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FINANCE/REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Oak Crest Elementary School, 1101 Commerce Dr, Belle Plaine, MN 56011
6:00 PM Monday, September 22, 2025

Our mission is to pursue excellence in academics, programming, and the social and emotional development of our students. Fostering a culture of kindness, inclusion, and pride in ourselves, our school, and our community.

Terry Kahle: Present, Karl Keup: Present, Matt Lenz: Present, Tracy O'Brien: Present, Kellen Schmidt: Present, Tonya Smith: Present.

1. Call to Order - Regular Meeting

Chairperson Kahle will call the meeting to order.

2. Acknowledgement of Visitors and Special Presentations

Chairperson Kahle will ask if visitors wish to be placed on the agenda.

3. Finance Meeting

Chuck Keller

2025-26 Preliminary Levy

4. Other Items as Brought Before the Board &

Consideration of Agenda

Chairperson Kahle will ask if there are any items that need to be brought before the board and for consideration of the agenda.

Approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Kellen Schmidt and seconded by Tracy O'Brien, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

5. Consensus Items

Chair Kahle

If any board member has concerns about the adoption of the following consensus items, please acknowledge the Chairperson prior to the final vote. If there are no concerns, these items will be voted on as a group.

Approval of all consensus items is recommended. This motion, made by Karl Keup and seconded by Tonya Smith, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

1. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Chair Kahle

Enclosed are the August 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes for your review and adoption.

2. Approve Monthly Expenditures

Chair Kahle

At the board finance meeting, expenditures for the month of September were reviewed. Administration recommends approval of the September 2025 disbursements totaling \$845,738.54. This includes Board Payables of \$146,952.65,

Hand Payments of \$84,721.03, Electronic Payments of \$613,813.64 and Student Activity Payments of \$251.22.

3. Personnel

Chair Kahle

See the attached Personnel Changes spreadsheet.

6. Discussion Items

Chair Kahle

1. Superintendent Update

Chair Kahle

Superintendent Laager will provide updates on current school activities.

Facilities Update:

- First community meeting was held last week with a good turnout.
- FAQ has been posted on website.
- Early voting began on Friday, September 19.

2. Board Member Reports

Chair Kahle

Board members will have an opportunity to share information about meetings they have attended over the past month.

Board members reported on the community meeting, negotiations, school activities, and Southwest Metro.

7. Action Items

Chair Kahle

1. Resolution Appointing Election Judges and the Absentee Ballot Board Members

We need to approve the Resolution Appointing Election Judges and the Absentee Ballot Board Members for the November 4th referendum.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Tracy O'Brien and seconded by Matt Lenz, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

2. 2025-26 Preliminary Levy:

Mr. Keller

At the finance meeting we reviewed the 2025-26 Preliminary Levy. The levy will decrease compared to the 2024-2025 certified levy. It is recommended that the 2025-26 Preliminary Levy be approved at the maximum amount. The final levy will be approved in December.

Approve the 2025-26 Preliminary Levy at Maximum. This motion, made by Karl Keup and seconded by Kellen Schmidt, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

3. BPEA Contract Approval:

Dr. Laager

Approve the new contract for the BPEA for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Fiscal Years. Attached is the redlined version of the contract. The contract cost is MSBA 7.70% over two years. Approval is recommended.

Approve the BPEA contract for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years. This motion, made by Matt Lenz and seconded by Tonya Smith, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

8. Upcoming Meetings

October 27, 2025 6:00 p.m. Finance/Regular Board Meeting

9. Call to Order - Closed Session

Personnel discussion

call to action at 6:21 pm

10. Adjourn - Closed Session

Adjourn the Closed Session at 6:39 pm. This motion, made by Tracy O'Brien and seconded by Matt Lenz, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

11. Adjourn - Regular Meeting

Adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. This motion, made by Matt Lenz and seconded by Tracy O'Brien, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Yea, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

Board Clerk

Date