

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, Minnesota
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 22, 2026

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake MN, was called to order by Chair Rebelein at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at the Forest Lake Area School District Offices. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present: Tessa Antonsen, Jill Christenson, Julie Corcoran, Mark Kasel, Curt Rebelein Jr., Gail Theisen and Superintendent Dr. Steve Massey, ex officio, vacant seat open.

MEETING AGENDA

Member Kasel moved, 2nd by Member Theisen to approve the School Board Agenda as presented for January 22, 2026. All members present voted aye, the motion carried.

SCHEDULED / UNSCHEDULED VISITORS – 2 Green Card speakers on agenda topics

COMMITTEE REPORTS

916 – Chair Rebelein reported on a clean audit report

AMSD – Superintendent Massey reported on MN Student Survey results and Legislative funding

~~Buildings & Grounds~~ – Cancelled

~~Finance~~ – Cancelled

~~Communications~~ – Cancelled

~~Curriculum, Instruction & Equity~~ – Cancelled

~~Policy~~ – Cancelled

~~Staff Welfare~~ – Cancelled

~~MSBA SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PRESENTATION~~ - Cancelled

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Theisen moved, 2nd by Member Kasel to approve agenda items 7.1 - 7.3 as presented. All members present voted aye, the motion carried.

7.1 Approve the bills as of January 22, 2026

7.2 Classified Personnel

Add / Change of Position (Funded by Community Education)

- Request the addition of a Community Education Marketing Planner at the Education Center, 40 hours per week and 260 days per year, effective upon hire
- Request the addition of a Community Education Youth and Adult Programs Planner, 20 hours per week and 235 days per year, effective upon hire

Authorization of Transfer

- Burgos, Raymon - SAC Program Aide at Forest View Elementary, from 10 hours per week to 20 hours per week, effective January 21, 2026
- Eilek, Thomas - School Bus Driver, from 27.5 hours per week to 28.75 hours per week, effective December 20, 2025
- Milotzky, Michelle - from SAC Substitute District Wide to SAC Program Aide at Linwood Elementary, 10 hours per week and 200 days per year, effective January 26, 2026
- Olson, Sarah - from Noon Duty to Long Hour Cook Helper at Forest Lake Area Middle School, 20 hours per week and 178 days per year, effective January 14, 2026
- Peltier, Jeanie - School Bus Driver, from 38.75 hours per week to 40 hours per week, effective December 20, 2025
- Shepard, Rena - School Bus Aide, from 38.75 hours per week to 40 hours per week, effective December 20, 2025

Recommendation of Employment

- Antilla, Gary - School Bus Driver Trainee, effective January 6, 2026
- Dickey, Bella - Special Education Paraprofessional at Columbus Elementary, 30 hours per week and 177 days per year, effective January 26, 2026
- Hansen, Jessica - SAC Office Assistant at the Education Center, 20 hours per week and 202 days per year, effective January 12, 2026
- Johnson, Christopher - School Bus Driver Trainee, effective January 12, 2026
- Lewis, Stephanie - Special Education Paraprofessional at Lino Lakes Elementary, 30 hours per week and 177 days per year, effective January 9, 2026
- Vaillancourt, John - Mechanic at the Transportation Center, 40 hours per week and 260 days per year, effective January 5, 2026

Resignation

- Oberholtzer, Holly - Community Education Athletics Office Assistant at the Education Center, effective January 8, 2026
- Pesek, Amy - Special Education Paraprofessional at the Education Center, effective January 30, 2026
- Rutherford, Kenneth - School Bus Driver at the Transportation Center, effective January 5, 2026

7.3 Approve Licensed Personnel

Change in Hours

- Dehaven, Amanda (ECFE Teacher): Increase in hours from 20.25 to 21 hours/week effective January 5, 2026
- Lindeman, Joanne (ECFE Parent Educator): Decrease in hours from 21.5 to 19 hours/week effective January 5, 2026

Recommendation of Employment

- Benware, Reese: 1.0 FTE Effective January 26, 2026
- Heinsohn, Austin: .5 FTE Effective January 21, 2026

Resignation

- Heckel, Sara: Effective February 18, 2026

ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Designate Official School Newspaper – Chair Rebelein moved, 2nd by Member Kasel to accept the submitted bid and designate the Pioneer Press as the official school newspaper for legal notifications concerning Bids, Employment matters, and anything deemed urgent by administration; And, to accept the submitted bid and designate the Forest Lake Times as the official school newspaper for all other matters necessitation notice. Via voice vote, all members voted aye. The motion carried.

8.2 Resolution Regarding Paraprofessional Short Call Substitutes – Member Kasel moved, 2nd by Member Theisen to approve as presented. Via roll call vote, all members voted aye. The motion carried.

8.3 Appointment of School District Legal Counsel – Member Theisen moved, 2nd by Member Rebelein to approve as presented. Via voice vote, all members voted aye. The motion carried.

8.4 Award Wyoming Elementary School Bid – Member Rebelein moved, 2nd by Member Kasel to approve as presented. Via roll call vote, all members voted aye. The motion carried.

8.5 Permission to Bid Technology – Member Theisen moved, 2nd by Member Corcoran to approve as presented. Via roll call vote, all members voted aye. The motion carried.

8.6 Appointment of Vacant School Board Seat – Review of final remaining three candidates under consideration for the vacant school board seat. Candidates are Andi Courneya, Paul Pease and Princesa Von Buren Hansen.

- Chair Rebelein moved, 2nd by Member Theisen recommending approval of a resolution to appoint Courneya to the vacant school board seat. Members voting aye: Christenson, Corcoran, Theisen. Members voting nay: Antonsen, Kasel, Rebelein. The motion to appoint Courneya failed.
- Chair Rebelein moved, 2nd by Member Christenson recommending approval of a resolution to appoint Pease to the vacant school board seat. Members voting aye:

Christenson, Corcoran, Theisen. Members voting nay: Antonsen, Kasel, Rebelein. The motion to appoint Pease failed.

- Chair Rebelein moved, 2nd by Member Kasel recommending approval of a resolution to appoint Von Buren Hansen to the vacant school board seat. Members voting aye: Antonsen, Kasel, Rebelein. Members voting nay: Christenson, Corcoran, Theisen. The motion to appoint Von Buren Hansen failed.
- No appointment to the vacant school board seat was made.

8.7 Superintendent School Board Association Proposal - Cancelled

- ~~Minnesota School Board Association Proposal~~
- ~~School Exec Connect Proposal~~
- ~~Ray and Associates Proposal~~

NEW BUSINESS

9.7 Discussion – Strategic Plan

- Chair Rebelein moved, 2nd by Member Theisen to direct Administration to start the process to schedule a School Board Evaluation through MSBA. Via voice vote, all members voted aye. The motion carried.

9.2 Discussion – Public Participation in a School Board Meeting Policy 1206

- Superintendent Massey made the suggestion to modify the verbiage of VI.A.1 to strike ...to have a "subject discussed at a public School Board meeting" ... and modify it to say ...to have a "topic added to the School Board agenda" ...
- Chair Rebelein moved, 2nd by Member Theisen to amend the language of VI.A.1 to strike ...to have a "subject discussed at a public School Board meeting" ... and modify it to say ...to have a "topic added to the School Board agenda" ... and bring back for action at the 2/12/26 meeting. Via roll call vote, all members voted aye. The motion carried.

As there was no further business, Member Kasel moved, 2nd by Member Theisen to adjourn. All members present voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Curt Rebelein, Jr., Chair

Tessa Antonsen, Clerk

Approved Date: 2/12/2026