

School Board Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026 6:30 PM

Centennial ISD 12
4707 North Road
Circle Pines, MN 55014

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Knisely called the Regular Meeting of the School board to order at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Knisely, ex-officio Holmberg, Linser, Schwinn, Murphy, Hansen, Johnson. The following members were absent: None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Murphy, seconded by Johnson. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

5. RECOGNITIONS

- CAEF Presentation/Receipt of Fund the Need Donation \$10,600

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. CONSENT ITEMS

7.1. Approval of Minutes: Work Study Session Minutes of April 6, 2026 and Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026

7.2. Approval of Monthly Disbursements

- Accounts Payable to be ratified: \$5,299,048.00
- Payroll to be ratified: \$5,283,976.96

7.3. Approval of Personnel Items

Employment

Employee Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
Allard, Kennedy	Pines	Special Education Teacher	August 24, 2026
Aus, David	CHS	Special Education Teacher	August 24, 2026
Erwin, Kayleigh	RLE	Licensed Care Specialist	August 31, 2026
Faulkner, Tabitha	CHS	FACS Teacher	August 24, 2026
Hatchner, Amy	CHS	Business Teacher	August 24, 2026
Hernandez, Dasha	Karner Blue	Food Service Assistant	September 11, 2026
James, Melissa	Pines	Paraprofessional	April 27, 2026
Koehler, Devon	CMS	Food Service Assistant	April 16, 2026
Knowlan, Sadie	EC	Occupational Therapist	August 24, 2026

Malcolm, Connor	Pines	Special Education Teacher	August 24, 2026
McClintock, Shari	CMS	Food Service Assistant	April 21, 2026
Sang, Sara	ECSE	Paraprofessional	May 11, 2026
Seward, William	CHS	English Language Arts Teacher	August 24, 2026
Thomas, Carrie	CMS	Science Teacher	August 24, 2026
Thompson Cody	GLE	Custodian	May 11, 2026
Thompson, Reed	CHS	Special Education Teacher	August 24, 2026

Leave of Absences

Employee Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
Blasingame, Michelle	CMS	Math Teacher	Aug. 24, 2026 – Jan. 8, 2027
Cardoza, Adrianna	CHS	Custodian	Aug. 17, 2026 – Dec. 18, 2026
Delgado Torres, Gianella	CTE	Custodian	Sept. 24, 2026 – Nov. 25, 2026
Dolan, Diana	GLE	Paraprofessional	Apr. 20, 2026 – Jun. 9, 2026
Haltvick, Kelsy	GLE	Speech Teacher	Oct. 2, 2026 – Mar. 31, 2027
Hohenshell, Emily	GLE	Occupational Therapist	Oct. 12, 2026 – Dec. 23, 2026
Schommer, Maria	GLE	Preschool Teacher	Mar. 17, 2026 – Jun. 2, 2026
Twohy-Lemay, Anne	CTE	Kindergarten Teacher	Mar. 24, 2026 – Jun. 1, 2026
Voight, Lauren	RLE	KC Assistant Manager	Oct. 5, 2026 – Feb. 19, 2027

Resignations

Employee Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
Crowe, Amanda	RLE	Special Education Teacher	June 10, 2026
Kuehn, Kristina	CTE	Music Teacher	June 10, 2026
Mitzuk, Mackenzie	CHS	Art Teacher	June 10, 2026
O'Brien, Erin	CVE	KC Manager	June 9, 2026
Stiles, Kaley	CTE	Paraprofessional	May 21, 2026
Thompson, Cody	GLE	Custodian	May 11, 2026

Retirements

Employee Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
Blucker, Carolyn	CHS	Lead Teacher	June 30, 2026
Dolan, Diana	GLE	Paraprofessional	June 1, 2026
Fritz, Megan	CTE	Title I Teacher	June 10, 2026
Geehan, Patricia	GLE	Paraprofessional	June 30, 2026

Change in Employment

Employee Name	Building	Position/Change	Effective Date
Johnson, Erica	CHS	Math Teacher, decrease from 1.0 to .9 FTE	Aug. 24, 2026

Motion to approve the consent agenda items as detailed in the enclosures by Linser, seconded by Schwinn. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

8. CURRICULUM

8.1. Approval of Budget to Purchase English Language Arts Curriculum for Grades 9-12

Motion to approve the budget to purchase English Language Arts Curriculum for grades 9-12 by Johnson, seconded by Schwinn. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

9. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

9.1. Overview of Long-Range Plan Components

Superintendent Holmberg and Executive Director Chaffey gave an overview of Long-Range Plan components which they will be asked to take action on these items this evening.

- Operating Referendum Overview
- Bond Referendum Overview
- Nexus Contract/AIA Agreements

9.2. Adoption of Levy Referendum Resolution

Member Linsler introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member Murphy:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF APPROVING A NEW REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION THEREON

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota (the School District) as follows:

It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

1. The Board has investigated the facts and does hereby find, determine and declare that it is necessary and expedient to:

- (a) increase the School District's general education revenue by \$375 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2026 for taxes payable in 2027 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

The question on the approval of the new referendum revenue authorization of the School District shall be School District Question 1 on the School District Ballot.

- (b) issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$108,890,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, safety and security improvements, additions/updates to facilities and academic spaces, and various other capital projects.

The question on the approval of the issuance of the above-referenced bonds (the Bonds) shall be School District Question 2 on the School District Ballot.

2. The projects described in paragraph 1(b) will be submitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Education of the State of Minnesota (the Commissioner) for Review and Comment. Said project and such submission are hereby approved by this Board. The actions of the School District's administration in applying to the Minnesota Department of Education for the Commissioner's Review and Comment and taking such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, as amended, are hereby directed, authorized, approved and ratified in all respects. The Board's determination to hold the election to authorize the issuance of the Bonds is contingent upon receiving: (a) a favorable Review and Comment; or (b) an unfavorable review and comment subject to the Board's reconsideration, by resolution, of construction of the project and the Board's determination to proceed with such construction and approval by 60 percent of the voters voting in the election to approve the issuance of the Bonds, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes,

Section 123B.70, Subdivision 4. When the Commissioner's Review and Comment is received, the Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a summary of the Review and Comment in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District not less than forty-eight (48) nor more than seventy (70) days before the special election date. The School District will hold a public meeting on the Review and Comment with respect to the issuance of the Bonds prior to the date of the election.

3. The questions on the approval of the new referendum revenue authorization and the issuance of the bonds of the School District shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this special election are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the School District which have been established by the governing bodies located in whole or in part within the School District.
5. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of the special election to be: (a) provided to each County Auditor at least eighty-four (84) days before the date of the special election; (b) provided to the Commissioner at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of the special election; (c) mailed to every taxpayer in the School District, at least fifteen (15) days but no more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the special election; (d) posted at the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least ten (10) days before the date of the special election; and (e) published in the official newspaper of the School District once each week for at least two consecutive weeks, with the last publication being at least one week before the date of the special election. The Notice of Special Election shall be prepared in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (CENTENNIAL), MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota, on November 3, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following questions:

School District Question 1 Approval of New School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District's general education revenue by \$375 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2026 for taxes payable

in 2027 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES** Shall the new referendum revenue authorization proposed by the board of
 NO Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota be approved?

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

**School District Question 2
Approval of School Building Bonds**

- YES** Shall the board of Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial),
 NO Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$108,890,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, safety and security improvements, additions/updates to facilities and academic spaces, and various other capital projects?

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For School District Question 1, the property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of is 0.04696% for taxes payable in 2027 of the referendum market value of all classes of taxable property in the School District, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, which excludes certain agricultural property, seasonal property and post-secondary student housing.

With respect to School District Question 1, the projected annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District are as shown in the table below, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre of land. Seasonal recreational residential property (*i.e.*, cabins) will pay no taxes for the proposed referendum.

The figures in the table below are based on School District taxes for the new referendum revenue authorization and proposed bonds only and do not include tax levies for other purposes:

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Operating Levy \$375.00 per APU (New Revenue of \$2,469,938)	Bond Levy \$108,890,000 School Building	Operating Levy \$375/APU + Bonds Levy of \$108,890,000
		Est. Annual Tax Impact	Est. Annual Tax Impact	Est. Annual Tax Impact
Residential Homestead	100,000	46.96	19.33	66.29
	200,000	93.92	53.04	146.96
	300,000	140.88	86.76	227.64
	397,256	186.55	119.54	306.09
	450,000	211.32	137.33	348.65
	500,000	234.80	154.19	388.99
	750,000	352.20	251.31	603.51
Commercial/ Industrial	250,000	117.40	131.45	248.85
	350,000	164.36	193.31	357.67
	450,000	211.32	255.17	466.49
	550,000	258.28	317.03	575.31
	650,000	305.24	378.89	684.13
	750,000	352.20	440.75	792.95
	850,000	399.16	502.61	901.77
	950,000	446.12	564.47	1,010.59
	1,250,000	587.00	750.05	1,337.05
Seasonal Rec	100,000	0.00	30.93	30.93
	200,000	0.00	61.86	61.86
	300,000	0.00	92.79	92.79
Ag Homestead* (average value per acre)	7,500	0.00	0.35	0.35
	10,000	0.00	0.46	0.46
	12,500	0.00	0.58	0.58
Ag Non-Homestead** (average value per acre)	7,500	0.00	0.70	0.70
	10,000	0.00	0.93	0.93
	12,500	0.00	1.16	1.16

The precincts and polling places for the special election will be the precincts and polling places used for the state general election.

All qualified electors residing in said School District may cast their ballots at the polling places for the precincts in which they reside during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the polling places on election day.

Dated: May 18, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ _____, Clerk


- The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall comply with the laws and rules governing the procedures and requirements for optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting any other elections on that date. The Clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with other elections, including entering into agreements with appropriate municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots or ballot cards, election administration, and cost sharing.

7. The Clerk is authorized and directed to cause a printed ballot for the questions to be prepared in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.08, Subdivision 5 and the rules of the secretary of state for use at the special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall cause official ballots to be printed according to the format of ballots for optical scan voting systems provided by the laws and rules governing optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is further authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted in the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least four (4) days before the date of the special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted at each polling place on the date of the special election and to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots or ballot cards to be prepared for use at said election. The ballot shall be in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

**Special Election Ballot
School District Ballot
Independent School District No. 12
(Centennial), Minnesota**

November 3, 2026

Instructions to Voters

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" for that question.
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" for that question.

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(Reverse side of ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

November 3, 2026

Judge

Judge

(The ballot is to be initialed by two judges)

8. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall, upon request, furnish in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04 a sufficient bond, letter of credit or certified check acceptable to the Clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The Clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.
9. The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this special election and shall conduct the special election at the various polling places in the manner prescribed by law.
10. The special election shall be held and the returns made and canvassed in the manner prescribed by law and the Board shall meet on a date between the third day, November 6, 2026, and the tenth day, November 13, 2026, after the special election for the purpose of canvassing the results thereof.
11. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 126C.17, Subdivision 9(e) and Section 205A.07, Subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals

for each ballot question in written form within fifteen (15) days after the results have been certified by the Board.

12. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02, Subdivision 6, the Clerk is hereby instructed to make any campaign finance reports filed with the Clerk by campaign committees within seven (7) days after the special election available on the School District's web site as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of any such report. The Clerk is further instructed to provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of web site where such reports are made available. Such reports must remain available on the web site for four (4) years from the date first posted.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Knisely, Linser, Schwinn, Murphy, Hansen, Johnson.

and the following voted against the same: None.

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Vice Chair Linser left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

9.3. Approval of Nexus Contract & AIA Agreements

Motion to approve the Nexus contract and AIA agreements by Schwinn, seconded by Johnson. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

9.4. Approval of Transportation Services Type III Agreements

Motion to approve the Transportation Services Type III Agreements by Hansen, seconded by Johnson. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

9.5. Adoption of Resolution Approving Trustee Appointment

Motion to adopt the Resolution Approving Trustee Appointment by Schwinn, seconded by Murphy.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Knisely, Schwinn, Murphy, Hansen, Johnson. Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

9.6. Approval of 2026-2027 Adopted Budget

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Adopted Budget by Johnson, seconded by Schwinn. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

9.7. Adoption of Resolution to Place on Unrequested Leave of Absence

Motion to adopt the Resolution to Place on Unrequested Leave of Absence by Hansen, seconded by Murphy.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Knisely, Schwinn, Murphy, Hansen, Johnson. Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

9.8. Adoption of Acknowledgement of Contributions Resolution

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RESOLUTION

Whereas: Minnesota Statute 123B.02 permits school boards to "... receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the

same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, and for the benefit of pupils thereof.”

Therefore: Be it resolved by the School Board of Centennial, Independent School District No. 12 that the School Board accepts with appreciation the contributions, detailed in the background.

DETAILED BACKGROUND:

- To Blue Heron Elementary
 - \$35.00 from the Blue Heron PTO to be used to purchase Jersey Mike’s, Chipotle and Malmborg’s Fundraiser flyers for students
- To Golden Lake Elementary
 - \$6,019.56 from the Golden Lake PTA reimbursement for teacher requests
- To Rice Lake Elementary
 - DASH Robots – robotics and coding education activities from Wade and Dyana Luhman
- To Centennial High School
 - \$40.00 from Target Employee Matching from anonymous donor
 - \$20.00 from Abbott Employee Matching from anonymous donor
 - \$20.00 from Abbott Employee Matching from anonymous donor

Motion to adopt the Acknowledgement of Contributions Resolution by Murphy, seconded by Schwinn.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Knisely, Schwinn, Murphy, Hansen, Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Adoption of Revised Policies with Technical Updates

This was a second reading/adoption of the following revised policies:

Motion to adopt the Revised Policies with Technical Updates by Schwinn, seconded by Hansen.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Knisely, Schwinn, Murphy, Hansen, Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

11. COMMUNICATION

As warranted and available, School Board members will report significant activities of and/or actions by organizations in which the school district holds membership and/or serves in a governance capacity:

11.1. AMSD – Vice Chair Linser attended the meeting last Friday. We expect more updates now that the legislative session is over.

11.2. CAEF – The next meeting is tomorrow.

11.3. NE Metro 916 – 916 has had 7 paraprofessionals graduate from an apprenticeship program to obtain their special ed license. The board approved a preliminary budget, student services contracts and the food service contract for Karner Blue.

11.4. SAFF – Next meeting is this Thursday.

11.5. District Committee Reports – None.

12. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Legislature Session adjourned. It looks like there might be a light amount of funding for districts.
- Scholarship Night - \$112,000 in scholarships were awarded to students.
- Employee Recognition Ceremony - Is this Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. at CMS

13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

13.1. Dates to Note

- Wednesday, May 20 – Employee Recognition, 4:00 p.m./CMS
- Monday, May 25 – No School Memorial Day
- Monday, June 1 – Work Study Session, 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 13 – Graduation/Roy Wilkins Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 15
 - Closed Session/Superintendent Evaluation, 5:30 p.m.
 - Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Schwinn, seconded by Hansen. Vote: 5-0-0.

Adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Craig Johnson, School Board Clerk

Minutes prepared by Jody Josephson