

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2026 5:15 PM Central

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1515 11th Street
International Falls, Minnesota 56649

Jessica Crosby:	Present
Dale Johnson:	Present
Toni Korpi:	Present
Tina Sather:	Absent
Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch:	Present
Joann Smith:	Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

Board Member - out of town

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Call to Order

1. Roll Call:

☐	Jessica Crosby, Vice Board Chair
☐	Dale Johnson, Director
☐	Toni Korpi, Clerk
☐	Tina Sather, Treasurer
☐	Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch, Director
☐	JoAnn Smith, Board Chair

Non-Voting Members:

☐	Beth Shermoen, Superintendent
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2. Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

1. Approve agenda as presented.

Motion to approve agenda as presented. Motion by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch, then second by Dale Johnson. Motion Carried.

Tina Sather: Absent, Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joann Smith: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Open Forum

1. Presentation of the Pre-Sale Report for General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2026A - Jen Chapman, Associate Municipal Advisor, Ehlers

2. CESO LTFM Presentation - Lauren Syrup; Business Manager

3. Public Open Forum

Committee and Administrative Reports

1. Melissa Tate, Secondary Principal:
2. Lisa West, Elementary Principal:
3. Molly Larson, Community Education Director:
4. Timm Ringhofer, Activities Director:
5. Beth Shermoen, Superintendent:
6. Policy Committee:
7. Athletic Committee:
8. Legislative Committee:

Consent Agenda

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion by Jessica Crosby, then second by Dale Johnson. Motion Carried.

Tina Sather: Absent, Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joann Smith: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1. Approve payroll in the amount of \$339,137.93 for pay periods 6/26/26 (Regular & Teacher Payout Payroll) and 7/10/26 (Regular & Teacher Summer Checks Payroll).
2. Approve current accounts payable due in the amount of \$3,345,403.31.
3. Approve past meeting minutes for the regular school board meeting on June 22, 2026.
4. Approve the District's Fiscal year 2027-2028 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan.
5. Approve the renewal of the Marsh McClannan Insurance Services for the 26/27 School Year.
6. Approve the 2026–2029 Environmental, Health and Safety Management Services (IEA) Renewal for ISD 361.
7. Approve SLP Becca Nelson FTE increase from .50 FTE to 1.0 FTE for the 26/27 school year.
8. Approve Seth Ettestad as a TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment) under the 331 contract as the Full Service Community School Coordinator for Falls Elementary School for the 26/27 school year.
9. Approve the hire of Justin Carney as a Special Education teaching position.
10. Approve the hire of Katie Barras as the Falls Elementary Indian Education Liaison for the 26/27 school year.
11. Approve the hire of Adyson Wallander as Part-Time Administrative Assistant at FES.

12. Approve the hire of Lexi Erickson as Assistant Girls Hockey Coach for the 2026-2027 season.

13. Approve the hire of Marc Glowack as Assistant Girls Hockey Coach for the 2026-2027 season.

14. Approve the hire of Karla Olson-Line as Boys Basketball Cheerleading Coach for 2026-2027.

15. Approve the hire of Hailey Silvers as the Part-time Community Education Aquatic Program Coordinator.

16. Approve the formal recognition of the resignation of Jenesa Balaski as the KAPE Coordinator on August 11, 2025.

17. Approve posting two positions: School-Age Child Care Program Lead & School-Age Child Care Assistant.

18. Approve the full day teacher sub pay to \$145.00.

19. Approve the updated ISD 361 Booster Club Guidelines.

20. Approve the food service Milk Bid for the 2026-2027 school year. Recommendation to accept Sandstrom's bid.

21. Approve the food service Bread Bid for the 2026-2027 school year. Recommendation to accept Pan O Gold bid.

22. Approve the price increase for adult / visitor lunch meal price to \$5.65 and adult / visitor breakfast meal price to \$3.50.

23. Second Reading: Policy 404 - Employment Background Checks

24. Second Reading: Policy 601 - Student District Curriculum and Instruction Goals

25. Second Reading: Policy 602 - Organization of School Calendar and School Day

26. Second Reading: Policy 603 - Curriculum Development

27. Second Reading: Policy 604 - Instructional Coaches

28. Second Reading: Policy 605 - Alternative Programs

29. Second Reading: Policy 606 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials

30. Second Reading: Policy 606.5 - Library Materials

31. Second Reading: Policy 607 - Organization of Grade Levels

32. Second Reading: Policy 609 - Religion and Religious and Cultural Observations

33. Second Reading: Policy 610 - Field Trips

34. Second Reading: Policy 612.1 - Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policies for Title 1 Programs

35. Second Reading: Policy 615 - Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 and LEP Students

36. Second Reading: Policy 616 - School District System Accountability

37. Second Reading: Policy 620 - Credit for Learning

38. Second Reading: Policy 623 - Mandatory Summer School Instructions

39. Second Reading: Policy 701 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget

40. Second Reading: Policy 701.1 - Modification of School District Budget

41. Second Reading: Policy 702 - Accounting

42. Second Reading: Policy 703 - Annual Audit

Action Items

1. Improving systems and structures to create a culture where all are welcome and supported.

1.a. Resolution Acceptance of Gifts and Donations.

Motion to approve gifts and donations. Motion by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch, then second by Jessica Crosby. Motion Carried.

Tina Sather: Absent, Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joann Smith: Yea

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1.b. Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Member and Calling the District General Election.

Motion to approve resolution relating to the election of school board member and calling the district general election. Motion by Toni Korpi, then second by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch. Motion Carried.

Tina Sather: Absent, Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joann Smith: Yea

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1.c. Approval of the At-Will Contract.

Motion to approve At-Will Contract. Motion by Jessica Crosby, then second by Dale Johnson. Motion Carried.

Tina Sather: Absent, Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joann Smith: Yea

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2. Implementing data-driven teaching practices and staff collaboration to increase student academic success.

2.a. Approval of a 1.0 fte First Grade Teaching Position due to Increased Enrollment.

Motion to approve 1.0 First Grade Teaching Position. Motion by Jessica Crosby, then second by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch. Motion Carried.

Tina Sather: Absent, Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joann Smith: Yea

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2.b. Approval of the July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 Superintendent Employment Agreement. Motion to approve Superintendent Employment Agreement. Motion by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch, then second by Jessica Crosby. Motion Carried.

Tina Sather: Absent, Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joann Smith: Yea
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3. Maintain our facilities to be welcoming, safe and efficient for use by students and the community.

3.a. Resolution Adopting the School Districts FY2027-2028 Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan (LTFM).

Motion to adopt LTFM plan FY2027-2028. Motion by Dale Johnson, then second by Jessica Crosby. Motion Carried.

Tina Sather: Absent, Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joann Smith: Yea
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Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn at 6:28pm. Motion by Toni Korpi, then second by Jessica Crosby. Motion Carried.

Tina Sather: Absent, Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joann Smith: Yea
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Approved Minutes:

District Clerk	Date	Board Chair	Date:
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