

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT 917
Organizational and Regular School Board Meeting

A School Board Meeting of the Intermediate School District 917 was held in the 917 Board Room at Dakota County Technical College on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 5:45 PM.

Members Present: Lesley Chester, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Kyle Christensen, and ex officio member Dr. Michael Favor.

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Johns, Melissa Schaller, Brooke Peterson, Kate Hulse, Melissa Torres, Nicole Flesner, Taylor Lovin, Frank Herman, Jill Stewart-Kellar, Kim Martin, Adrienne Turzynski, Bethany Carlson, Ari Sherman, and Dawn Savage

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Chair Cindy Nordstrom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in the work session prior to this meeting.

1. Motion by Monica Weber, seconded by Byron Schwab, to approve the agenda. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Lesley Chester, seconded by Dawn Steigauf, to approve the consent items, as presented. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
3. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
 - **Minutes:** March 3, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting

Personnel:

NEW HIRES:

Sara Barack, Education Support Professional, effective March 30, 2026
Shelby Blenis, Education Support Professional, effective March 11, 2026.
Crystel Di Grazia, Education Support Professional, effective March 30, 2026.
Camden Fitzloff, Education Support Professional, effective March 11, 2026.
Raheena Sahil, Education Support Professional, effective March 12, 2026.
Tara Sprecht, Assistant Principal, effective March 2, 2026.

RE-HIRES:

CHANGE IN STATUS:

Cassie Groff, Physical Therapist, 0.80 FTE to increase 1.0 FTE, effective July 1, 2026.
Karri Hollyman, Captionist to Intervener Support Professional, effective February 23, 2026.
Melissa Ho, Licensed School Nurse, 1.0 FTE to decrease 0.6 FTE, effective July 1, 2026.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

RESIGNATION & TERMINATIONS:

Kelly Anderson, Teacher, effective June 5, 2026.
Audrey Birch, Education Support Professional, effective March 20, 2026.
Kenneth Foxworth, Education Support Professional, effective March 2, 2026.
Kim Martin, Teacher, effective June 4, 2026.
Danielle Phillips, Education Support Professional, effective March 20, 2026.

Lauren Running, Teacher, effective June 11, 2026.
Lacey Villavicencio, Teacher, effective June 11, 2026.
Janel Vrieze, Teacher, effective June 11, 2026.

RETIREMENT:

Amy Alexander, Sr. Administrative Assistant, effective May 15, 2026.

Brian Price, School Psychologist, effective June 11, 2026.

- **Policies:** First and Final Readings of **401** Equal Employment Opportunity, **402** Disability Nondiscrimination, **403** Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Employees, **405** Veteran's Preference, and **533** Wellness.
4. Motion by Byron Schwab, seconded by Lesley Chester, to approve the bills from February 24, 2026, through March 27, 2026, Investment Report, Direct Deposits, School Board Investment Report, Wire transfers, and Payment Register as presented by the Director of Finance. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
 5. Motion by Byron Schwab, seconded by Mark Zuzek, to approve the Accounts Receivable Aging Report as presented by Mark Johns, Director of Finance. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
 6. Motion by Lisa Ehleringer, seconded by Lesley Chester, to approve the Read Act MOU as presented by Dr. Brooke Peterson. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried. (Addendum A)
 7. Motion by Kyle Christensen, seconded by Dawn Steigauf, to approve the Lease Extension for Cedar School as presented by Mark Johns. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried. (Addendum B)
 8. Motion by Mark Zuzek, seconded by Byron Schwab, to approve the Resolution to Nonrenew and Terminate Probationary Teachers as presented by Nicole Flesner. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried. (Addendum C)
 9. Motion by Kyle Christensen, seconded by Lesley Chester, to approve the Lead Personnel for 2026-27 school year as presented by Dr. Melissa Schaller. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried. (Addendum D)
 10. Motion by Kim Baker, seconded by Lisa Ehleringer, to approve the 2026-27 District Calendar as presented by Dr. Melissa Schaller. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried. (Addendum E)

Closed Session began at 7:06 pm. Closed Session Ended at 7:50 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

The next regular School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 5:45 PM.

Clerk