

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138
SUNRISE RIVER SCHOOL, MEDIA CENTER SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION
March 26, 2026**

The School Board of Independent School District 138 met in a Work Session on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Sunrise River School.

Vice Chair Grovender called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Sarah Grovender, Shelly Johnson, Jesse LaValla, Heather Naegele, Superintendent Paul and Adam Trampe

Absent: Jesse LaValla & Tim MacMillan

Note: Member LaValla arrived at 5:31 p.m.

Others in Attendance: Rachel Abress, Erica Bjerketvedt, Carrie Hoffman, Pakou Lee, Thuy Meinz, Carmen Money, Megan Nysse, Taylor Swanson, Pat Tepoorten, Todd Tetzlaff, David Treichel

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Paul shared updates focused on school engagement, student support, and community partnerships, along with legislative priorities around funding, innovation, and facility needs.

The Strategic Advisory group reported continued district growth, highlighting strong culture, expanded opportunities, and a focus on improving consistency, communication, and access for all students.

The board received an update on local economic development, including approval of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district supporting a new manufacturing project expected to bring jobs and long-term growth.

Work Session Topics

Spotlight on Sunrise River School and North Branch Area Education Center

The Sunrise River School and Education Center spotlight highlighted positive parent feedback, staffing alignment, safety improvements, and strong student support systems aligned with Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).

Student data showed steady academic progress, with continued growth in reading and math, strong early literacy gains, and ongoing support through targeted interventions and enrichment opportunities.

Board members adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM

Heather Naegele, Clerk