

**Minutes**  
**School Board Business Meeting**  
**Fridley Independent School District 14**  
**November 19, 2024**

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Chair Karnopp called the Business Meeting of the Fridley School Board to order at 7:31 PM on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at the Fridley Community Center. The following Board members were present in the room: Nikki Auna, Sara Jones, Jake Karnopp, Erik Keeler, Ross Meisner, Avonna Starck, and Student representative Aiyanna Shobe. Absent: Student representatives: Deqa Ahmed

**Approval of the Agenda with Suggested Motions and Resolutions**

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jones, to approve the agenda for November 19, 2024. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

**Superintendent and Staff Reports**

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Lewis introduced Mya Karsten and Addison Aleshire along with Activities Director Justin Reese to present a Fall Activities Recap. Student School Board Representative Aiyanna Shobe presented on the student school board conference she attended with Lori Andler, Director of Administrative Services. Fridley Middle School Principal Dr. Amy Cochran and Assistant Principal Matthew Engelhardt presented on the Lavinia work and academic improvement at Fridley Middle School. Director of Community Education, Stephen Keeler presented on the Early Childhood Fall Festival, the Tiger Club Family Night and the Preschool IB Night. Superintendent Lewis presented on her involvement at the High Impact Tutoring Panel and the National Summer Learning Summit, Announcement of Senior Officer of Human Resources Boukham Moua. Senior Officer of Operations and System Alignment, Rochelle Cox presented on the Custodian training and Microfiber cloth usage, and Superintendent Lewis announced a big Thank You to FPS voters on passing the two question Referendum.

**Business Action Items**

A. **RESOLUTION Accepting Gifts**

WHEREAS, School Board Policy 706 establishes guidelines for the acceptance of gifts to the District; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 465.03 states the School Board may accept a gift, grant, or devise of real or personal property only by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Fridley Public Schools accepts with appreciation the following gifts received by the School District:

1. The following persons donated to **Early Childhood Education**:

- a. HyVee Meat Bundle gift card for the Fall Festival
- b. Target \$75 gift card for the Fall Festival

Motion by Auna, seconded by Keeler, to accept the gifts and thank the donors for their contributions. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

**B. Approval of the 2025-26 School Year Calendar**

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Auna to approve the 2025-26 School Year Calendar. Upon the vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

**C. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Keeler, seconded by Jones to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the business meeting held on October 22, 2024 and special meeting held on November 15, 2024; Financial Reports; New Contracts, Amendments, Leaves of Absence, Resignations and Terminations. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

**Important Future Board Dates**

- A.** FHS Fall Musical: Urinetown  
November 21, 22, 23 at 7:00 PM  
District Auditorium
- B.** No School: Thanksgiving Break  
November 28 & 29
- C.** Hayes Better Together Meeting  
December 2 at 5:00 PM  
Hayes Elementary
- D.** FHS Conferences  
December 4 at 4:00-8:00 PM  
Fridley High School
- E.** RLS 4th Grade Concert  
December 5 at 5:30 PM  
District Auditorium
- F.** Free Family Movie Night: Ultraman Rising  
December 6 at 7:00 PM  
District Auditorium
- G.** FMS Holiday Band and Choir Concert  
December 10 at 7:00 PM  
District Auditorium
- H.** RLS PTO Meeting  
December 11 at 5:00 PM  
Stevenson Elementary

- I. FMS Family BINGO  
December 12 at 5:00 PM  
Fridley Middle School
- J. Fridley Public Schools School Board Meeting  
December 17  
Fridley Community Center  
5:30 PM Work Session  
7:00 PM Truth in Taxation  
7:30 PM Business Meeting

**Adjournment**

Motion by Keeler, seconded by Auna to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

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Jake Karnopp, Board Chair

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Ross Meisner, Board Clerk