

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, July 7, 2026, at 5:45 PM.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Johns, Melissa Schaller, Brooke Peterson, Kate Hulse, Melissa Torres, and Nicole Flesner.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Chair Cindy Nordstrom.

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

1. Motion by Cindy Nordstrom, seconded by Kyle Christensen, to appoint a clerk through the January Organizational Meeting with the resignation of Kim Baker of ISD 194 on June 29, 2026. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Lesley Chester, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Byron Schwab, seconded by Steigauf, to appoint Lisa Ehleringer of ISD 195 as Clerk. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Lesley Chester, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Lesley Chester, seconded by Byron Schwab, to approve the June 2, 2026 agenda and June 26, 2026 Special Session. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Lesley Chester, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Mark Zuzek, seconded by Monica Weber, to approve the consent items, as presented. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Lesley Chester, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Kyle Christensen, and Kim Baker. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
 - **Minutes:** June 2, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting and June 26, 2026 Special Board Session
 - **Personnel:**
 - **NEW HIRES:**
 - Joanna Anderson, Education Support Professional, effective August 26, 2026.
 - Jens Erickson, School Psychologist, effective August 18, 2026.
 - Agnieszka Franek, Payroll Specialist, effective June 15, 2026.
 - Sarah Gatter, Education Support Professional, effective August 26, 2026.
 - Heather Grey, Teacher, effective August 18, 2026.
 - Cara Grohn, Education Support Professional, effective August 26, 2026.
 - Jasmine Hemmer, Mental Health Professional, effective August 18, 2026.
 - Kelly Johnson, Education Support Professional, effective August 26, 2026.
 - Maureen McCarthy, Teacher, effective August 18, 2026.
 - Jessie Pietruszewski, Education Support Professional, effective August 26, 2026.
 - Grace Pitzl, School Nurse, effective August 18, 2026.
 - Jeffrey Stephani, School Social Worker, effective August 18, 2026.
 - **RE-HIRES:**

- Melissa Brateng, Assistant Principal/SpEd Coordinator, effective July 1, 2026.
 - CHANGE IN STATUS:
 - Ann Strom, School Social Worker, 0.95 FTE decrease to 0.90 FTE, effective July 1, 2026.
 - Heather Stoesz, Speech Language Pathologist, 1.0 FTE decrease to 0.80 FTE, effective July 1, 2026.
 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE:
 - RESIGNATION & TERMINATIONS:
 - Megan Dietrich, Sign Language Interpreter, effective August 1, 2026.
 - Kate Hulse, Director of Social/Emotional Learning & Support, effective July 29, 2026.
 - Monica Nordby, Sign Language Interpreter, effective June 21, 2026.
5. Motion by Byron Schwab, seconded by Dawn Steigauf, introduced the following Donation resolution for a Book: *Our Chosen Path: The Transformative Impact of Cued Language* by Kitri Larson Kylo and waived reading the full resolution. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Lesley Chester, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried. (*roll call*)
 6. Motion by Lesley Chester, seconded by Monica Weber, to approve the following policies on a first and final reading: 102 Equal Educational Opportunity, 424 License Status, 470 Staff Gender Inclusion, 514 Bullying Prohibition. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Lesley Chester, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
 7. Motion by Byron Schwab, seconded by Kyle Christensen, to approve the bills from May 22, 2026, through June 26, 2026, Investment Report, Direct Deposits, and Wire transfers as presented by the Director of Finance. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
 8. Motion by Mark Zuzek, seconded by Byron Schwab, to approve the Accounts Receivable Aging Report as presented by Mark Johns. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
 9. Motion by Lisa Ehleringer, seconded by Lesley Chester, to approve the FY27 Lunch Prices as presented by Mark Johns. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
 10. Motion by Lisa Ehleringer, seconded by Byron Schwab, to approve the Early Childhood Special Education Teachers for ISD 199, 271 and ISD 917 as presented by Dr. Melissa Schaller. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
 11. Motion by Mark Zuzek, seconded by Dawn Steigauf, to approve the Health and Safety Plans and Indoor Air Quality Management Plan as presented by Nicole Flesner. Voting aye: Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and Kyle Christensen. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.

The School Board went into closed session to review the 2025-2026 Superintendent End-of-Year Goals Evaluation at 5:38 pm.

The School Board Meeting reconvened at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM

The next regular School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 5:45 PM.

Clerk