Regular School Board Meeting, October 26, 2026

The Board of Independent School District 308 met on Monday, October 26, 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 Andy Lindow, Karrin Lindow, Dave McGee, Jen McNamee, Aimee Plumley, and student representatives Paisleigh Brakke and Tatum Torma. Board member Ben Hass was absent.

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

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Aimee Plumley to approve the financial reports as presented by Tom Haldeman, Accounts Payable Clerk, with a cash balance at the end of September of $2,728,200.26. The Payment Register and payment of claims were approved in the amount of $171,431.55. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Robotics

Team Industries $ 3,500.00

for a total of $3,500.00; minutes of the regular school board meeting held September 28, 2026; minutes of the work session held October 19, 2026; resolution with the Minnesota State High School League supporting the district's application for a Form A grant to offset student activity fees; winter coaches/advisors/mentors as follows -

Art Club Advisor - Chris Boedigheimer
Boys Basketball, Assistant Coach - Levi Schwartz
Boys Basketball, Junior High Coach - Will Wicks
Boys Basketball, Junior High Coach - Eric Wolff
Girls Basketball, Head Coach - Jordyn Lucas
Girls Basketball, Assistant Coach - Levi Durgin
Girls Basketball, Junior High Coach - Michelle Haldeman
Girls Basketball, Junior High Volunteer Coach - Nic Podoll
Knowledge Bowl Advisor - Katie Buckholtz
Knowledge Bowl Advisor - Donna Hoffman
Math League Co-Advisor - Donna Hoffman
Math League Co-Advisor - Jodi Sandmeyer
Prom Coordinator - Melinda Mowder
Robotics Co-Mentor - Hannah DeLaHunt
Robotics Co-Mentor - Kay Netteberg
Robotics Co-Mentor - Olaf Netteberg
Veteran's Day Program Coordinator - Melinda Mowder;

and the final reading of ISD 0308 Policy 625, Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligenece. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dave McGee, second by Aimee Plumley to approve a resolution to canvass the results of the November 3 School

District General Election and Special Election on November 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Ms. Sara Niemala, of Brady Martz Certified Public Accountants, presented via Zoom the summary of the audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. This preliminary report indicated total revenues reported for the District of $10,313,064.00 and total expenditures at $9,929,088.00. The 2025-2026 net position of the district increased $383,976.00 or 15.5% compared with 2024-2025. The current total net position of the district June 30, 2026, was $2,863,067.00 compared to the 2024-2025 amount of $2,479.091.00.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Jen McNamee to approve the fiscal year 2026 audit as presented by Sara Niemala of Brady Martz. On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Superintendent Seykora presented the Nevis MCA results. Nevis performed very well and outdistanced the State averages in all three categories of Math, Reading and Science.

Student representatives, Paisleigh Brakke and Tatum Torma reported on the many activities students are involved in, including: Grandparents' Day for grade K-5 was held October 12 and 13 with numerous high school students helping in various capacities; varsity volleyball playoffs began October 26 at home vs. Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; varsity football playoffs start October 27 in Pine River vs. Pine River-Backus; a Student Council sponsored Halloween Costume Contest will be October 30; varsity cross country team runs in the Section meet in Bagley October 30; Math League competes in their first meet of the season November 2; the end of Quarter 1 is November 6; the annual Veterans' Day Program is scheduled for November 11; and 10th grade girls have been attending Empowering Women workshops October 9, 23 and November 6.

Board members reported attending building and CAIT committee meetings. Aimee Plumley recently attended an AIPAC committee meeting where plans were put in place to create and hang banners of the Native American seven teachings in the cafeteria; students have gathered sage in the school forest and is available to those who want it; and the date for the spring celebration/banquet is set for May 5 in the school cafeteria.

Elementary Principal, Shawn Klimek's report included Parent-Teacher Conferences and the Title I Night were held October 19 and 21 with both being well attended. The elementary Student Council is organized and has started implementing activities for the year. Fire Safety Week was held October 5, and many students participated in a Bike to School event organized by Mrs. Megan Henry October 7. The Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by the Nevis PTA was held the week of October 19-25 in the Media Center. School Forest Fridays have been very successful with Mrs. Klimek and Mr. Longtin providing students

the opportunity to explore the outdoors through a multitude of activities. Professional development for staff has included IXL TakeOff Math Curriculum training for those in grades 2-5 piloting the program, and para staff training on the sensory room. The annual Halloween Parade for students and staff in grades K-5 is scheduled for October 30 at 2:30 and the Veterans' Day Program will be held November 11 at 1:20.

Superintendent Seykora reported election day is approaching on November 3 with the last push to get out and vote being organized. Four to five Nevis students have been traveling to the Park Rapids High School two days a week to be part of activities in their PAES Lab (Practical Assessment Exploration System) which is a research-based vocational training and career exploration program. Department meetings are being held instead of the monthly staff meeting at the present time. During the late start on October 21, a cardiac emergency response drill was conducted with all staff to familiarize them with the location of AEDs, use of the PA system, and how an emergency response may be handled.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Dave McGee to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

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Aimee Plumley, Clerk