

The organizational/regular meeting of the Board of Education, Independent School District #595, East Grand Forks, Minnesota was held on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 195 at Senior High.

Board Chair Brott called the organizational meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present: Brott, Hangsleben, Holweger, King, Larson and Perkerewicz  
Board member absent: None

Brott moved to approve the agenda as presented. Perkerewicz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Board Chair Brott called for nominations for Board Chair.

Member King nominated Member Brott for Chairman of the Board; there were no other nominations, Member Brott was elected by acclamation.

Board Chair Brott called for nominations for Board Vice Chair.

Member Perkerewicz nominated Member King for Vice Chairman of the Board; there were no other nominations, Member King was elected by acclamation.

Board Chair Brott called for nominations for Clerk.

Member King nominated Member Perkerewicz for Clerk of the Board; there were no other nominations, Member Perkerewicz was elected by acclamation.

Board Chair Brott called for nominations for Treasurer.

Member Brott nominated Member Holweger for Treasurer of the Board; there were no other nominations, Member Holweger was elected by acclamation.

Brott moved to accept the nominations for officers. Larson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brott moved to establish the 2026 district School Board Meetings for 5:30 PM in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, if necessary, (only the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays in December and May) in Room 195 at East Grand Forks Senior High as follows.

January 5, January 26 (if necessary), February 9, February 23 (if necessary), March 9, March 23 (if necessary), April 13, April 27 (if necessary), May 11, June 8, June 22 (if necessary), July 13, July 27 (if necessary), August 10, August 24 (if necessary), September 14, September 28 (if necessary), October 12, October 26 (if necessary), November 9, November 23 (if necessary), December 14

King seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brott moved to designate the school district depositories for 2026 as follows: U.S. Bank, Frandsen Bank and Trust, MSDLAF and Ultima Bank. Perkerewicz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

King moved that Kevin Grover, Karla Afshari and Amanda Holweger be authorized to sign for the following specific accounts - K-12 Petty Cash, K-12 transfers from savings accounts to checking accounts for the payment of payroll, K-12 transfers from savings accounts to checking accounts for the payment of monthly board bills, K-12 CDs and K-12 Activity Account. Perkerewicz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Perkerewicz moved to designate the legal firm Squires, Waldspurger and Mace as the school district's legal counsel for 2026. King seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brott moved to designate The Exponent as the official newspaper for the school district for 2026. Perkerewicz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brott moved that the 2026 School Board Members each be compensated at a rate of \$5,800 per year per person. Perkerewicz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brott moved to accept the 2026 committee assignments and designated MSHSL representative as named:

COMMITTEE	Brott	Hangsleben	Holweger	King	Larson	Perkerewicz
Finance	1	2	1	2		
Negotiations/Benefits	1	3	1	3	3	2
Policy Review			X	X	X	
Buildings & Grounds - LTFM		X		X		X
Transportation	X	X		X		
Health & Safety	X	X	X			
Meet and Confer				X	X	X
Activities	X	X		X		
School Calendar				X	X	X
Education Foundation			X			
Legislative Liaison	X	X				
MSHSL Representative			X			X
District Leadership Committee			X			

King seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brott moved to approve the consent agenda which contained the following items:

**Approval of Minutes** – Approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 regular school board meeting  
**Personnel**

**Hires**

Tanner Campos, paraprofessional, SP, beginning December 17, 2025  
Charles Rognerud, teacher, SH, beginning January 5, 2026  
Scott Skoglund, bus driver, District, beginning January 5, 2026

**Retirements**

Burt Vidden, custodian, CMS, effective January 23, 2026

**At Will Contracts**

Karla Afshari, Business Manager  
Deka Ali, Bilingual Home School Liaison/Homeless Liaison Assistant  
Suraya Driscoll, Student Services Director  
Cody Hlavka, Transportation Director  
Jason Kalt, Senior Computer Support Technician  
Scott Koberinski, Activities Director  
Robin Metzgar, Payroll and Benefits Manager  
Nancy Misialek, Human Resources Manager  
Dara Omang, American Indian Education Coordinator  
Darren Schimke, School District Mechanic  
Brandi Vigness, Nutrition Services Manager  
Casi Zimny, Accounts Payable Clerk

**Miscellaneous Payments** – December 13, 2025 Miscellaneous Payments in the amount of \$25,471.31.

Perkerewicz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Perkerewicz moved to adopt the Resolution Directing Administration to make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions as presented and attached. Larson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Brott – yes, Hangsleben – yes, Holweger – yes, Larson – yes, King – yes, Perkerewicz – yes.

Perkerewicz moved to adopt the Resolution for the Independent School District #595 for 2025 establishing a combined polling place for multiple precincts and designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections no held on the day of a statewide election, as presented and attached. King seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Brott – yes, Hangsleben – yes, Holweger – yes, Larson – yes, King – yes, Perkerewicz – yes.

Perkerewicz moved to approve the 2025-27 EGFAA Agreement as presented and attached. Hangsleben seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brott moved to authorize administration to advertise for health insurance provider bids for coverage beginning July 1, 2026, with bids to be accepted immediately and due by 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2026. Perkerewicz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Holweger moved to approve the payment of the K-12 bills # through # and electronic fund transfers as follows:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>01</b>	General	\$396,722.39
<b>02</b>	Food Service	\$34,327.65
<b>04</b>	Community Ed	\$1,029.41
<b>06</b>	Student Activities	\$8,438.97
<b>EFT</b>		\$1,017,635.71
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$1,458,154.13

King seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The bills are on file in the Superintendent's Office.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on January 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Brott moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. Perkerewicz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Perkerewicz  
Board Clerk