

Regular School Board Meeting, September 28, 2026

The Board of Independent School District 308 met on Monday, September 28, 2026, in the Media Center and via Zoom. Chair Dave McGee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ben Hass, Andy Lindow, Karrin Lindow, Dave McGee, Jen McNamee, Aimee Plumley, and student representative Paisleigh Brakke.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Andy Lindow to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

School Nurse, Julie Nicklason presented an overview of the district's Cardiac Emergency Response Plan.

The time set aside for the Public Review and Comment/Long Term Facilities Maintenance regarding the upcoming referendum saw no community members in attendance for input or questions.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Jen McNamee to approve the financial reports as presented by Tom Haldeman, Accounts Payable Clerk, with a cash balance at the end of August of \$2,511,919.88. The Payment Register and payment of claims were approved in the amount of \$200,423.96. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Karrin Lindow to approve the following consent agenda items: donations as follows -

Bleacher Purchase

Isaacson Veterinary Clinic (over a	
period of 10 years at \$1,500/year)	\$ 1,500.00
Northwoods Bank (paid in full)	15,000.00

Robotics

Nevis Lions	\$ 500.00
Omaha Capital Group	15,000.00

Book Club

Spangler & DeStefano	\$ 1,000.00
Anonymous Donor	2,500.00

for a total of \$35,500.00; minutes of the regular school board meeting held August 24, 2026; 2026-2027 cooperative agreement for boys hockey with Park Rapids, W-H-A, Menahga, and Nevis; second reading of Policy 625, Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence; resolution with Northwoods Bank of Minnesota and Nevis School District 0308 authorizing Tom Haldeman and Joel Juni access to account information and transfer of funds; Justine Opsal as School Age Care coordinator effective August 31, 2026; work agreement with Chad Worms, Educational Assistant effective September 8, 2026; and the district's Cardiac Emergency Response Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Aimee Plumley to approve the preliminary 2025 payable 2026 levy limitation at the maximum levy limitation. On a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Jen McNamee to approve the Superintendent and School Board Goals for 2026-2027. On a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Student representative, Paisleigh Brakke reported Homecoming kicked off with coronation that morning with Freddy Arellano and Emily Lindow being crowned King and Queen. The traditional dress-up days are planned, activities will be held in the afternoon of September 30, and an activity night is scheduled for after the football game Friday, October 2 for students in grades 6-12 until 11:00 p.m. Applications have been received from students applying to join Student Council. Potential new members will be notified by the end of October.

Board members reported attending committee meetings for Wellness, Continuing Education, and the Up North Learning Center/PAWN.

Elementary Principal, Shawn Klimek's report included information regarding student achievement and student screening for DIBELS, CAPTI, and NWEA math. Students in kindergarten thru 3rd grade went to Itasca State Park September 24. Mr. Brown returned to Nevis School to speak to students in an assembly September 29. New educational assistants are being trained in the Read Act and Handle with Care. An evacuation drill is planned for October 8. Grandparents' Days will be held October 12 for grades K-2 and October 13 for grades 3-5. The Scholastic Book Fair is on the calendar for October 19-23 and October 25.

Superintendent Seykora reported the 9th grade class spent an afternoon at the school forest September 28 participating in Amazing Stations organized by Mrs. Buckholtz. Building referendum presentations were held September 14 at the school and 24 at Bethany Lutheran Church. The display boards have been up at volleyball games and mailings have been delivered.

Motion by Karrin Lindow, second by Jen McNamee to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Plumley, Clerk