

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Board Chair Deb Ulm on the **17th day of March 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the District Center Board Room.

Roll Call: Members Present: Deb Ulm, Dawn Bourdeaux, Jennifer Super, Melissa Lynch, and Scott Bowman.
Members Absent: Eric Strandberg and Eric Minks.

Others present: Superintendent Pat Devine, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, Director of Human Resources Jason Senne, Middle School Principal Sarah Marxhausen, and Student Council Representatives Camila Sanchez and Mick Dudek.

STUDENT SHOWCASE: The Middle School presented about the Flex program.

REPORTS **Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board member attended.**

Melissa Lynch Public Engagement Committee; Referendum Communications Meeting; Career Crawl

Dawn Bourdeaux Agenda Planning

Scott Bowman None

Jen Super Public Engagement Committee

Deb Ulm Public Engagement Committee; Referendum Communication Meeting; Agenda Planning

Student Council Report: Intermediate students are working on problem solving skills and watched a featured video in Tiger News to talk about bullying prevention. The March reading challenge started at the IS and students are working towards individual goals. Students from MS Robotics are going to state. This week is the All-City choir concert and band blast is next week. The career crawl was last week and students got to check out area businesses.

Superintendent Report: Visited the capital a few times to advocate for school

funding and school policies. A group of district reps visited the Spanish Immersion program in another school district to get ideas on potential improvements to our own program. We recently held a roundtable with Palmer Bus, and things are going fairly well with staffing and operations. We are encouraging voters to vote early by mail to make sure all voters have the opportunity to do so. Though we are running a referendum again, the high school still has critical needs for improvements and renovations. We are looking at options for possibly expanding the Onward program due to increasing enrollment.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Scott Bowman, ***to approve the agenda as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS and ACT on PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux seconded by Jen Super, ***to approve the March 3 regular meeting minutes as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Dawn Bourdeaux, ***to approve the consent agenda as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously. Personnel, bills, gifts, fundraisers, treasurer's report, and wire transfers were approved.

INFORMATION

The board started their information session at 6:38 p.m. The items discussed were:

- 26-27 Budget Analysis

ACTION

Second Reading of Policy

Motion made by Jen Super, seconded by Scott Bowman, ***to accept the second reading of policies as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously.

2025-2027 Teacher Contract

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Jen Super, ***to accept the 2025-27 teacher contract as presented.*** Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Scott Bowman, Dawn Bourdeaux, Deb Ulm, Melissa Lynch and Jen Super. Against: none. Motion passed 5:0.

2025-2027 Secretary Contract

Motion made by Scott Bowman, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to accept the 2025-27 secretary contract as presented.** Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Jen Super, Scott Bowman, Dawn Bourdeaux, Deb Ulm, and Melissa Lynch. Against: none. Motion passed 5:0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA- None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Community Education Advisory Committee - Mar 25, 12:00PM
Tiger Community Connections - Mar 26, 7:30AM
Early Voting Begins - Mar 27, 8:00AM
Agenda Planning - Apr 2, 12:00PM
Finance Committee - Apr 7, 4:30PM
Regular Meeting - Apr 7, 6:00PM

ADJOURN

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Scott Bowman, **to adjourn the meeting.** Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Deb Ulm

Melissa Lynch

Recorder- Emily McKinnon