Regular Meeting of the School Board
Pine Bend Elementary School
9875 Inver Grove Trail
Monday, October 26, 2026
5:30pm

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 Vice Chair Jake Klingner took roll call.

Board Member Attendance	Present	Absent
Member Pierson		X
Member Dukes (Virtually Present)	X	
Member Klingner	X	
Member Warrick	X	
Member Lounsberry	X	
Member Larsen	X	
Member Niemioja	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 Niemioja to approve the agenda items.

Roll Call Style Voting	Aye	Nay
Member Larsen	X	
Member Niemioja	X	
Member Lounsberry	X	
Member Dukes	X	
Member Klingner	X	

Member Warrick	X	

Motion carried 6-0.

5. Consent Agenda

A motion carried to approve the consent agenda items. The consent agenda included approval of the September 28 regular and closed session meeting minutes; September cash disbursements and check register; personnel transactions; resolution accepting donations, gifts, and grants; and Dental Insurance premium rate increase.

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

Roll Call Style Voting	Aye	Nay
Member Niemioja	X	
Member Lounsberry	X	
Member Dukes	X	
Member Klingner	X	
Member Warrick	X	
Member Larsen	X	

Motion carried 6-0.

6. Information Items

A. Pine Bend Elementary School Update

Principal Paul Richardson provided the Board of Education an update on Pine Bend Elementary School.

B. 2025-2026 Superintendent End of Year Evaluation Summary

Vice Chair Jake Klingner shared a summary of the 2025-2026 Superintendent End of Year Evaluation.

C. Enrollment Overview

Director of Instructional Technology Caroline Little shared an enrollment overview.

D. 2027-2028 Academic Calendar

Director of Instructional Technology Caroline Little shared an update on the 2027-2028 Academic Calendar.

E. First Reading for Review of Policies

Superintendent Dave Bernhardson will introduce the following policies for a First Reading for Review:

202.1 School Board Vacancy Replacement
208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies
507.5 School Resources Officers
516 Student Medication and Telehealth
516.5 Overdose Medications (*Adoption*)
534 Participation in High School Athletics (*Retirement*)
606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials
606.5 Library Materials
612.1 Development of Parental Engagement Policies for Title I Programs

F. Committee Reports

I.	**Facilities Committee** The facilities committee has not met this month.
II.	**Finance Committee** The finance committee met on October 12 to discuss cash disbursements and a transportation staffing update.
III.	**Personnel Committee** The personnel committee has not met this month.
IV.	**Policy Committee** The Policy Committee has not met this month.

G. Membership Reports

I.	**Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD)** AMSD met on October 2. The agenda included routine business and featured guest speakers Governor candidates Lisa Demuth and Amy Klobuchar.
II.	**Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation** The B.E.S.T. Foundation met on Monday, October 19. The agenda included continued work on the foundation's Strategic Direction.
III.	**Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA)** The Minnesota School Boards Association will host its 5th Annual Student Voice Summit on October 28 in Chaska. This event brings together students, educators, and leaders to exchange ideas, build meaningful connections, and explore how student voices can help shape stronger schools.
IV.	**Intermediate School District 917** Intermediate School District 917 met on October 6. The board approved routine business.

7. Superintendent and School Board Comments

A. Superintendent Dave Bernhardson

Thank you to Principal Paul Richardson for hosting tonight's board meeting.

On November 3, residents of Inver Grove Heights Schools (ISD 199) will vote on three ISD 199 School Board seats. After conducting a professional survey of the community and receiving very positive feedback (80% support), our school board approved a renewal question to be placed on the November 3 ballot. We are asking for your support to continue providing and maintaining learning tools for students without an increase to your taxes. Our theme, Renew 199, is all about continuing support for our students with the resources we have now. Our goal is to continue existing funding to prepare our students for tomorrow with no new taxes for our neighbors today.

Good luck to students participating in Fall Activities as your seasons come to a close.

B. School Board Comments

Board Member Larsen - Thank you to Pine Bend for kicking off the tour of school board meeting visits. Thank you to everyone who took the time to take the calendar survey. There has been a lot of discussion and intentional thought that goes into to creating the calendar. Election day is coming up. Do your research and go vote!

Board Member Dukes - I'm sad to miss the meeting in person but it is always good to hear about the wonderful fun things happening at Pine Bend.

Board Member Warrick - Thank you to Principal Richardson for hosting tonight.

Board Member Niemioja - Thank you to Principal Richardson and Pine Bend. I love seeing the creativity in problem solving. The number of balls staff juggle with care. Thank you for all you do.

Board Member Klingner - Thank you to Principal Richardson. Please vote on both sides of the ballot!

Board Member Lounsberry - The Superintendent end of year evaluation takes the leadership of Mr. Bernhardson with his team work together to form the 199 Way. I see this as very strong and important work. Thank you very much.

8. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be a Special Meeting and Work Session on Tuesday, November 10th to canvas the results of the November 3rd Election. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the Inver Grove Heights Middle School.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Member Larsen and a Second by Member Lounsberry to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Style Voting	Aye	Nay
Member Lounsberry	X	
Member Dukes	X	
Member Klingner	X	
Member Warrick	X	
Member Larsen	X	
Member Niemioja	X	

Motion Carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 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 26th day of October, 2026.

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School District Clerk