Minutes
School Board Emergency Special Meeting
Fridley Independent School District 14
November 13, 2026

Call to Order
Board Chair Karnopp called the Special Emergency Business Meeting of the Fridley School Board to order at 3:30 PM on Friday, November 13, 2026, at the Fridley High School. The following Board members were present in the room: Nikki Auna, Sara Jones, Jake Karnopp, Sara Schreiner, and Pajjar Yang. Absent: Avonna Starck

Motion to call the meeting to order.
Motion by Schreiner, seconded by Jones. Upon the vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to place Superintendent Brenda Lewis on paid administrative leave effective immediately and to authorize Chair Karnopp to notify Brenda Lewis of the same by Auna, seconded by Yang, to approve the motion to place Superintendent Brenda Lewis on paid administrative leave effective immediately. Upon roll call vote, Auna, Jones, Karnopp, Schreiner voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to place Assistant Superintendent Rochelle Cox on paid administrative leave effective immediately and to authorize Chair Karnopp to notify Rochelle Cox of the same by Schreiner, seconded by Jones, to approve the motion to place Assistant Superintendent Rochelle Cox on paid administrative leave effective immediately. Upon roll call vote, Auna, Jones, Karnopp, Schreiner voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to designate Dr. Amy Cochran as Interim Superintendent
Motion by Jones, seconded by Auna, to approve the motion to designate Dr. Amy Cochran as Interim Superintendent. Upon roll call vote, Auna, Jones, Karnopp, Schreiner voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Meeting Adjournment
Motion by Auna, seconded by Yang to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 PM. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.