

School Board Minutes  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 191  
April 23, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chair Alt at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Diamondhead Education Center, 200 West Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville, MN, 55337.

Call to Order

Directors Anderson, Chester, Mikkelsen, Sachse, Werb and Vice Chair Hume (presiding) were present. Chair Alt was absent. Superintendent Dr. Latanya Daniels, Student Representative Feven Tesfaye, administrators, staff and members of the public were also present.

Attendance

Vice Chair Hume welcomed the audience and asked Director Sachse to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moved by Chester, seconded by Werb, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Agenda

Received a report about Hidden Valley Elementary School from Dr. Chris Bellmont, assistant superintendent, Kristine Black, principal, Kari Komar, building leadership team member, and Shuraim Badri, student.

School Report

Received a Student Performance and Achievement Committee report on Graduation and College, Career Readiness and Graduation from Imina Oftedahl, director of curriculum, instruction, and assessment and Matt Deutsch, teacher.

SPA Report:  
Graduation and  
College, Career  
Readiness and  
Graduation

Received an FY27 Budget Feedback Report from Dr. Latanya Daniels, superintendent.

FY27 Budget  
Feedback

Received a report from Director Chester on the Legislative Committee Meeting and District 917. Director Mikkelsen shared a Policy Review Committee Meeting.

Board Committee  
and Assignment  
Reports

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Sachse to approve the consent agenda:  
-Approve minutes of the regular board meeting on April 9, 2026.  
-Approve personnel recommendations for Ryan Nepl, Jon Rossum, Katelyn Hockemeyer, MaKayla Sather, Ashley Johnson, Jennifer Smith, Sara Vodnick, Paul Wallenta, Ryan Ermisch, Nahomi Merid, Jordan Petrick, Cathy Gee, Kimberly L. Olson, Barbara Cermak, Ryan Dugan, Gareth Daklin Wren, Patricia Bustamante Vera, Caleb Vasquez-Stading, Gerson Villalta Umana, Noah Helke, Lisa Mathre, Viviana Rojas Pedraza, Sherry Gilbertson, Pollyanna Burns, Luisa Gaona, Nicole Haspert, Hannah Szymanski, Daniel Rojas, Barbara Cermak, Kylee Gates, Janell Pederson, Kirk Nelson, Jaimie Howe, Dawndra Broge, Colleen Coleman, Brandon Lowe, and Amy Piotrowski.  
- Approve February payroll checks in the net amount of \$5,506,668.48, February claims to date, wire transfers and adjustments totaling \$11,712,644.69. Also, that the Board accepts February receipts of \$16,936,017.03 and investments for the General Fund and

Consent Agenda  
Minutes  
Personnel  
Recommendations  
Checks, Receipt,  
Claims and  
Investments  
Budget Analysis  
Listening Session  
Nicollet Chess  
Club Field Trip  
Policies  
Travel Date  
Change for Travel  
Club

OPEB of \$89,449,519.13 as of February 28, 2026.

-Accepts the Budget Analysis for the month ending February 28, 2026.

-Receive a report about the Listening Session on April 9, 2026.

- Final Approval of an Extended Field Trip for the Nicollet Chess Club to Round Rock, TX on May 14-19, 2026.

-Approve, on a Second Reading Basis, Changes to Policies:

404: *Employment Background Check*, 406: *Public and Private Personnel Data*, 410: *Family and Medical Leave Policy*, and 701: *Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget*.

-Approve Travel Date Change for Travel Club Trip to Budapest, Vienna and Prague.

The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Moved by Werb, seconded by Chester, to give Preliminary Approval for the Travel Club International Trip to Japan. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Preliminary  
Approval for Travel  
Club

Moved by Mikkelsen, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Early Childhood Special Education Stretch Calendar for 2026-2027 School Year. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

ECSE Stretch  
Calendar

Moved by Sachse, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Premiums and Rates for FY27 Employee Benefits. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Premiums and  
Rates for FY27

Moved by Chester, seconded by Sachse, to approve One Year Extension of Cedar School Lease with Intermediate District 917. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Cedar School  
Lease Extension

Having no further agenda items, Vic Chair Hume adjourned the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Adjourn

/s/

Rachael Mikkelsen, Board Clerk

May 14, 2026

Date Approved