

OFFICIAL MINUTES: AUSTIN SCHOOL BOARD**STUDY SESSION**

Independent School District No. 492

Monday, November 24, 2025 4:00 pm

District Office Conference Room

401 Third Avenue NW, Austin, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carolyn Dube Carol McAlister
Robert Hartman Peggy Young
Cece Kroc Dan Zielke
Don Leathers (4:21 pm) Superintendent Dr. Joey Page

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEETING CALLED

TO ORDER: Chairperson Dube called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room at Austin High School.

AGENDA APPROVED: A motion was made by Hartman, seconded by Young, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as printed.

MACPHAIL

PRESENTATION: MacPhail's Austin Site Director Cheryl Berglund along with Nikki Tolde, Kiven Lukes, Gene Schott, Paul Babcock, and Bonnie Rietz highlighted some of the services provided by MacPhail Music and the benefits of having services such as theirs available to our students and being housed in their current location.

LEATHERS ARRIVED AT 4:21 PM**FY25 AUDIT REPORT**

PRESENTED: CLA Principal Craig Popenhagen provided an overview of the FY25 district audit recently completed by their firm noting the unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2025 at 16.10%. The audit opinion came back clean, no compliance issues were noted in the review of laws, regulations, contracts or grants that could have significant financial implications to the district, no material weaknesses in internal controls over financials reporting were reported, and no findings were reported for MN legal compliance. The audit report will be presented for approval at the December 8 regular meeting.

CACR REPORT

OVERVIEW: Executive Director of Academics and Administrative Services Dr. Katie Baskin provided an overview of the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) annual report. The report highlights the progress being made toward the five goals to increase student performance. The annual report will be presented for approval at the regular December meeting.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES

COMMITTEE UPDATES: Discussion was held on upcoming facility needs and the plan to assign general fund dollars to specific projects following the failed referendum. The board will be discussing next steps in the coming months for a potential referendum. A proposal for assigning general fund dollars to these projects will be brought forward for approval at the December board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Young, seconded by Kroc, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 5:55 pm.

Cece Kroc, Clerk