

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #656

Regular School Board Meeting
July 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
Faribault Public Schools
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. Members absent: Jerry Robicheau. Others in attendance were administrators, staff, and members of the public.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Steeves, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

III. Recognition, Awards, and Presentations - None

IV. Items of Information

- A. School Board Members' reports from Moore, Wolff, and Boudreau
- B. Report by Superintendent Jamie Bente

V. Public Comment

VI. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- A. Minutes - Jun 15, 2026, and July 6, 2026
- B. Employment
- C. Additional Assignments/Other
- D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Accounts

VII. District Advisory Committee - No report

VIII. Policy Committee

A. Second reading of policies.

1. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Bellingham, to approve revisions to Policy 410: Family and Medical Leave Policy. The motion passed after discussion, 5-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).
2. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Knudson, to approve changing Policy 625: Use of and Reproduction of Copyrighted Materials to Policy 699. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.
3. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to approve revisions to Policy 721: Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

4. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to approve revisions to Policy 806: Crisis Management Policy. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

IX. Other Committees

- A. Facilities Committee report by Linda Moore and Chad Wolff
- B. Finance Committee by Lynda Boudreau

X. Other Matters

A. Update about Superintendent Evaluation by John Bellingham

B. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Steeves, to approve Gifts/Donations - Resolution 27-01. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote after discussion, 6-0.

C. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to consider approval of the 2026-2027 Student Handbooks for Roosevelt Early Learning Center, Jefferson Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, Faribault Middle School, Faribault High School, and Faribault Online Academy (FOA). The motion passed after discussion, 5-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).

Moved by Moore, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of the 2026-2027 Student Handbook for Faribault Area Learning Center. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

D. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Wolff, to consider approval of the MnMTSS position. The motion passed after discussion, 4-2 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Knudson and Moore voted against.)

E. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Bellingham, to consider approval of the 10-Year LTFM Plan. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

F. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of the Jefferson Capital Grant Project. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

G. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Knudson, to consider approval of MN Academies contract renewal. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

XI. Dates to Remember

- July 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. - Board Candidate Seminar
- August 3, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. - Board Work Session
- August 4, 2026, at 3:45 p.m. - Policy Committee
- August 10, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. - Finance Committee
- August 13, 2026, at 7:45 a.m. - Facilities Committee
- August 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

XII. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: August 17, 2026

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