

Minutes
School Board Business Meeting
Fridley Independent School District 14
October 21, 2025

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Karnopp called the Business Meeting of the Fridley School Board to order at 7:32 PM on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at the Fridley Community Center. The following Board members were present in the room: Nikki Auna, Sara Jones, Jake Karnopp, Ross Meisner, Sara Schreiner, Avonna Starck and Student representatives Aiyanna Shobe and Malik Bah
Absent: None

Approval of the Agenda with Suggested Motions and Resolutions

Motion by Jones, seconded by Auna, to approve the agenda for October 21, 2025. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent and Staff Reports

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Lewis introduced Matt Hammer from Ehlers to discuss a Bond Resolution that was on the agenda; Student School Board Representatives Aiyanna Shobe and Malik Bah reviewed their goals for the school year; Aldoa Sims discussed the upcoming Family Welcome Breakfasts at RLS and Hayes; Senior Officer of Academics and Innovation Dr. Amy Cochran gave an Academic Achievement Update on Lavinia work happening at FPS; Superintendent Lewis gave an overview of the Cybersecurity Grant FPS was awarded; Superintendent Lewis also discussed the recent employee recognition days: Ed Tech Day, HR Day, Principals Recognition month, Custodial & Facilities Staff Day; Instructional Coaches Day and Coaches Day; Assistant Superintendent Cox gave an overview of the construction projects with the FHS Restroom, FMS Sinkholes and the Baseball fields; the start date for 2026-27 will be September 1, 2026; Tuck Everlasting is coming to the District Auditorium; and Board Member Jones gave an update from NE Metro 916.

Business Action Items

A. **RESOLUTION Accepting Gifts**

WHEREAS, School Board Policy 706 establishes guidelines for the acceptance of gifts to the District; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 465.03 states the School Board may accept a gift, grant, or devise of real or personal property only by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Fridley Public Schools accepts with appreciation the following gifts received by the School District:

- i. The following persons donated to **Fridley Public Schools:**
 1. FBI Minneapolis citizens academy Alumni Association - Care Kits for FPS students in need.

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Auna to accept the gifts and thank the donors for their contributions. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

B. RESOLUTION Stating the Intention of the School District to issue General Obligation School Building and Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Meisner to to state the intention of the School District to issue General obligation School Building and Alternative Facilities Refunding Bonds Series 2026A. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Starck, seconded by Auna to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the business meeting held on September 16, 2025 and special meeting held on October 2, 2025; New Contracts, Amendments, Leaves of Absence, Resignations, Retirements and Terminations and Lane Changes; Achievement and Integration Plan Progress; 2025-26 Statement of Assurances; School Year 2026-27 Start Date of September 1; and Governing Board of Fridley High School supports the school's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Important Future School Board Dates

1. Youth in Government Launch
October 25, 2025 - all day
Fridley High School
2. FMS Wrestling (grades 6-8) begins
October 27, 2025
Fridley Middle School
3. No School - Staff Development
November 3, 2025
4. No School - Planning/Evaluation
November 4, 2025
5. ECCE Fall Festival
November 8, 2025

Fridley Community Center

6. Girls Gymnastics (grades 7-12), Girls Basketball (grades 9-12), Boys Hockey (9-12) begin
November 10, 2025
7. VISTA Family Fun Night
November 12, 2025 5:00 PM
VISTA Education Center
8. Preschool Family IB Night
November 13, 2025 5:00 PM
Fridley Community Center
9. FHS Fall Musical - Tuck Everlasting
November 14, 15, 29, 21, 22 7:00 PM
District Auditorium
10. FHS Boys Basketball (grades 9-12) and Wrestling (grades 9-12) begin
November 17, 2025
11. Fridley Public Schools School Board Meeting
November 18, 2025
Fridley Community Center
5:30 PM Work Session
7:00 PM Public Comment
7:30 PM Business Meeting

Adjournment

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Schreiner to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Jake Karnopp, Board Chair

Avonna Starck, Board Clerk