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**FINANCE/REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Oak Crest Elementary School, 1101 Commerce Dr, Belle Plaine, MN 56011**  
**6:00 PM Monday, June 16, 2025**

***Our mission is to pursue excellence in academics, programming, and the social and emotional development of our students. Fostering a culture of kindness, inclusion, and pride in ourselves, our school, and our community.***

Terry Kahle: Present, Karl Keup: Present, Matt Lenz: Present, Tracy O'Brien: Absent, Kellen Schmidt: Present, Tonya Smith: Present.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Kahle will call the meeting to order.

**2. Acknowledgement of Visitors and Special Presentations**

Chairperson Kahle will ask if visitors wish to be placed on the agenda.

**3. Finance Meeting**

Chuck Keller

FY26 Adopted Budget

Proposed Property Tax Abatement for parking lots

Monthly Expenditures

***Legislative Update:*** *There is now agreement on the K-12 education bill for the upcoming biennium. Overall, the agreement is favorable for next year (FY25-26); however, the outlook for the tail years (FY26-27) will present significant financial challenges for all districts.*

***Key Budget Items from the Agreement:***

- *General Education Formula: No changes to the formula's inflationary increases.*
- *Compensatory Revenue: Modifications are funded at \$50 million in FY26. A Compensatory Revenue Task Force is established to make further recommendations.*
- *Special Education Transportation Reimbursement: Funding is reduced by \$43 million in FY26-27 and by \$48 million in FY28-29.*
- *Blue Ribbon Commission on Special Education: This commission will be tasked with identifying \$250 million in savings in FY28-29. If savings are not found, commensurate reductions will be made to special education cross-subsidy aid.*
- *Student Support Personnel Aid: Reduced by \$28.7 million in FY26-27 and \$23.7 million in FY28-29.*
- *School Library Aid: Reduced by \$19.6 million in FY26-27 and \$22 million in FY28-29.*
- *School Lunch Reimbursement: Reduced by \$13.4 million in FY28-29.*

- *Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM): Expanded to include roof replacement projects.*

**Adopted Budget:** Business Director Chuck Keller reviewed the 2025-26 Adopted Budget.

**Property Tax Abatement:** Business Director Chuck Keller reviewed a proposed property tax abatement for parking lot improvement projects.

#### **4. Other Items as Brought Before the Board &**

##### **Consideration of Agenda**

Chairperson Kahle will ask if there are any items that need to be brought before the board and for consideration of the agenda.

Approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Matt Lenz and seconded by Karl Keup, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Absent, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

#### **5. Consensus Items**

Chair Kahle

If any board member has concerns about the adoption of the following consensus items, please acknowledge the Chairperson prior to the final vote. If there are no concerns, these items will be voted on as a group.

Approval of all consensus items is recommended. This motion, made by Kellen Schmidt and seconded by Tonya Smith, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Absent, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

#### **1. Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

Chair Kahle

Enclosed are the May 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting minutes for your review and adoption.

#### **2. Approve Monthly Expenditures**

Chair Kahle

At the board finance meeting, expenditures for the month of June were reviewed. Administration recommends approval of the June 2025 disbursements totaling \$1,667,400.95. This includes Board Payables of \$264,252.96, Hand Payments of \$240,306.12, Electronic Payments of \$1,141,090.38 and Student Activity Payments of \$21,751.49.

#### **3. Personnel**

Chair Kahle

See the attached Personnel Changes spreadsheet.

#### **4. Donations**

Chair Kahle

Donations totaling \$2,231.11 were given to the Belle Plaine School District over the past month. See the attached resolution for a full listing of the donations. Thank you to all who made these generous donations!

#### **6. Discussion Items**

Chair Kahle

#### **1. Superintendent Update**

Chair Kahle

Superintendent Laager will provide updates on current school activities.

*Superintendent Laager provided the following updates:*

- *Athletic Complex building construction expected to begin the week of July 8*
- *Review and comment for the proposed facility updates have been submitted to MDE.*
- *Survey results have been shared with the school community.*

- *Staffing positions have been filled for next school year. Superintendent Laager provided updates on staffing changes throughout the district.*

## **2. Board Member Reports**

Chair Kahle

Board members will have an opportunity to share information about meetings they have attended over the past month.

*Board chair Terry Kahle provided an update on the recent SouthWest Metro board meeting.*

## **7. Action Items**

Chair Kahle

### **1. Non-Renewal- Dwight Myers:**

The following are non-renewals of probationary staff effective at the end of FY25: Administration recommends the non-renewal of probationary teacher Dwight Myers. This motion, made by Matt Lenz and seconded by Karl Keup, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Absent, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

### **2. Designation of Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for the MDE External User Access**

#### **Recertification System:**

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts annually designate an Identified Official with Authority to comply with the MNIT Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external user's access to MDE secure systems for their local education agency (LEA). The Director recommends the Board authorize Ryan Laager to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for Belle Plaine Public School District 0716-01.

Approve the designation of the Identified Official with Authority for the Belle Plaine School District. This motion, made by Kellen Schmidt and seconded by Karl Keup, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Absent, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

### **3. FY26 Adopted Budget:**

At the finance meeting we reviewed the FY26 Adopted Budget. Approval is recommended.

Approve the FY26 Adopted Budget. This motion, made by Tonya Smith and seconded by Matt Lenz, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Absent, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

### **4. Abatement Levy Resolution for Parking Lots:**

It has been proposed that the District undertake parking lot improvement projects at various District facilities, including the Chatfield, Oak Crest, Athletic Complex and the High School, which will enable District residents to continue to conveniently and safely access these District facilities, and benefiting the Property (the Improvements). In order to finance the Improvements, it has been proposed that the Board grant a property tax abatement on the Property in an amount not to exceed \$688,000 over one (1) year (the Proposed Property Tax Abatement), and that this Board hold a public hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Abatement as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1813, subdivision 5.

Approve the public hearing resolution for the proposed Property Tax Abatement. This motion, made by Kellen Schmidt and seconded by Matt Lenz, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Absent, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

**5. SW Metro LTFM and Safe Schools Resolutions**

The attached resolutions are for SW Metro and their LTFM and Safe Schools requests for 2026-27. These resolutions would approve our portion to go on our 2025-26 Levy. Our allocation is \$6,496.85 for LTFM and \$8,233.66 for Safe Schools.

Approve the SW Metro LTFM Resolution. This motion, made by Matt Lenz and seconded by Kellen Schmidt, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Absent, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

Approve the Safe Schools Resolutions. This motion, made by Karl Keup and seconded by Matt Lenz, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Absent, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

**8. Upcoming Meetings**

July 21, 2025 6:00 p.m. Finance/Regular Board Meeting

**9. Adjourn**

Adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. This motion, made by Kellen Schmidt and seconded by Tonya Smith, Passed.

Kahle: Yea, Keup: Yea, Lenz: Yea, O'Brien: Absent, Schmidt: Yea, Smith: Yea

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Board Clerk

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Date