

School Board Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 191
February 24, 2026

The ISD 191 Board of Education and the Burnsville City Council met for a special work session at the Ames Center, 12600 Nicollet Avenue, Burnsville, Minnesota, on February 24, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Elizabeth Kautz.

Call to Order

Burnsville Council Present: D. Gustafson, E. Kautz, D. Kealey, V. Workman

Attendance

Burnsville Staff Present: G. Lindberg, B. Brewer, E. Henderson, J. Rhode, J. Thomson, T. Schwartz, B. Jungmann, M. Smith, S. Kass

ISD 191 Board Present: A. Alt, A. Anderson, L. Chester, R. Mikkelsen, A. Werb, F. Tesfaye, P. Yusupova

ISD 191 Staff Present: L. Daniels, C. Bellmont, I. Buchanan, J. Sellars, S. Sovine, A. Tinklenberg

Mayor Kautz welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dr. Daniels facilitated introductions and an activity for attendees to get to know one another better. The Council and School Board Directors discussed the following:

- The importance of strengthening the community together. It has been a year since the last meeting and the possibility of meeting more often.
- Not all ISD 191 students live within the City of Burnsville, some may even be experiencing homelessness, and how to better support all students.
- The various ways the city and school district are already partnering and the connections and relationships between staff of both organizations, e.g. Police Department Teen Academy, EMT high school class, and Hope for Tomorrow mentorship program.
- The importance of aligning City and School District efforts to ensure shared goals are met and limited resources are used effectively.
- Ways the City and School District can strengthen collaboration, noting that responsibility for building and maintaining relationships with other cities in ISD 191 boundaries lies with the School District and not the City.

Welcome Purpose

It was the consensus of the group to:

- Create a joint working group to continue strengthening the partnership between the city and ISD 191. The working group would include two city council members, two school board members, two youth representatives, and city and school district staff appointed by the city manager and superintendent, respectively. Councilmembers Gustafson and Workman, School District Board Directors Anderson and Werb, and School Board Student reps Tesfaye and Yusupova volunteered to be members of the working group.

-Inventory the partnership activities to inform the working group and joint city council school board partnership discussions.

Having no further agenda items the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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March 12, 2026

Rachael Mikkelsen, clerk

Date approved