informally supported continued evaluation; no formal bond approval was taken.

Compliance and Assessment

- The district reported compliance with all 58 Division 22 standards.
- Initial **MAP** interim assessment results were presented, with plans to use results to guide interventions and monitor growth.

Closing

- No discussion items or public comments were recorded.