

School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2026

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, January 5, 2026 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow and Zastrow. Other members present were: Tammy Cebulla, Barton Rud, Jenny Thelen and Mitchell Ganske.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Hollenkamp and Zastrow were recognized for receiving awards from MSBA.

Election of Officers for the 2026 Calendar Year:

Board Chair - Member Hollenkamp nominated Linda Gohman. No other nominations were made. Member Gohman was elected Board Chair by acclamation.

Vice Chair - Member Zahnow nominated Thomas Zastrow. No other nominations were made. Member Zastrow was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

Clerk - Member Zastrow nominated Lori Hollenkamp. No other nominations were made. Member Hollenkamp was elected Clerk by acclamation.

Treasurer - Member Wolf nominated himself. No other nominations were made. Member Wolf was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to adopt the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Wolf and seconded by Zahnow to approve the following Consent Agenda:

E.1. Designate the Long Prairie Leader/El Lider as the official newspaper for 2026

E.2. Designate American Heritage National Bank as the official payroll depository; and Minnesota National Bank as the official accounts payable depository.

E.3. Approve the following investment locations: American Heritage National Bank of Long Prairie, MN National Bank of Long Prairie, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank of Long Prairie, MN School Districts Liquid Asset Fund, Magnifi Financial, PMA Financial Network and Ehlers.

E.4. Authorize the District Office personnel to make electronic transfers.

E.5. Authorize Superintendent to use facsimile signatures of board officers on school district checks after board authorization, contact legal assistance, employ day and specialized labor as needed, work with Fiscal Auditor to make year-end transfers to eliminate any operating fund deficiencies and make decisions and take action as needed to enforce the approved policies of the School District.

E.6. Board Policy Review - Legal Status of the School Board 201, School Board Officers 202, Operation of the School Board - Governing Rules 203, School Board Procedures; Rules of Order 203.1, Order of the Regular School Board Meeting 203.2, School Board Meeting Agenda 203.5, Consent Agendas 203.6, School Board Meeting Minutes 204, Open Meetings and Closed Meetings 205, Public Participation In School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations 206, Public Hearings 207, Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies 208, Code of Ethics 209, Conflict of Interest - School Board Members 210, Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee, or Student 211, School Board Member Development 212, School Board Committees 213, Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members 214, Policy 305 - Policy Implementation, Policy 503 - Student Attendance, Policy 506 - Student Discipline, Policy 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, Policy 524 - Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone acceptable

use and safety policy, Policy 616 - School District System Accountability, Policy 722 - Public Data Requests, Policy 806 - Crisis Management Policy

E.7. Authorized designation of Daniel Ludvigson, Superintendent as the Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity Access Management.

E.8. Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons therefore.

E.9. Authorization to Call for Bids

E.10. Resignation of Mitch Johnson - 7/8 Grade Baseball
Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to take the recommendation of Mr. Ludvigson to combine the Finance Committee and Buildings/Grounds Committee. Committee members will be Zastrow, Levin and Wright with Zahnow as an alternate. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to take the recommendation of Mr. Ludvigson to combine the Meet and Confer Committee and the Executive Committee. Committee members will be Gohman, Zastrow and Hollenkamp. Motion carried unanimously.

Negotiations: Wolf, Zastrow and Gohman

Finance/Safety, Security and Building: Levin, Zastrow and Wright (Zahnow alternate)

Executive/Meet & Confer: Gohman, Zastrow and Hollenkamp

Comm. Ed: Wright and Zahnow

Public Health: Levin

MSHSL: Wright

Stakeholders: Hollenkamp, Gohman and Wolf

Grow your own: Zahnow and Gohman

Freshwater: Wolf (Alternate Levin)

All other committees will remain the same with a final list put together and brought before the board for approval at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Wolf to leave the school board compensation the same for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to keep the current legal counsel, Squires, Waldspurger and Mace, Ratwik Roszak and Maloney as general counsel. Kennedy Graven as the Bond Counsel and election support as representation for the school. Discussion was had about who had authority to contact legal counsel therefore causing an amendment to the motion by Zastrow to list that the Superintendent, Board Chair and Vice Chair or whom any of these may designate are the only ones with access to contact legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 410 Paid Family Medical Leave was discussed, with Mr. Ludvigson giving the latest up-to-date information that we have. This policy will be reviewed again for the second reading before approval. The first reading was approved by general consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm by Chairman Gohman.

Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk