



**Unapproved Minutes Of Organizational Meeting  
Independent School District #139  
Thursday, January 8, 2026**

Organizational Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM.

**I. Routine Matters**

- A. Roll Call: William Schmidt, Ken Lind, Kristin Papke, Rory Roth, Kevin Haugrud, Brent Stavig; ex officio. Board Member Teri Umbreit absent.  
Others in attendance: Andrew Nordstrom and Kerstin Quigley
- B. Approval of Agenda  
Motion by Roth seconded by Haugrud to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, Treasurer
  - Nomination for office of Chair. Rory Roth nominated Will Schmidt. Called for nominations three times with no further nominations received. Will Schmidt is the only candidate nominated for the office of chair and is hereby elected by acclamation.
  - Nominations for Vice Chair: Will Schmidt nominated Rory Roth. Called for nominations three times with no further nominations received. Rory Roth is the only candidate nominated for the office of Vice Chair and is hereby elected by acclamation.
  - Nominations for Clerk: Kevin Haugrud nominated Teri Umbreit; Ken Lind nominated Kristin Papke. Called for other nominations three times with no other nominations. Roll call vote: Kevin Haugrud for Teri Umbreit; Rory Roth, Ken Lind, Will Schmidt and Kristin Papke for Kristin Papke declaring Kristin Papke as Clerk.
  - Nominations for Treasurer: Will Schmidt nominated Ken Lind. Called for other nominations three times with no further nominations received. Ken Lind is the only candidate nominated for the office of Treasurer and is elected by acclamation.
- D. Board Organization
  - 1. Adopt Robert's Rules of Order  
Motion by Roth seconded by Haugrud to adopt Robert's Rules of Order. Motion carried 5-0.
  - 2. Establish regular school board meeting dates, time and location  
Motion by Roth seconded by Lind to approve meeting times with changes. Motion carried 5-0.
  - 3. Board Compensation  
Motion by Lind seconded by Haugrud to approve board compensation as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
  - 4. Establish *County News Review* as the official newspaper  
Motion by Roth seconded by Lind to approve County News Review as official paper. Motion carried 5-0.
  - 5. MN School District Liquid Asset Fund, PMA Companies, Northwoods Bank and Unity Bank as official depositories for district financial resources  
Motion by Schmidt seconded by Papke to approve MN School District Liquid Asset Fund, PMA Companies, Northwoods Bank and Unity Bank as official depositories for district financial resources. Motion carried 5-0.
  - 6. Executive Assistant will coordinate credit card program  
Motion by Haugrud seconded by Roth to approve Executive Assistant to coordinate credit card program. Motion carried 5-0.
  - 7. Designate Business Manager and Superintendent as authority for electronic fund transfers  
Motion by Papke seconded by Schmidt to approve Business Manager and Superintendent as authority for electronic fund transfers. Motion carried 5-0.
  - 8. Superintendent will communicate with attorneys Squires, Waldspurger & Mace; Ratwick, Roszak, Maloney; or Knutson, Flynn et. al. If the complaint is against the Superintendent, then the Board Chair will communicate with the attorneys.  
Motion by Roth seconded by Lind to approve Superintendent will communicate with attorneys

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9. Membership in the following organizations: Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA), Resource Training and Solutions - Membership, Resource Training and Solutions - Mgmt. Asst. Program, Resource Training and Solutions - Onsite Management Service, Central Minnesota Educational Research and Development Council (CMERDC), Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) and Schools Advocating for Fair Funding (SAFF-Formerly SEE).

Motion by Roth seconded by Lind to approve membership in the following organizations with removal of Central Minnesota Educational Research and Development Council (CMERDC): Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA), Resource Training and Solutions - Membership, Resource Training and Solutions - Mgmt. Asst. Program, Resource Training and Solutions - Onsite Management Service, Central Minnesota Educational Research and Development Council (CMERDC), Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) and Schools Advocating For Fair Funding (SAFF-Formerly SEE). Motion carried 5-0.

10. Committee Assignments:

- St. Croix River Education District (SCRED)
- Board Advisory
- Facilities
- Finance
- Policy
- Personnel
- ECMECC
- MSHSL
- SEE
- MSBA Legislative Liaison Representative

Motion by Roth seconded by Haugrud to approve committee assignments as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

- St. Croix River Education District (SCRED) - Papke
- Board Advisory - Haugrud & Papke
- Facilities - Lind, Roth & Schmidt
- Finance - Lind, Roth & Schmidt
- Policy - Umbreit, Haugrud & Schmidt
- Personnel - Umbreit, Roth & Schmidt (holding meetings only as needed vs. regularly scheduled)
- ECMECC - Haugrud
- MSHSL - Umbreit
- SEE - Umbreit
- MSBA Legislative Liaison Representative - Umbreit

11. Designate Superintendent as the *Identified Official with Authority (IOwA)* to authorize user access to State of Minnesota Education secure websites for Rush City Schools

Motion by Haugrud seconded by Roth to approve Superintendent as IOwA. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Principal Bulletin Board Designation - School Website

Motion by Roth seconded by Schmidt to approve school website as official bulletin board.

Motion carried 5-0.

13. Live Stream Discussion

- Meetings will now be recorded and not live streamed with the goal of publishing them the following Monday if possible.
- Citizen comments will be recorded separately for board's reference and will take place before meeting agenda approval.

## II. Adjournment

Motion by Roth seconded by Haugrud adjourning meeting at 7:19 PM. Motion carried 5-0.