



Official Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Board Chair Carrie Lounsberry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Clerk Shana Dukes took roll call.

Board Member Attendance	Present	Absent
Member Warrick	X	
Member Niemioja	X	
Member Klingner	X	
Member Dukes	X	
Member Larsen	X	
Member Pierson	X	
Member Lounsberry	X	

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Carrie Lounsberry led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda Items

Motion by Member Larsen and a Second by Member Dukes to approve the agenda items.

Motion carried 7-0.

5. District Highlight

September is Minnesota School Board Recognition Month, sponsored by the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA), recognizing school board members for their commitment to Minnesota's public school students. The ISD 199 Board of Education is committed to creating an environment where every student experiences Belonging, Relationships, and Engagement. Through their leadership and support of our schools, board members help ensure students have opportunities to feel connected, supported, and engaged in their learning and school community.

6. Consent Agenda

A motion carried to approve the consent agenda items. The consent agenda included approval of the August 17 regular meeting minutes; August cash disbursements and check register; personnel transactions; field trips; resolution accepting donations, gifts, and grants; Local Education Agency

Representative; and 2026-2027 School Resource Officer Contract Agreement; First Amendment to the Contract Between the County of Dakota and Inver Grove Heights School District 199.

Motion by Member Pierson and a Second by Member Warrick to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried 7-0.

7. Information Items

A. November 3, 2026 Election Update

Superintendent Dave Bernhardson and Communications Coordinator Katie Sheridan shared an update on the upcoming November 3 Election.

B. Committee Reports

I. Facilities Committee The facilities committee has not met this month.
II. Finance Committee The finance committee met to discuss cash disbursements and a transportation staffing update.
III. Personnel Committee The personnel committee met to discuss Principal negotiations and transportation staffing updates.
IV. Policy Committee The Policy Committee met prior to tonight's meeting to review new, current, and MSBA-recommended policy updates.

C. Membership Reports

I. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) AMSD met on September 11 and covered routine business, along with an overview of the MSBA "From the Classroom to the Boardroom" student event. Peter Leatherman of The Morris Leatherman Company also provided an overview of a public opinion survey.
II. Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation The B.E.S.T. Foundation met on Sunday, September 20th. The agenda included a Chair's Report, Financial Report, Executive Directors Report, and Action Team Updates.
III. Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) Minnesota School Boards had until September 23 to submit legislative resolutions for consideration at the 2026 MSBA Delegate Assembly. In December, delegates will discuss and vote on the resolutions. Approved resolutions help guide MSBA's legislative advocacy efforts on behalf of Minnesota's public school boards.
IV. Intermediate School District 917

Intermediate School District 917 met on September 1. The board approved typical business and approval of policies and a CD Ladder Investment Procedure.

8. Action Items

A. 2026 Payable 2027 Property Tax Levy

Director of Business Services Heather Aune introduced the recommendation to approve the 2026 Payable 2027 Property Tax Levy.

Motion by Member Niemioja and a Second by Member Klingner to approve the

Motion carried 7-0.

B. Three-Year Policy Review Cycle 2026-2029

Superintendent Dave Bernhardson introduced the recommendation to approve the district's Three-Year Policy Review Cycle for 2026-2029.

Motion by Member Larsen and a Second by Member Lounsberry to approve the Three-Year Policy Review Cycle for 2026-2029.

Motion carried 7-0.

9. Superintendent and School Board Comments

A. Superintendent Dave Bernhardson

A huge thank you to our staff, families, and community for making the start of the school year such a success!

The first scheduled Flex Learning Day of the 2026-2027 school year is on Monday, September 28. On planned Flex Learning Days, all students will remain at home. Middle and high school students will continue their school work through materials posted on Schoology. Preschool and elementary students will not have school. Before and after school activities and community education classes will take place as they would on a normal school day. This arrangement will ensure that all students have the required hours to end their school year on time.

Absentee Voting for the November 3 election opened on September 18. Early voting in person begins on October 18. More information on the upcoming election can be found on <https://www.isd199.org/our-district/ballot/election>.

B. School Board Comments

Board Member Larsen - Thank you to Dave and Katie for getting the word out about the upcoming election. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable homecoming!

Board Member Pierson - Go vote!

Board Member Warrick - Thank you to my fellow board members for everything you do!

Board Member Niemioja - I want to remind everyone to ask questions on the upcoming election. Ask candidates questions. I love being able to clear up misinformation. Everyone of us is happy to answer questions.

Board Member Dukes - Misinformation is a real thing. I think talking about students who are voting to vote for the first time go out and get involved. If you are of age you should go exercise this right and be mindful where you get your information from.

Board Member Klingner - I also wrote down misinformation. We are representatives for the community and can answer. I won't tell you how to vote but I want you to have the information you need to vote. Go to the sources and read the information and ask questions.

Board Member Lounsberry - Thank you to Communications Coordinator Katie Sheridan to bring clarity on the election. Come cheer on our Spartans for the homecoming game!

10. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, October 12 and the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Pine Bend Elementary.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Member Warrick and a Second by Member Niemioja to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. 199 (Inver Grove Heights Community Schools), State of Minnesota, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of the minutes of a regular meeting of the school board of the ISD 199 School District duly called and held on the date therein indicated, a true and correct copy of the original thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such clerk this 28th day of September, 2026.

School District Clerk