Board Meeting Date: 11/9/2026

Title: Canvass of Election Results - 2026 School District General Election

Type: Action

Presenter(s): Mert Woodard – Executive Director, Finance & Operations

Description: Four School Board members' terms expire in January 2027. A school district general election was held on November 3, 2026, to elect four members to the School Board. Under Minn. Stat. § 205A.10, the School Board must canvass the returns between the third and tenth day after the election. The four candidates receiving the most votes are elected to four-year terms beginning in January 2027 and expiring in January 2031. Certificates of election will be issued after the contest period ends and each candidate has filed the required campaign financial reports. Each elected candidate must then file an acceptance and oath of office.

T four candidates receiving the highest number of votes are:

- SARAH QUAYLE
- KAREN GABLER
- MICHAEL BIRDMAN
- ELAINE OLSON

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution canvassing the returns of votes cast at the November 3, 2026 school district general election, electing four School Board members to four-year terms.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: Adoption of the resolution canvassing the election results and declaring the four candidates receiving the most votes elected to the School Board.

Attachments:

1. Resolution – Canvassing Returns of Votes for the School District General Election
2. Abstract of Votes Cast – 2026 School District General Election