

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
St. Cloud Area School District 742
St. Cloud, Minnesota
July 23, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Education of St. Cloud Area School District 742 was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at the District Administration Office, 1201 South 2nd Street, Waite Park, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Vice Chair Zachary Dorholt filling in for Chair Shannon Haws with the following Board Members present: Scott Andreasen, Al Dahlgren, Natalie Copeland (Ringsmuth), Zach Dorholt, Diana Fenton, Heather Weems. Absent: Shannon Haws.

I. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Moved by Copeland, seconded by Andreasen to approve the Board Meeting agenda.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Fenton, Weems. Motion carried.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Board member Copeland to remove Item D - Acceptance of Grant Awards and Donations from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Dahlgren, seconded by Andreasen to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C and E-M:

Approve the minutes from June 4, 2025 and June 18, 2025 board meetings.

Approve Bills and other Financial Transactions in the grand total amount of \$4,844,964.61.

Approve the following personnel changes pursuant to relevant laws and appropriate provisions of negotiated agreements between the Board of Education and exclusive representatives. For new hires, the indicated rates are consistent with current negotiated agreements and Board approved rates of pay. All rates/salaries listed do not include fringe benefits.

LICENSED STAFF

New Hire

Jayna Carlson, Tier 3 SPED ABS Teacher, Talahi Community School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$49,141.

Kay Guelfi, Tier 4 Speech/Language Pathologist, Building to Be Determined, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$90,362.

Joseph Froelich, Tier 3 CTE/Math Teacher, Tech High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 4 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$53,149.

Emma Gent, Tier 3 Art Teacher, Apollo High School and North Junior High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$49,141.

Samantha Wiggins, Tier 4 SPED ABS Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 5 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$54,720.

Abigail Peichel, Tier 3 Grade 2 Teacher, Talahi Community School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$49,141.

Jesse Formanek, Tier 2 SPED ABS Teacher, North Junior High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$49,141.

Michael Menth, Tier 4 Social Studies/C4 Teacher, North Junior High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 5 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$54,720.

Ariana Schurman, Tier 3 Pre-K Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School and Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (.80 FTE of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$39,312.80.

Hannah Schneider, Tier 3 Kindergarten Teacher, Discovery Community School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$49,141.

Maran Marsh, Tier 3 School Nurse, Quarryview Education Center, Katherine Johnson Education Center, and Non-Public, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 3 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$61,807.

Hawah Worlobah, Tier 3 SPED ABS Teacher, Westwood Elementary School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 3 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,741.

David Symalla, Tier 4 Language Arts Teacher, Tech High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 7 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$54,720.

Katherine McGill, Tier 3 SPED ASD Teacher, Discovery Community School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 4 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$64,119.

Kelly Romo, Tier 4 Secondary Literacy Specialist, North Junior High School and Kennedy Community School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 4 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$64,119.

Paula Nagengast, Tier 3 Grade 5 Teacher, Madison Elementary School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$49,141.

Wayne Guzy, Tier 4 Grade 5 Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 3 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,741.

Hala Alrikabi, Tier 1 ESCE B-3 Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA+30, Pay Level 3 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$59,041.

Stephanie Harbulak-Barron, Tier 4 Secondary Literacy Specialist, Apollo High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$90,362.

Erin Hanson, Tier 1 Speech/Language Pathologist, Building to Be Determined, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$69,850.

Tessa Krauel, Tier 3 ESCE B-3 Teacher, Talahi Community School and Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$49,041.

Sundee Kuechle, Tier 3 Grade 2 Spanish Immersion Teacher, Clearview Elementary School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 6 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$67,582.

Taylor Anderson, Tier 1 Math Teacher, Apollo High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$49,041.

Victoria Dutra, Tier 2 Grade 5 Teacher, Oak Hill Community School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$49,041.

Samuel Gerds, Tier 1 Science Teacher, Kennedy Community School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA+20, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$54,317.

Michael Morford, Tier 4 School Counselor, Tech High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 6 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$80,418.

Alexis Shoberg, Tier 1 Math Teacher, North Junior High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$49,041.

Rebecca Atkinson, Tier 4 Grade 2 Teacher, Oak Hill Community School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 10 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$87,658.

Taylor Rouillard, Tier 1 SPED Elementary Teacher, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$59,497.

Emily Wehri, Tier 4 SPED ABS Teacher, South Junior High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA+10, Pay Level 8 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$57,070.

Laura Vernier, Tier 2 Guidance Counselor, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 5 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$66,427.

Rehire

Gloria Reyes Aparicio, Tier 1 SPED ABS Teacher, Discovery Community School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA+40, Pay Level 3 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$61,807.

Jessie Mortensen, Tier 4 ECSE Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA+30, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$85,003.

Bjorn Johnson, Tier 4 SPED ABS Teacher, Roosevelt Education Center and Journey, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA+40, Pay Level 5 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$66,427.

Kristin Mattick, Tier 4 Choir Teacher, North Junior High School and Apollo High School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$90,362.

Nicole Borgstrom, Tier 4 Due Process Coach, District Administrative Office, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane MA+30, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$85,003.

Leave of Absence

Samantha Dahlof, Kindergarten Teacher, Discovery Community School, effective September 15, 2025 through November 10, 2025.

Lydia Dieterich, EL Teacher, North Junior High School, effective August 25, 2025 through June 1, 2026.

Resignation

Katelyn Dietrich, SPED Speech/Language Pathologist, District Wide, effective June 2, 2025.

Lien Nguyen, Due Process Coach, District Wide, effective June 2, 2025.

Iqro Hussein, Grade 2 Teacher, Discovery Community School, effective June 2, 2025. Ms. Hussein was previously on a leave of absence.

Retirement

Craig Aycock, Social Studies Teacher, Tech High School, effective June 2, 2025, after 28 years of service in District 742. Mr. Aycock is also ending all athletic assignments including Assistant Football Coach, Equipment Manager, Junior High Basketball Coach, and Head Track Coach.

Correction

Nicole Palm, Early Childhood Family Education Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, retirement effective June 18, 2025, after 36 years of service in District 742. This is a correction to the February 19, 2025 Board action on the consent agenda where this item was listed with a last day of service of June 2, 2025.

Ashley Mirzakhani, Tier 3 ECSE Teacher, Building to Be Determined, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a

salary of \$49,141. This is a correction to the June 18, 2025 Board action on the consent agenda where this item was listed as a Tier 1.

NON-LICENSED STAFF

New Hire

Nathaniel Pearson, Information Systems Analyst, District Administrative Office, effective July 21, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$30.50.

Chelsy Hill, ASL Sign Language Interpreter, Discovery Community School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$28.67.

Alondra Collette, Early Childhood Instructional Paraeducator, Clearview Elementary School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Brittany Binek, Behavior Truancy Interventionist, Apollo High School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$29.00

Tyson Newville-Larson, Summer Groundskeeper, District Wide, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$16.00.

Syrece Lepper, Behavior Resource Specialist, Apollo High School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$29.00.

Jennifer Lee, LPN, Quarryview Education Center, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$30.00.

Juan Calleros, Literacy Accountability Associate, Quarryview Education Center, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.00.

Owen Sandlund, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Talahi Community School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Sage Paulson, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, South Junior High School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Jackie Panek, Level 4 Advanced SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$20.50.

Jaedyn Knutson, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, South Junior High School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Kayla Goebel, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Madison Elementary School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Maleeka Awaitey Teye, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Madison Elementary School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Dalton Anderson, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Talahi Community School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Jennifer Drakkar, Girls' Swimming Head Coach, Tech High School, effective August 11, 2025, with an annual stipend of \$7,375.

Izaiah Yeager, Security Officer, Tech High School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.00

Desmond Little, Dean of Students, North Junior High School, effective August 11, 2025, with an annual salary of \$55,000.

Lisa Edelbrock, Third Party Billing Coordinator, District Administrative Office, effective June 12, 2025, with an annual salary of \$70,000.

Reassignment

Paulette Price, Clerical Class III (12-Month), Apollo High School, effective July 22, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$21.24.

Rehire

Mohamud Aden, Boys' Head Soccer Coach, Tech High School, effective August 11, 2025, with an annual stipend of \$5,771.

Noelle Sandoval, SPED Early Childhood Instructional Paraeducator, Quarryview Education Center, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Surbjote Sachdeva, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Madison Elementary School, effective September 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Extended Contract

Joshua Bentley, Accounting Coordinator, District Administration Office, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, (5 additional days of a full-time contract). Mr. Bentley's salary for this assignment will be \$2,017.40.

Resignation

Melissa Wiechmann, Clerical Paraeducator, Discovery Community School, effective July 8, 2025.

Tonysha Bridges, Security Officer, Tech High School, effective May 23, 2025.

Ty Cooley, Security Officer, McKinley-ALC, effective May 23, 2025.

Emily Sims, Level IV Program Paraeducator, Roosevelt Education Center, effective May 30, 2025.

Melissa Peterson, Kitchen Facilitator, Westwood Elementary School, effective May 30, 2025.

Amina Shire, Early Childhood Instructional Paraeducator, Lincoln Elementary School, effective May 30, 2025.

Myols Markett, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Talahi Community School, effective May 30, 2025.

Nicholas Duncanson, Behavior Truancy Interventionist, Apollo High School, effective May 30, 2025.

Selina Kremer, Clerical Class II (12-Month), District Administrative Office, effective June 30, 2025. Ms. Kremer is still active as a Building Attendant.

Emily Elmquist, EL Enrollment & Assessment Coordinator, District Administrative Office, effective June 6, 2025.

Kaitlyn Milliamne, Bus Driver, District Services Building, effective May 30, 2025.

Adam Molde, Computer Programmer, District Administration Office, effective July 2, 2025.

Abubakar Wasuge, Bus Driver, District Services Building, effective June 2, 2025.

Everett Burris, Bus Driver, District Services Building, effective May 30, 2025.

Tanya Wilking, Nutritional Services Substitute, District Wide, effective December 5, 2024.

Retirement

Gerald Horsch, Head Engineer, Apollo High School, effective September 30, 2025, after 50 years of service in District 742.

Mary Jo Hoefer, Intervener, Lincoln Elementary School, effective September 19, 2025, after 27 years of service in District 742.

Deceased

Suleiman Abdi, Float Custodian, District Wide, effective July 2, 2025.

Position Eliminated

Leanna Neuschwander, Mental Health Advocate, Quarryview Education Center, effective June 5, 2025.

Ahmed Tobe, Computer Programmer, District Administration Office, effective July 2, 2025.

Correction

Lucia Shyiak, Clerical Class II (10-Month), Tech High School, resignation effective June 17, 2025. This is a correction to the May 7, 2025 Board action on the consent agenda where this item was listed with a last day of service of June 6, 2025.

Approve the Monthly Financial Report for May 2025.

Approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for May 2025.

There were no Board Member expenses incurred from April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

Approve the Resolution Relating to the Ten-Year Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan.

Review of Minnesota State High School League School Board Membership Letter.

Approve Proposed Revised Board Policy 699 – Closing of District Facilities Due to Inclement Weather or Other Emergency Conditions (*Third Reading*).

Approve Proposed Revised Board Policy 802 – Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material (*Third Reading*).

Approve Apollo Parking Lot Improvements Change Orders Totaling +\$165,199.00.

Approve the 2025-2027 Board of Education Bargaining Principles.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Fenton, Weems. Motion carried.

Moved by Dahlgren, seconded by Weems to approve Consent Agenda Item D (Acceptance of Grant Awards and Donations).

Board member Copeland recused herself from this agenda item.

1. Donations to Apollo High School:
 - \$1,000 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund of Central MN Community Foundation for the Bev Williams Scholarship
 - \$250 from Jeffrey and Mary Skaalerud for the Lindquist Scholarship
 - \$1,395 from Anthony Kroll for the Sister Tonie Rausch Scholarship
 - \$5,000 from Community Giving on behalf of the Ann and Mark Thelen Fund to purchase backpacks, school supplies, and shoes
 - \$750 from St. Cloud Orthopedic Associates LTD for Athletics Summer Program T-Shirts
2. Donation to Katherine Johnson Education Center:
 - \$10,000 from MinnWest Bank for the Grab-N-Go Food Shelf
3. Donations to Quarryview Education Center:
 - \$100 gift card from Kwip Trip to purchase food, snacks or drinks for the AI Summit
 - 5 cases of bottled water from Traut Companies for the AI Summit
4. Donations to Tech High School:
 - \$1,000 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund of Central MN Community Foundation for the Tiffany Haugen Scholarship
 - \$15,000 from Minnesota Vikings Football LLC for the Girls' Flag Football Program
 - \$700 from Central MN Arts Board for Artist in Residence
 - Alto Saxophone from Nicole Ostendorf for the Band Program
 - \$1,500 from St. Cloud Area Youth Basketball Association for the SCAYBA Scholarship
 - \$2,000 from Ajay Prakash for the Prakash Family Scholarship
5. Donations to District 742:
 - \$310 from the Superintendent's Cabinet Team for the Superintendent's Cabinet Scholarship
 - \$250 from Justin and Amy Skaalerud for the Lindquist Scholarship
 - \$230 from Anthony Kroll for the Sister Tonie Social Justice Scholarship
 - \$100 from Ronald and Marilou Sommers for the Sister Tonie Social Justice Scholarship
 - \$1,280.40 from District 742 LEAF for the PAKCAT Program
 - \$500 from Granite City Lumberjacks to purchase mental health videos for Student Services

On roll call, the following voted "aye": Andreasen, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Haws, Weems.
Abstained: Copeland. Motion passed 5-0.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Presentation of Plan to Seek Feedback on Graduation

Dr. Jason Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, provided information around a plan to seek feedback on the graduation commencement ceremony after a situation at the Tech graduation at River's Edge Convention Center on May 31, 2025, when spectators got into an incident during the procession leaving the ceremony. While we always hold a debriefing session after graduation or any other large events, our purpose is to gather actionable input from key stakeholders specifically around future graduation ceremonies while focusing on safety, belonging, collaboration and excellence. Superintendent Laurie Putnam noted that St. Cloud Police Department charged five persons from this event. Dr. Harris also noted that we have not had any incidents in the past 13 years.

Our stakeholder feedback strategy over three weeks will include administering surveys to students and families in August and September for the graduating classes of 2025, 2026, and 2027, and host optional listening sessions for families and staff. Use graduation team, administrators, and St. Cloud Police Department debrief data along with stakeholder feedback. Gather the data from all stakeholders, highlight themes, and present findings at the October 15, 2025 school board meeting.

Feedback themes to explore include (1) dignity and recognition for each graduate, (2) safety and crowd control, (3) accessibility and inclusion (language, mobility, sensory needs), (4) expectations and enforcement (noise, behavior, decorum), (5) communication pre-event and at-event clarity, and (6) venue floor plan layout.

Board member feedback included adding a general purpose statement of what we would like to accomplish at our graduation commencement ceremonies before we gather stakeholder feedback. What is the purpose and what do we want to get out of graduation so we have an end product in mind.

IV. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. (DISCUSSION ITEM) – 2024-2025 Activities Update

Dr. Jason Harris introduced Karl Heine, Apollo High School Activities Director and Hillary Johnson, Tech High School Activities Director, as they presented an in-depth overview of the activities program within the district.

- Minnesota State High School League partnership and focus areas of safe, respectful, and inclusive environments for all participants, supporting coaches, officials, and administrators, and education beyond the classroom. Our purpose is to create a culture where students embrace a growth mindset that empowers them to explore their passions. We believe that sportsmanship builds character by teaching values of respect, discipline, inclusion, and accountability. The work

ethic is a combination of growth, mindset, and commitment. Attitudes can be learned and cultivated. A positive attitude of one brings positive outcomes for all. We learn together, we grow together, and we succeed together.

- 2024-2025 updates and celebration review – we have a commitment to belonging. Admission to activities is free to students at all venues. Removal of barriers for students to participate. We have a commitment to safety by offering safe and respectful environments and professional development for coaches. We have a commitment to collaboration that includes new activities and growing activities through DECA, Speech, Girls' Volleyball, Gaming and E-sports, and student groups. Recruiting and participation through Middle Level Activity Day, youth programming opportunities, elementary and middle level school connections, and Homecoming Day activities. Our community connections include Community Education with One District, One Book, St. Cloud Crush Interact Club with St. Cloud Rotary and Future Rotarians, and volunteer work with many organizations. We have many state, national, and international qualifiers.
- 2025-2026 looking ahead with activities programming to build community connections with our youth programs, continued responsive programming efforts and future innovations, add middle level co-ed swim program in Spring 2026, and updating facilities and equipment needs. Increased facility exposure via MSHSL large events, development of student leadership through MSHSL S.A.L.T. and Positive Coaching Alliance, enhanced professional development, and support of coaches/advisors with increased efforts to mentor our new coaches.

B. (ACTION ITEM) – Approval of Boys' Swim and Dive Co-op

Dr. Jason Harris introduced Karl Heine, Apollo High School Activities Director and Hillary Johnson, Tech High School Activities Director, as they presented a request for a Boys' Swim and Dive Co-op opportunity.

Forming Crush Cooperatives provides benefits of participation numbers, safety of all student participants, access and opportunity for our district students, and allows them to stay in the district.

The why behind a new Boys' Swim and Dive Cooperative include both Apollo and Tech will have less than 10 participants, general competitiveness, and fiscal responsibility for limited district funds.

Next Steps:

- School Board Approval
- Central Lakes Conference Approval
- Section Approval
- Submit Cooperative to MSHSL
- Fill Head Coach Position and Coaching Staff

- Season Competition Schedule
- Practice and Facilities Schedule
- Develop Middle Level Co-Ed Swim Program by Spring 2026
- Increase exposure by adding Hudl Cameras at each pool to livestream events

Moved by Dahlgren, seconded by Dorholt to approve the new Boys' Swim and Dive Co-op as presented.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Fenton, Weems. Motion carried.

C. (ACTION ITEM) – Approval of 2025-2026 Membership Renewal in the Minnesota State High School League

Dr. Jason Harris reviewed Administration’s request for Membership Renewal in the Minnesota State High School League for 2025-2026.

Moved by Andreasen, seconded by Copeland to approve Membership Renewal in the Minnesota State High School League for 2025-2026.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Fenton, Weems. Motion carried.

D. (ACTION ITEM) – Approval of 2025-2026 Membership Renewal in the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA)

Superintendent Laurie Putnam reviewed Administration’s request for Membership Renewal in the Minnesota School Boards Association for 2025-2026.

Moved by Dahlgren, seconded by Andreasen to approve Membership Renewal in the Minnesota School Boards Association for 2025-2026.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Fenton, Weems. Motion carried.

E. (ACTION ITEM) – Approval of 2025-2026 Membership Renewal in the Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD)

Superintendent Laurie Putnam reviewed Administration’s request for Membership Renewal in the Association of Metropolitan School Districts for 2025-2026.

Moved by Dorholt, seconded by Weems to approve Membership Renewal in the Association of Metropolitan School Districts for 2025-2026.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Fenton, Weems. Motion carried.

F. (ACTION ITEM) – Summary Evaluation of the Superintendent

Board Personnel and Negotiations Committee Chair Natalie Copeland read the Summary Evaluation of the Superintendent.

Moved by Copeland, seconded by Andreasen to approve the 2024-2025 Summary Evaluation of the Superintendent.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Fenton, Weems. Motion carried.

V. **REPORTS**

A. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Laurie Putnam provided an update on the Superintendents’ Delegation to China in late June that included thirteen representatives from the Minnesota Department of Education and other school districts around the state. The purpose was to create partnerships with schools in China to expand opportunities for the ISD 742 Chinese Immersion Program, learning about the Chinese education system, and collaborate with MN delegation partners.

Next steps include a late July meeting with Minnesota Superintendents to develop shared resources and an in-state conference for Chinese Immersion Programming, onboard an Immersion Coordinator, start Immersion Family and Educator Advisory Groups, create sister school relationships, and pursue exchange programs and homestays.

B. Board of Education Standing Committee Reports

1. Al Dahlgren, Chair of the Legislative Board Committee, noted the committee met on July 21, 2025, and discussed three items: (1) Putting together a list of resolutions for the MSBA Delegate Conference, (2) 2026 Legislative Platform, and (3) Scheduling meetings in August and October.
2. Heather Weems, Chair of the Board Finance Committee, noted the committee met on July 14, 2025, and reviewed (1) Multipurpose Athletic Facility Project Update, (2) Schedule Additional Finance Committee Meeting in July, and (3) Apollo Parking Lot Change Orders.
3. Scott Andreasen noted a meeting was held by the GraNet Fiber Optics Joint Powers Board on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. Both he and Al Dahlgren are members

of the 2025 committee. Mr. Dahlgren shared that GraNet is owned by both the City of St. Cloud and the school district cooperatively and anyone else who is using the services is leasing high speed fiber from us which brings our cost down from the lease money that is received from cities, townships, colleges, and school districts.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

August 6, 2025 Board Meeting/Work Session topics will include:

- Elementary Boundary Review Process
- Approval of the 2025-2026 Health and Dental Insurance Plan Renewals and Premiums
- 2025-2026 Student and Family Handbooks Review
- Review Board Policy 506 - Student Discipline
- Code of Conduct Review

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING

Moved by Copeland, seconded by Andreasen to adjourn the Board meeting. All Board members stated “aye”. The Board meeting concluded at 8:49 p.m.

Heather Weems, Clerk

These minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Board of Education.