

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
St. Cloud Area School District 742
St. Cloud, Minnesota
May 20, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Education of St. Cloud Area School District 742 was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at the District Administration Office, 1201 South 2nd Street, Waite Park, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Shannon Haws (*following Community Input*) with the following Board Members present: Gina Acevedo, Scott Andreasen, Natalie Copeland (Ringsmuth), Zach Dorholt, Diana Fenton, Shannon Haws. Absent: Heather Weems.

I. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Moved by Andreasen, seconded by Copeland to approve the Board Meeting agenda.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Acevedo, Andreasen Copeland, Dorholt, Fenton, Haws. Motion carried.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Board member Copeland to remove Item D - Acceptance of Grant Awards and Donations from the Consent Agenda and she will recuse herself from the vote.

Moved by Copeland, seconded by Dorholt to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C and E-G:

Approve Board Meeting minutes from April 1, 2026 and April 15, 2026.

Approve Bills and other Financial Transactions in the grand total amount of \$7,319,599.55.

Approve the following personnel changes pursuant to relevant laws and appropriate provisions of negotiated agreements between the Board of Education and exclusive representatives. For new hires, the indicated rates are consistent with current negotiated agreements and Board approved rates of pay. All rates/salaries listed do not include fringe benefits.

LICENSED STAFF

New Hire

Alyson Miskowic, Tier 3 Science Teacher, North Junior High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$60,687.

Claudia Ortiz Garcia, Tier 1 Spanish Immersion Teacher, Clearview Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Jaden Newson, Tier 3 Social Studies Teacher, Tech High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Nicole Foley, Tier 4 Music Teacher, Discovery Community School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane MA+20, Pay Level 7 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$77,983.

Isabella Kallas, Tier 3 Math Rise Teacher, McKinley-ALC, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA+10, Pay Level 3 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$55,396.

Jessica Ambrosch, Tier 3 Science Teacher, North Junior High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Desmond Little, Tier 3 Secondary SPED EBD Teacher, Site to be Determined, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 5 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$68,772.

Noah Howe, Tier 3 School Psychologist, Site to be Determined, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 3 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$63,989.

Brooke Strand, Tier 3 SPED Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Jozie Aelits, Tier 3 Grade 4 Teacher, Discovery Community School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Bonnie Hedlund, Tier 4 Secondary Literacy Specialist, Apollo High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$76,666.

Matthew Tembrock, Tier 3 Physical Therapist, District Wide, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 10 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$90,752.

Abdul-Latif Habib, Tier 2 EL Teacher, North Junior High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Lauren DeZurik, Tier 3 Grade 4 Teacher, Westwood Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Macy Brooks, Tier 1 Grade 3 Teacher, Clearview Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Benjamin Alvord, Tier 4 Grade 5 Teacher, Westwood Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 4 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$66,382.

Carter Thell, Tier 3 Physical Education Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School and South Junior High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Sydney Gapinski, Tier 3 Grade 4 Teacher, Discovery Community School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Rehire

Kandra Schmitz, Tier 3 Long Call Substitute Kindergarten Teacher, Talahi Community School, effective April 21, 2026 through May 29, 2026, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (30 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$8,128.22.

Abdirashid Adow, Tier 4 Mathematics Teacher, North Junior High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Hassan Yussuf, Tier 2 EL Teacher, Apollo High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA+20, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$56,234.

John Plettner, Tier 3 Secondary SPED Teacher, South Junior High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 4 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$66,382.

Meaghan Steege, Tier 3 Social Studies Teacher, McKinley-ALC, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,876.

Abdifatah Muse, Tier 3 Mathematics Teacher, South Junior High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (.80 of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$40,700.80.

Cathleen Bengtson, Tier 4 Speech/Language Pathologist, Site to be Determined, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (.50 of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$46,776. Ms. Bengtson is returning for this assignment after retirement.

Reassignment

Morgan Ortloff, Tier 4 Media Specialist, Clearview and Lincoln Elementary Schools, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 6 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$69,968.

Extended Contracts

Kali Walton, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective April 27, 2026 through June 1, 2026, Lane BA, Pay Level 3 (.08 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Walton's salary for this assignment will be \$593.10.

Janie Rundall, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective April 27, 2026 through June 1, 2026, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (.08 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Rundall's salary for this assignment will be \$1,056.21.

Suzette Harreld, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective April 27, 2026 through June 1, 2026, Lane BA+40, Pay Level 11 (.08 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Harreld's salary for this assignment will be \$865.57.

Tanya Smith, SPED Lead Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective April 27, 2026 through June 1, 2026, Lane BA+40, Pay Level 11 (.08 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Smith's salary for this assignment will be \$865.57.

Kristen Ernster, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective April 27, 2026 through June 1, 2026, Lane BA, Pay Level 11 (.08 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Ernster's salary for this assignment will be \$639.60.

Jean Urban, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective April 27, 2026 through June 1, 2026, Lane BA+40, Pay Level 11 (.16 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Urban's salary for this assignment will be \$1,731.13.

Aimee Baumann, Occupational Therapist, Quarryview Education Center, effective April 27, 2026 through June 1, 2026, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (.04 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Baumann's salary for this assignment will be \$528.10.

Ashley Hochhalter, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective April 27, 2026 through June 1, 2026, Lane BA, Pay Level 8 (.08 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Hochhalter's salary for this assignment will be \$639.60.

Kathleen Clingman, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective April 27, 2026 through June 1, 2026, Lane BA+40, Pay Level 9 (.16 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Clingman's salary for this assignment will be \$1,607.01.

Jeremy Romness, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective April 27, 2026 through June 1, 2026, Lane BA+40, Pay Level 11 (.08 FTE of a full-time contract). Mr. Romness's salary for this assignment will be \$865.57.

Leave of Absence

Sarah Schramel, Counselor, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective August 24, 2026 through October 18, 2026.

Joseph Osgood, ABE Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Eric Wilcox, Kindergarten Teacher, Kennedy Community School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Julia Fajardo, Adult Basic Ed Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Lydia Dieterich, EL Teacher, North Junior High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

Kerry Youso, Early Childhood Family Education Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (40% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Youso will work 60% of a full-time contract.

Kyle Pollard, Behavior Analyst, District Wide, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (25% leave of a full-time contract). Mr. Pollard will work 75% of a full-time contract.

Lauren Pollard, SPED Speech/Language Pathologist, North Junior High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (35% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Pollard will work 65% of a full-time contract.

Haidee Selle, EL Teacher, Talahi Community School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (10% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Selle will work 90% of a full-time contract.

Charlene Irvin-Brown, Homebound Tutor, Roosevelt Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (40% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Irvin-Brown will work 60% of a full-time contract.

Kathleen Clingman, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (40% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Clingman will work 60% of a full-time contract.

Janie Rundall, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (25% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Rundall will work 75% of a full-time contract.

Polly Alessio, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (20% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Alessio will work 80% of a full-time contract.

Kali Walton, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (50% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Walton will work 50% of a full-time contract.

Kelly DeWeese, Occupational Therapist, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (20% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. DeWeese will work 80% of a full-time contract.

Erica Miller, SPED Social Worker, Talahi Community School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (20% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Miller will work 80% of a full-time contract.

Melanie Morris, Occupational Therapist, Madison Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (40% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Morris will work 60% of a full-time contract.

Kirsten Doering, SPED Speech/Language Pathologist, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (20% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Doering will work 80% of a full-time contract.

Tracy Stock, Occupational Therapist, Westwood Elementary School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (20% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Stock will work 80% of a full-time contract.

Jennifer Lorimer-Gerhardt, Speech/Language Pathologist, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (20% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Lorimer-Gerhardt will work 80% of a full-time contract.

Jean Urban, SPED Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (35% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Urban will work 65% of a full-time contract.

Nasrah Mohamed, ABE Teacher, Community Ed, effective for the 2026-2027 school year (45% leave of a full-time contract). Ms. Mohamed will work 55% of a full-time contract.

NON-LICENSED STAFF

New Hire

Daha Omar, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Oak Hill Community School, effective May 5, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$18.75.

Vanessa Scheeler, Kitchen Helper, Apollo High School, effective May 7, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$16.86.

Jean Hinchey, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Westwood Elementary School, effective May 5, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$18.75.

Sado Ahmed, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Quarryview Education Center, effective May 4, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$18.75.

Brady Husmann, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Westwood Elementary School, effective May 4, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$18.75.

Leave of Absence

Selina Kremer, Clerical Class III (12-Month), District Administration Office, effective May 12, 2026 through August 9, 2026.

Emma Potz, Interpreter, Discovery Community School, effective April 27, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

Chuya Silva Mendoza, Bilingual Communications Support Specialist, Madison Elementary School, effective May 8, 2026 through November 30, 2026.

Jennifer Stueve, Purchasing Coordinator, District Administration Office, effective April 27, 2026 through June 10, 2026.

Abdo Wako, Head Custodian, South Junior High School, effective June 1, 2026 through September 13, 2026.

Ahmed Abdi, Equity Supervisor, District Administration Office, effective May 11, 2026 through July 30, 2026.

Resignation

Claire Krueger, SPED Early Childhood Instructional Paraeducator, Quarryview Education Center, effective May 29, 2026.

Amina Mohamud, Kitchen Helper, Tech High School, effective May 29, 2026.

Cecil Nesgoda, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Madison Elementary School, effective May 29, 2026.

Lauren Michel, Level 4 Advanced SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective May 29, 2026.

Joseph Forbregd, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Discovery Community School, effective May 29, 2026.

Brooklyn Dietman, Behavior Instruction Paraeducator, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective May 29, 2026.

Gabrielle Bertram-Helmin, Early Childhood Instructional Paraeducator, Clearview Elementary School, effective May 29, 2026.

Melissa Kurkosky, District Chef Coordinator, District Wide, effective June 1, 2026.

Amal Abdi, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Oak Hill Community School, effective May 6, 2026.

Christine Bjork, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Discovery Community School, effective May 29, 2026.

Taylor Hanson, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, North Junior High School, effective April 27, 2026.

Chelsea Mills, Clerical Class II (10 Month), Apollo High School, effective June 1, 2026.

Alesha Walz, Level 4 Advanced SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Roosevelt Education Center, effective May 5, 2026.

Bruno Theisen, EL Programs Instructional Paraeducator, Westwood Elementary School, effective May 29, 2026.

Retirement

Donald Trebtoske, Groundskeeper, Apollo High School, effective May 12, 2026, after 13 years of service in District 742. Ms. Trebtoske was previously on a leave of absence.

Deceased

Sandra Eikmeier, Kitchen Helper, Katherine Johnson Education Center, passed away on May 7, 2026, after 24 years of service in District 742. Ms. Eikmeier was previously on a leave of absence.

Termination

Garrison Murray, Student Support Paraeducator, Tech High School, effective May 13, 2026.

Nimo Nuur, Kitchen Helper, South Junior High School, effective May 7, 2026.

Terry Leeks, Level 4 Advanced SPED Instructional Paraeducator, InStep, effective April 28, 2026.

Tinika Woolridge, Level 4 Advanced SPED Instructional Paraeducator, InStep, effective April 28, 2026.

Fatha Hassan, Kitchen Helper, Tech High School, effective April 30, 2026.

Correction

Sofia Villalobos, SPED Speech/Language Pathologist, Quarryview Education Center, resignation effective June 26, 2026. This is a correction to the April 15, 2026 Board action on the consent agenda where this item was listed with a last day of service of June 1, 2026.

Approve Tech Single User Restroom Remodel Change Order with Precise Plumbing and Heating in the amount of +\$565.00.

Award the bids for the Apollo Renovations and Additions Bid Package 2 as follows based on low bids received meeting specifications:

Contract 2A: Demolition – Twin Town Demolition LLC – \$1,338,750

Contract 3A: Concrete – K Johnson Construction Inc. – \$1,313,174

Contract 3B: Precast Fiber Reinforcement – Vector Construction, Inc. – \$193,800

Contract 4A: Masonry – K Johnson Construction Inc. – \$817,697

Contract 5A: Structural Steel (Material) – Ben’s Structural Fabrication – \$1,061,858

Contract 5B: Structural Steel (Installation) – Spartan Steel Erectors, Inc. – \$1,136,000

Contract 6A: Carpentry – Grafstrom Construction LLC – \$1,507,300

Contract 7C: Roofing – McDowall Company – \$1,797,700

Contract 7D: Metal Wall Panels – Minnkota Architectural Products – \$967,867
Contract 8A: Doors, Frames, and Hardware (Material) – Mid Central Door – \$587,367
Contract 8B: Integrated Door Assemblies – W.L. Hall Company – \$168,544
Contract 8C: Storefront Systems – East Side Glass Co. – \$1,655,500
Contract 8D: Overhead and Coiling Doors – American Door Works – \$225,946
Contract 8E: Accordion Folding Fire Doors – Won Door Corporation – \$160,719
Contract 9A: Drywall – Facility Enhancement Inc. – \$1,848,000
Contract 9B: Tiling – Grazzini Brothers & Company – \$360,650
Contract 9C: Acoustical Ceilings – St. Cloud Acoustics, Inc. – \$988,415
Contract 9D: Flooring – MCI, Inc. – \$1,315,300
Contract 9E: Terrazzo Flooring – Grazzini Brothers & Company – \$583,800
Contract 9F: Fluid Applied Flooring – Grazzini Brothers & Company – \$129,000
Contract 9H: Painting – Colorful Concepts Painting – \$420,056
Contract 9I: Concrete and Masonry Coatings – Nawkaw, Inc. – \$601,626
Contract 11A: Foodservice – Boelter, LLC – \$1,738,808
Contract 12B: Laboratory Casework - Cosney Corporation – \$392,600
Contract 21A: Fire Suppression – Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection – \$409,000
Contract 22A: Mechanical – Masters Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling – \$6,995,000
Contract 26A: Electrical – AJ Moore Electric, Inc. – \$4,923,400
Contract 31A: Earthwork and Utilities – C&L Excavating, Inc. – \$1,452,000

Approve entering into a contract with H2I Group under the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Contract for the Apollo Renovations Locker Replacement in the amount of \$418,686.00.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Acevedo, Copeland, Dorholt, Fenton, Haws. Motion carried.

Moved by Fenton, seconded Acevedo to approve Consent Agenda Item D (Acceptance of Grant Awards and Donations).

Board member Copeland recused herself from this agenda item.

Approve acceptance of the following grant awards and donations:

1. Donations to Apollo High School:

- \$135 from Apollo Staff on behalf of the Apollo Staff Scholarship
- \$100 from Matt Stockingen on behalf of the Apollo Staff Scholarship
- \$50 from Richard and Chanda Larson on behalf of the Apollo Staff Scholarship

- \$200 from Susan Nier on behalf of the Apollo Staff Scholarship
 - \$1,500 from Kopp Family Foundation on behalf of the 2026 Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship
 - \$300 from Linda Bevans on behalf of the Apollo Staff Scholarship
 - \$4,000 from Dean Zenner on behalf of the Ryne Zenner Memorial Scholarship
 - \$250 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund for the Orchestra Program and the Isidore String Quartet Performance
 - Yarn, fabric, canvases, drawing and printing supplies, tissue paper, collage materials, paper rolls from Erika Griffon for classroom art supplies
2. Donations to Katherine Johnson Education Center:
- \$1,000 from Granite City Lumberjacks, Inc. for student needs
 - \$2,500 from Minnwest Bank for InStep Treat Street
3. Donation to Kennedy Community School:
- \$500 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund for the Orchestra Program and the Isidore String Quartet Performance
4. Donations to Talahi Community School:
- \$100 from Jennifer Johnson Olsen and Chad Olsen for the Grade 3 Field Trip to the Ordway
 - \$500 from D & J Duggan for the Grade 3 Field Trip to the Ordway
5. Donations to Tech High School:
- \$1,794 from Alumni Association for a Touch Screen Alumni Digital Wall of Fame for Activities
 - \$1,000 from Jesse and Carmen Amdahl on behalf of the Sustainable Horizons Scholarship
 - \$1,000 from The Connexus Energy Foundation on behalf of the Connexus Energy Scholarship
 - \$1,000 from Ken and Ashley Kruchdele on behalf of the Kruchdele Family Scholarship
 - \$1,750 from Diane Coombes on behalf of the Kerben Family Scholarship
6. Donations to Westwood Elementary School:
- 6 cases of Alani Nu energy drinks, 5 cases (12 pack) Vita Ice waters, and 2 cases (24 pack) Aquafina water from Bernick's of St. Cloud for Staff Appreciation Week
 - 8 boxes of donuts from Cash Wise, Waite Park for Staff Appreciation Week
7. Donations to District 742:
- \$3,121.13 from District 742 LEAF for Dual Immersion Program Supplies
 - \$100 from an anonymous donor for the District's Food Pantry
 - \$500 from Morning Optimist Club of St. Cloud for Access SLP's materials and resources for AAC users

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Acevedo, Andreasen, Dorholt, Fenton, Haws. Abstained: Copeland. Motion carried.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. District Retiree Event

Chair Shannon Haws recognized this year’s retirees in the district. The Board also watched a video celebrating the forty-three retirees’ collective achievements totaling 1,024 years of service.

B. Graduation and End of Year Celebrations

Dr. Jason Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Caroline Linden, Tech High School Assistant Principal, and Laura Freese, Apollo High School Assistant Principal and Central Minnesota Virtual Academy Administrator, provided an overview of Graduation and End of Year Celebrations in the district. Our goal is to partner with students, families and staff to create celebrations that meet their hopes and dreams.

Elementary celebrations are many while they finish the year strong, focusing on successes and celebrating their achievements through assemblies, concerts, family events, and Grade 5 graduation. Junior High Grade 8 celebrations include South on May 28, with Kennedy and North on May 29. Alternative Programs Graduations include C02 on May 21, InStep on May 28, and Adult Basic Education on May 27.

We held an Indigenous Graduate Honoring on May 1 at SCSU and McKinley will hold their graduation celebration on May 22. Apollo’s senior picnic and Tech’s activity day along with seniors’ last day will all occur on May 22. Graduation commencement for Apollo and Tech will be on May 30.

C. Transitional Services Update

Krysta Potter, Director of Title Programs and Multilingual Student Services, and Nancy Dyson, Transitional Services Coordinator, provided an update on transitional services support in the district.

Transitional Services supports the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act to ensure students can enroll in and attend school regardless of their living situation. Our goal is to support students in attending school, continuing their learning, and fully experiencing all that school has to offer.

A student is considered homeless if they lack fixed, regular, or adequate night-time residence, including being doubled up, in a homeless shelter, hotel, car, park, or empty building.

Transitional Services provides (1) transportation, (2) school supplies, (3) clothing, (4) personal care items, and (5) resources for housing, jobs, dental, doctor, and eye care.

There are approximately 20,000 students enrolled in Minnesota with students missing nearly 1 in 5 days of school. There were 810 District 742 students enrolled in 2024-25 and 360 District 742 students enrolled in 2025-26.

Our innovation plan for 2026-27 includes (1) form a strategy for finding qualifying students, (2) pilot attendance support program, (3) operationalize distribution of resources, and (4) implement documentation of communication plan.

D. 2026 Summer Programming Review

Krysta Potter, Director of Title Programs and Multilingual Student Services, provided an overview of summer learning opportunities which include:

- Extended School Year (ESY) for Pre-K, Elementary, Secondary, Journey and Roosevelt
- K-5 Targeted Services
- 6-7 Targeted Services
- Secondary credit bearing opportunities
- Credit Recovery

Student success includes free meals with a nutritious breakfast and lunch provided to all students throughout the summer session to support learning readiness, as well as free safe and reliable district transportation for eligible students ensuring accessibility for every family.

IV. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. (ACTION ITEM) – Apex Multipurpose Athletics Facility Change Orders Totaling +\$161,612.00

Amy Skaalerud, Executive Director of Finance and Business Services, reviewed the change orders for the Apex Multipurpose Athletics Facility regarding revising the mezzanine steel guard rail system to a glass rail system.

Moved by Fenton, seconded by Copeland to approve the Apex Multipurpose Athletics Facility Change Orders Totaling +\$161,612.00.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Acevedo, Andreasen, Copeland, Dorholt, Fenton, Haws. Motion carried.

B. (ACTION ITEM) – Approval of List of Graduates for Apollo and Tech High School

Dr. Jason Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, presented a list of Graduates from both Apollo and Tech High School.

Moved by Fenton, seconded by Copeland to approve the list of Graduates for both Apollo and Tech High School.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Acevedo, Andreasen, Copeland, Dorholt, Fenton, Haws. Motion carried.

C. (DISCUSSION ITEM) Proposed Revised Board Policy 204 – School Board Meeting Minutes (Second Reading)

Superintendent Laurie Putnam reviewed Proposed Revised Board Policy 204 – School Board Meeting Minutes. There were no suggested changes. This policy will be on the consent agenda at the June 3, 2026 Board of Education Meeting for a third and final reading with a request for approval.

D. (DISCUSSION ITEM) - Proposed Revised Board Policy 205 – Open, Closed, Special and Emergency Meetings (Second Reading)

Superintendent Laurie Putnam reviewed Proposed Revised Board Policy 205 – Open, Closed, Special and Emergency Meetings. There were no suggested changes. This policy will be on the consent agenda at the June 3, 2026 Board of Education Meeting for a third and final reading with a request for approval.

V. **REPORTS**

A. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Laurie Putnam provided an update on activities and events around the district.

- District 742 has entered a partnership with the MN Department of Labor and Industry for a Youth Skills Training Program. The partnership also comes with \$100,000 of grant funding to develop youth skills and will focus on work experience in advanced manufacturing, agriculture, automotive, health care and information technology.
- Justin Skaalerud and Sascha Hansen were named Central Division Principals of the Year by MN Association of Secondary Principals.
- The Tech Morning Show earned 13 nominations and brought home four awards from the Upper Midwest Foundation’s Student Production Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

B. Board of Education Standing Committee Reports

1. Diana Fenton, Chair of the Achievement, Integration and Equity Committee, noted the committee met today and reviewed (1) Attendance, Behavior, and Achievement data and (2) Summer Programming Update on tonight's agenda.
2. Natalie Copeland, Chair of the Personnel and Negotiations Committee, noted the committee met on May 19, 2026, and discussed (1) Administration outlined the need for 10 additional paid days in 2026–2027 for the Business Services, Technology Services, and Human Resources departments to support the preparation and implementation of the Skyward system conversion. In addition, 5 extra days were approved for Katie Herrboldt and Amy Skaalerud in recognition of the significant time commitment and leadership required for this work, (2) Administration informed the committee about the internal search for the Principal position at Kennedy Community School, (3) The Superintendent presented her 2025-56 goal summary and the committee provided feedback, and (4) The committee prepared a draft evaluation summary of the Superintendent's 2025-26 performance for Board review. On June 3, 2026, there will be a closed Board meeting for the evaluation of the Superintendent followed by a public report during the Board meeting.
3. Gina Acevedo reported on behalf of Heather Weems, Chair of the Board Finance Committee, that the committee met on May 11, 2026, and discussed (1) Apex Mezzanine Railing Change Orders, and (2) Scheduling an additional meeting in June on June 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Haws noted June 3, 2026 Board Meeting/Work Session topics will include:

- System Wide Literacy Progress and Next Steps
- Summary Evaluation of the Superintendent
- Policy Readings
- Preliminary 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING

Moved by Fenton, seconded by Copeland to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:29 p.m. All Board members stated "aye".

Scott Andreasen, Clerk Pro Tem

These minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Board of Education.