

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #0656

Regular School Board Meeting

September 22, 2025, 5:30 pm

Faribault Public Schools

710 17th Street SW

Faribault, MN 55021

MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Casie Steeves, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Candace Knudson was absent. Others in attendance were Student Representatives Isse Ali and Amira Williams, administrators, staff, and members of the public.

I. Call to Order

- A. Determination of a Quorum Present
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

III. Recognition, Awards, and Presentations

- A. The Faribault School Board was recognized.

IV. Items of Information

- A. Student Board Representative Isse Ali and Amira Williams
- B. School Board Members Steeves, Moore, Boudreau, Wolff, and Chair Bellingham
- C. Superintendent Bente

V. Public Comment - None.

VI. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Wolff, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed, 5-1 (with Boudreau, Steeves, Robicheau, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

- A. Minutes - August 18, 2025, and September 8, 2025
- B. Employment
- C. Additional Assignments/Other
- D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Accounts

VII. District Advisory Committee - No report

VIII. Policy Committee

- A. Policy Committee Minutes report from Linda Moore and Casie Steeves.
- B. First Reading of Policies
 - 1. Review of Policy 203.5: School Board Meeting Agenda
 - 2. Review of Policy 205: Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
 - 3. Review of Policy 209: Code of Ethics

4. Review of Policy 210: Conflict of Interest
5. Revisions to Policy 425: Staff Development
6. Revisions to Policy 512: School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities
7. New Policy 599: Social Media Policy

IX. Other Committees

- A. Finance Committee report from John Bellingham.

X. Other Matters

- A. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to approve Gifts/Donations - Resolution 26-03. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote after discussion, 6-0.
- B. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Bellingham, to consider approval of Applications for DISSOLUTION of Cooperative Sponsorships and approval of Applications for Cooperative Sponsorships (Dance Teams). The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.
- C. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the Preliminary 25 Pay 26 Property Tax Levy. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.
- D. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of the FY25-26 Riverbend Nature Center Contract. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Point of privilege by Chair Bellingham to thank Lisa McDonough, paraprofessional, for her years of service.

XI. Dates to Remember

- September 24, 2025, 3:30 p.m. - District Wellness Committee
- October 6, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - Board Work Session
- October 7, 2025, 3:45 p.m. - Policy Committee
- October 9, 2025, 7:45 a.m. - Facilities Committee Meeting
- October 20, 2025, 7:30 a.m. - Finance Committee Meeting
- October 27, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

XII. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Steeves, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: October 27, 2025