

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #0656

Organizational School Board Meeting
January 5, 2026, 5:30 pm
710 17th Street SW
Faribault, MN 55021

MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Casie Steeves, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Jerry Robicheau was absent. Others in attendance were administrators, staff, and members of the public.

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Bellingham.

- A. Determination of a Quorum Present
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 6-0.

III. Election of Officers for 2026

- A. Bellingham called for nominations for board chair. Knudson nominated Bellingham for the office of board chair. Having received no other nominations, Bellingham was declared board chair for 2026 by acclamation. Bellingham continued to preside over the meeting.
- B. Bellingham called for nominations for the vice chair position. Boudreau nominated Wolff for vice chair. Having received no other nominations, Wolff was declared vice chair for 2026 by acclamation.
- C. Bellingham called for nominations for clerk. Wolff nominated Steeves for clerk. Having received no other nominations, Steeves was declared clerk for 2026 by acclamation.
- D. Bellingham called for nominations for treasurer. Bellingham nominated Boudreau for treasurer. Having received no other nominations, Boudreau was declared treasurer for 2026 by acclamation.

IV. Policy 209 - Code of Ethics

V. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to approve the school board schedule of meetings. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

VI. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Steeves, to approve Committee Assignments for 2026.

Committee	Board Member(s)
Community Education Advisory Council	Casie Steeves
Finance Committee	John Bellingham Chad Wolff Lynda Boudreau

Policy Committee	Linda Moore Casie Steeves
Facilities Committee	Linda Moore Chad Wolff
Equity Committee	Candace Knudson Jerry Robicheau
District Advisory Committee	Lynda Boudreau Jerry Robicheau Casie Steeves
Insurance	John Bellingham Chad Wolff
Negotiations	John Bellingham Lynda Boudreau Chad Wolff
Wellness Committee	Candace Knudson
Superintendent Evaluation Committee	John Bellingham Jerry Robicheau Lynda Boudreau
Falcon Enrichment Education Program (FEEP)	John Bellingham
Alexander Park	Linda Moore
Ice Arena	John Bellingham
Soccer Committee	Chad Wolff
Minnesota State High School League	John Bellingham
Schools for Fair Funding (SAFF)	Jerry Robicheau
Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative (CVSEC)	Jerry Robicheau

The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

VII. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Moore, to approve the school assignments for 2026.

School	Board Member

Jefferson Elementary	Candace Knudson
Lincoln Elementary	Jerry Robicheau
Roosevelt Elementary	Casoe Steeves
Area Learning Center	Linda Moore
Faribault Middle School	Lynda Boudreau
Faribault High School	Chad Wolff
Falcon Online Academy and Faribault Education Center	John Bellingham

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

VIII. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Steeves, to approve school board salaries being set at \$275.00 per month for directors and \$300.00 per month for the board chairperson. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to amend the salaries of the school board to \$350 per month for directors and \$400 per month for the chair. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to amend the amendment from \$350 to \$325. The amendment to the amendment passed unanimously by roll-call vote after discussion, 6-0. The amendment, as amended, passed by roll call vote after discussion, 5-1 (Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against). The main motion, as amended, passed by roll-call vote after discussion, 5-1 (Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

IX. Consider approval of Business Office Annual Resolutions 26-08 through 26-14 for Fiscal Year 2026.

- A. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to approve Designation of Depositories Resolution 26-08. The motion passed by roll-call vote after discussion, 5-0 (with Wolff recusing).
- B. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Wolff, to approve Designation of Official Publication Resolution 26-09. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote after discussion, 6-0.
- C. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the Authorization of use of Facsimile Signatures Resolution 26-10. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 6-0.
- D. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Boudreau, to approve Payment of Claims between Board meetings Resolution 26-11. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 6-0.
- E. Moved by Moore, seconded by Boudreau, to approve Petty Cash Resolution 26-12. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 6-0.

F. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Steeves, to approve Investment Resolution 26-13. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 6-0.

G. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to approve Appointing Responsible Contract Authority Resolution 26-14. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 6-0.

X. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of Resolution 26-15 Designating the Local Education Agency (LEA) Representative. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 6-0.

XI. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Bellingham, to consider approval of Resolution 26-16 Designating Jamie Bente as Identified Official Authority for Minnesota Department of Education Secure Websites. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 6-0.

XII. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Knudson, to consider naming Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney, P.A. as the Board's legal counsel for 2026 and authorizing the school board chairperson, superintendent, and designees to contact the school district attorney for consultation and information. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

XIII. Other Matters

A. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Moore, to consider bid approvals for the McKinley site. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

XIV. Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 7:30 a.m. - Finance Committee
- Monday, January 26, 2026, 5:30 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

XV. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Wolff, to move at 6:37 p.m. to a closed session, as permitted by Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 3(c), for the Sale of Property located at Faribault Area Learning Center (ALC), 2855 1st Ave NW, Faribault, MN. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

The closed session started at 6:45 p.m. In attendance: Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Moore, Steeves, Wolff, Superintendent Bente, and Director of Finance Barbie Roessler.

Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the open meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

XVI. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Boudreau, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: January 26, 2026