

January 5, 2026

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 698 met in an organizational session on Monday, January 5, 2026 in the School Board Conference Room. Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:41pm. A virtual option was available.

Board members present at roll call were: Leanaya Miller, Tanya Johnson, Kellee Young, Pete Kramer and Dave Rohde. Also present: Administrative Assistant Ashley Engh and Superintendent Sue Hoeft. No audience members joined in person or via zoom.

Motion by Rohde, seconded by Young to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Miller conducted the ceremonial oath of office for Pete Kramer.

Due to anticipated arrival of the final board member, appointments were moved to the end of the meeting.

Interest for a new board member mentor was discussed. Tanya Johnson will act as the mentor for new board member Pete Kramer.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Young to set the School Board meetings calendar for 2026. Finalized copy will be approved at the January Regular Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Young to establish the official posting locations for school board meeting dates and special meetings as the hallway outside the district office, the Floodwood US Post Office and the school district website. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Rohde, seconded by Johnson authorizing Sue Hoeft Superintendent and Haley Walsh Business Manager as responsible authorities for state reporting, the electronic transfer of funds, making investments and to sign agreements of pledged collateral. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Young, seconded by Johnson authorizing Sue Hoeft Superintendent, Haley Walsh Business Manager, Board Clerk Kellee Young, Board Treasurer Tanya Johnson and Board Chair Leanaya Miller to have the "authority to exercise", as per Corporate Authorization Resolutions on file at Northview Bank; and to authorize Sue Hoeft Superintendent & Haley Walsh Business Manager to have "authority to exercise" as per the Corporate Authorization Resolution on file at Northwoods Credit Union. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Rohde, seconded by Johnson to approve temporary use of current facsimile signatures if chair and clerk changed. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Young to name NorthView Bank and Minnesota School District Asset Fund (MSDLAF) as official school district depositories. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rohde to set the mileage reimbursement rate for 2026 at the current IRS rate for \$0.725 per mile for all employees unless a contract is in place that stipulates differently. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Young to consider resolution regarding school board compensation for 2026. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Miller called for nominations for the position of Board Chair. Member Johnson nominated Leanaya Miller. Miller called for nominations a second and third time. Hearing no further nominations, Miller closed nominations. Member Miller was reelected as Chair.

Elected Chair Miller continued calling the meeting.

Chair Miller called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Member Johnson nominated Tracy Hutchinson. Chair Miller called for nominations a second and third time. Hearing no further nominations, Miller closed nominations. Member Hutchinson was reelected as Vice-Chair.

Chair Miller called for nominations for the position of Clerk. Member Johnson nominated Kellee Young. Chair Miller called for nominations a second and third time. Hearing no further nominations, Chair Miller closed nominations. Member Young was elected as Clerk.

Chair Miller called for nominations for the position of Treasurer. Member Miller nominated Tanya Johnson. Chair Miller called for nominations a second and third time. Hearing no further nominations, Chair Miller closed nominations. Member Johnson was reelected as Treasurer.

Chair Miller made the following committee/representative assignments for 2026:

Activities – Kramer & Johnson

CACR - Young & Miller

Facilities – Kramer & Rohde

Personnel – Miller, Hutchinson & Young

Community Education - Kramer

IASC REP – Miller

Legislative Liaison - Young

MSHSL Rep – Johnson

All Committee Alternate - Hutchinson/Rohde

Member Hutchinson arrived at 5:55pm.

Chair Miller declared the meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

NOTE: Minutes unofficial subject to school board approval.