

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Board Chair Deb Ulm on the **20th day of January 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the District Center Board Room.

Roll Call: Members Present: Deb Ulm, Dawn Bourdeaux, Jennifer Super, Melissa Lynch, and Scott Bowman. Members Absent: Eric Minks and Eric Strandberg.

Others present: Superintendent Pat Devine, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, Director of Human Resources Jason Senne, Director of Student Services Lana Talberg, and Student Council Representatives Camila Sanchez and Mick Dudek.

REPORTS **Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board member attended.**

Scott Bowman	MSBA Conference
Dawn Bourdeaux	Agenda Planning; MSBA Conference; Student Council Representative Mentoring
Melissa Lynch	MSBA Conference; Student Council Representative Mentoring; Public Engagement Committee
Jen Super	MSBA Conference; Public Engagement Committee
Deb Ulm	Agenda Planning; MSBA Conference; Public Engagement Committee

Student Council Report: Students in grades pre-k through 5th are taking part in the January Read-a-thon, to earn books and prizes for minutes of reading. The Intermediate School participated in the Youth Frontiers Kindness retreat this week, and some PHS students helped. The annual Deep Portage trip is coming up next week for 6th grade students at the Middle School. PHS has the snow dance and the One Act Play performance coming up.

Superintendent Report: Thank you to all the public servants who work in education. This week is Paraprofessional Recognition Week so we want to thank our papas for their huge

impact on students. Our Climate and Culture meeting took place this week and we recognize that our staff bring incredible positivity into the schools. We are starting out conversations around our previous referendum campaign and will be sending out a survey to families in the next month. The Public Engagement Committee is reviewing the district's legislative platform.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Scott Bowman, ***to approve the agenda as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS and ACT on PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Scott Bowman seconded by Dawn Bourdeaux, ***to approve the January 6th work session minutes and December 16th closed board meeting minutes as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Jen Super, ***to approve the consent agenda as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously. Personnel, bills, gifts, grants, treasurer's report, and wire transfers were approved.

INFORMATION

The board started their information session at 6:12 p.m. The items discussed were:

- Special Education Audit
- Student Services Update
- Parameters
 - Enrollment
 - State %
 - Class Size
 - Legislative Platform
 - 2026-27 School Calendar

The Board presented commendations certificates for students who achieve state and national ranking in their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: One citizen comment received regarding the safety and security of the district.

ACTION

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Jen Super, ***to estimate the 2026-2027***

K-12 enrollment at 3,175 students, as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA- None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Tiger Community Connections - Jan 22, 7:30am
Community Education Advisory - Jan 28, 12:30pm
Agenda Planning - Jan 29, 12:00pm
Finance Committee - Feb 3, 4:30pm
Regular Meeting - Feb 3, 6:00pm

MOTION TO CLOSE BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Scott Bowman, **to close the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, Subdivision 3(c), for discussion of Negotiations Strategy, as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Scott Bowman, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to adjourn the meeting.**
Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Deb Ulm

Melissa Lynch

Recorder- Emily McKinnon