



OWATONNA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Independent School District 761
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2026 5:30 PM

Charles S Crandall Center
Chambers
540 West Hills Circle
Owatonna, MN 55060

- I. Call to Order
Present: Elizabeth Hedlund, Timothy Jensen, Ron Kubicek, Jolayne Mohs, Mark Sebring, Andrea Van Gelder, Lori Weisenburger

Also present were Superintendent Tammy Champa and Student Representative Ayoub Farah.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Mohs, second by Jensen that the agenda be approved as presented.
AYE Unanimous
Motion carried.
- IV. Mission Moment
Superintendent Champa recognized the district's partnership with the City of Owatonna, including the Owatonna Police Department and our School Resource Officers, that helps ensure our schools remain safe, welcoming and supportive environments for students and staff.
- V. Public Forum
- VI. Item(s): General Information
 - VI.A. Enrollment Report
- VII. Item(s): For Discussion - No Action Required by the Board
 - VII.A. Board Forum
 - VII.A.1. School Board Committee Meeting Reports
 - VII.A.2. School Board Work Session Report
 - VII.A.3. Policy Revisions - First Reading
 - VII.B. Administrative Report
 - VII.B.1. Cadence of Accountability
- VIII. Consent Agenda: Board Action Requested
Motion by Mohs, second by Weisenburger that the Board approve the consent agenda.
Roll call vote: All voted in favor
Motion carried.
 - VIII.A. Minutes from December 8, 2025 and January 5, 2026
 - VIII.B. Disbursement Report

VIII.C. Personnel Report

IX. Item(s): Board Action Requested

IX.A. Employment of Board Member

Motion by Jensen, second by Mohs that the Board approve Andrea Van Gelder's employment with the school district as an accompanist.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

IX.B. Extended Trip Request

Motion by Van Gelder, second by Jensen that the Board approve the extended trip request to New York in 2027 as presented.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

IX.C. Ratification of the 2025-2027 Tentative Agreement with Owatonna Education Association

Motion by Mohs, second by Jensen that the Board approve the 2025-2027 agreement with the Owatonna Education Association and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the School Board.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

IX.D. Budget Adjustments

Motion by Hedlund, second by Weisenburger that the Board approve the recommended budget reduction plan with a minimum reduction amount of \$3.7 million, recognizing that adjustments are still being finalized.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

IX.E. Student Engagement Learning Support Temporary Plan

Motion by Mohs, second by Van Gelder that the Board support the student learning support temporary plan in its totality through February 20.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

IX.F. Gifts to the District

Motion by Jensen, second by Mohs that the Board approve the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts as presented.

Roll call vote: All voted in favor

Motion carried.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Sebring, second by Mohs that the School Board meeting be adjourned.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Andrea Van Gelder, School Board Clerk

Approval date: February 23, 2026