

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #656
Business Meeting & Truth in Taxation Hearing
December 1, 2025, 5:30 pm
Faribault Public Schools
710 17th Street SW
Faribault, MN 55021

MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Casie Steeves, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Others in attendance were Student Representatives Isse Ali and Amira Williams, administrators, staff, and members of the public.

I. Call to Order

- A. Determination of a Quorum Present
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Knudson, to approve the agenda with flexibility. The motion passed, 7-0.

III. The Truth in Taxation Hearing occurs later in the meeting (see below).*

IV. Recognition, Awards, and Presentations

- A. Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) Project presentation by Ashlan Zurbriggen, Youth Engagement Coordinator and Peer Group Connection (PGC) Advisor, Isse Ali, Whitney Huberty, Brianna Velazquez, and Amira Williams.

V. Items of Information

- A. Student Board Representative report from Isse Ali.
- B. School Board Member reports from Moore, Steeves, and Wolff.

*III. The Truth in Taxation Hearing began at 6:00 p.m. A presentation was given by Barbie Roessler, Director of Finance and Operations. Tom Moline spoke at the hearing. The Truth in Taxation Hearing ended at 6:17 p.m.

(V.)C. Superintendent's report from Jamie Bente.

VI. Public Comment - Janet Moline

VII. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Knudson, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- A. Minutes - November 24, 2025
- B. Employment
- C. Additional Assignments/Other
- D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Accounts - No report

VIII. District Advisory Committee - No report

IX. Policy Committee - No report

X. Other Committees - No reports

XI. Other Matters

A. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the 2025 Payable 2026 Levy Certification. The motion passed, 7-0 (Moore abstained).

B. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Bellingham, to adopt a Resolution (26-07) Establishing Combined Polling Places For Multiple Precincts And Designating Hours During Which The Polling Places Will Remain Open For Voting For School District Elections Not Held On The Day Of A Statewide Election. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote after discussion, 7-0.

C. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Robicheau, to approve the changes to the Non-Affiliated Administrative, Operations, and Family Support Specialists Employment Agreement for 2025-2027. The motion passed 6-1 (Knudson, Robicheau, Steeves, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, Moore voting against, and Boudreau abstaining).

XII. Dates to Remember

- December 11, 2025, at 7:45 a.m. - Facilities Committee Meeting
- December 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. - Joint Boards Meeting
- January 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. - Organizational Meeting

XIII. Moved by Knudson, seconded by Robicheau, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: January 26, 2026