

Regular School Board Meeting, April 27, 2026

The Board of Independent School District 308 met on Monday, April 27, 2026, in the Media Center and via Zoom. Chair Dave McGee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ben Hass, Andy Lindow, Karrin Lindow, Dave McGee, Jennifer McNamee, and Aimee Plumley.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Karrin Lindow to approve the agenda as amended adding to the Consent Agenda, Item t. Approve Work Agreement - Laural Vanbuskirk, School Age Care Coordinator, Item u. Approve Work Agreement - Peggy Billing, Media Specialist, Item w. Approve Long-Term Substitute Teacher - Kimberly Hardwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, and Item x. Approve Contract - Sydney Strand, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

The Robotics Team 3102 Impact Team of Cali Prendiz, Sawyer Henry, and Addison Reams gave their 'Dig It' presentation to the Board. The team gave this presentation to judges at the regional competitions they attended in Duluth and Tennessee as they competed for the Impact Award.

Motion by Ben Hass, second by Karrin Lindow to approve the financial reports as presented by Tom Haldeman, Accounts Payable Clerk, with a cash balance at the end of January of \$2,108,829.39. The Payment Register and payment of claims were approved in the amount of \$210,968.78. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Ben Hass to approve the following consent agenda items: donations as follows -

*Robotics*

Gene Haas Foundation	\$3,000.00
Paul Bunyan Communications	1,000.00

*Golf*

Iron Horse Bar & Grill	100.00
Thomas Wormley	200.00
Ryan Sharpe	200.00
T&M Express	250.00

*Ag Club*

Eastern Hubbard County Fire District	2,000.00
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*Post Prom*

Eastern Hubbard County Fire District	1,000.00
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for a total of \$7,750.00; minutes of the regular school board meeting held March 23, 2026; minutes of the work session held April 20, 2026; overnight field trip requests by The Ag Club to attend the FFA State Convention in Minneapolis April 19-21; coaching contract for Griffin Chase as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 season; letter of resignation from Suki Peterson, Special Education Teacher, effective May 26, 2026; letter of intent to retire from Angela Ahrendt, effective May 26,

2026; continuing contracts with Madysen Brick - 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Evan Benson - 7-12 Social Studies teacher, and Jordyn Lucas - grade 6-8 Special Education teacher; summer work agreement with Ethan Klimek, Summer Groundskeeper; summer work agreement with Patricia Havnes, Summer Food Program Cook/Coordinator; summer media contract with Amber Gordon, Summer Media Paraprofessional; summer work agreement with Kelly Holmin-Bennett and Cassy Smith, Summer Reading Teachers; contract addendum with JoAnn Stute to complete her Autism Spectrum Disorder License requirement for a total of 11 credits through Bemidji State University; extended school year work agreements with Leslie Sagen, JoAnn Stute, and Joni Dimarucut, Extended School Year Instructors; work agreement with Laurel VanBuskirk as School Age Care Coordinator; contract with Peggy Billing as Media Specialist/Reading Interventionist for the 2026-2027 school year; long-term substitute teaching contract with Kimberly Hardwig effective April 28, 2026 through May 22, 2026; work agreement with Jason Durham as Kinder Camp teacher August 24-26, 2026; contract with Sydney Strand as 1.0 FTE elementary teacher for the 2026-2027 school year; and final reading to updates made to School Board Policies 410 - Family and Medical Leave Plan, 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, 530 - Immunization Requirements, and 615 - Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans and LEP Students. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board member reports included: Jen McNamee attended Up North Learning Center committee meeting to discuss plans for the transition of the PAWN Cooperative to the Freshwater Education District for special education support services. Track athlete, Ethan Buckholtz attended the Hamline Elite meet in St. Paul in the high jump and placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, tying the school record with his jump. Azariah Ogundeji also set new school track records in the long jump and 100m run during the regular track season. Ben Hass reported attending the school play, *That's the Spirit*, performed April 17-18. Andy Lindow and Dave McGee attended a building committee meeting focusing on summer projects. An insurance committee meeting was attended by Aimee Plumley. She also announced the AIPAC Banquet is scheduled for May 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Karrin Lindow was in attendance for a budget committee meeting.

Interim principal, Shawn Klimek's report included MCA testing is now complete with DIBELS assessment for Title I and ADSIS students starting April 29. NWEA math and reading assessments start the week of May 5 for students in grades K-12. Field trips to the Bemidji Theater were April 15 and 16 for students in Grade K-2, and students in grade 2 went to the circus April 15. Parent letters for summer school have been sent home with students in grades K-3. There will be a staff development meeting April 23.

Certified staff report given by Olaf Netteberg and Hannah DeLaHunt included the 6<sup>th</sup> grade have completed their projects of

trading posts and dwellings and had them on display in their classrooms. At large group contest held in Bagley April 15, the high school band, under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Moses, received two perfect scores and was rated number one out of the five bands performing. Spring concerts will be held May 8 and 11 for students in grades 5 and 6, and 7-12, respectively. And, the Bike to School event on the Heartland Trail is scheduled for May 6 for students and staff.

Superintendent Seykora reported the open house held for the community regarding the building referendum was well attended. A town hall meeting will be held in the near future to provide more outreach to the community on the tax impact, building proposals, and ballot questions. The Senior Reception is scheduled for May 11. And, the math position has been offered to one of the candidates interviewed.

Motion by Jen McNamee, second by Aimee Plumley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

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Aimee Plumley, Clerk