

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Board Chair Deb Ulm on the **4th day of February 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** in the District Center Board Room.

Roll Call: Members Present: Melissa Lynch, Deb Ulm, Dawn Bourdeaux, and Scott Bowman. Members Absent: Eric Minks, Eric Strandberg, and Jennifer Super.

Others present: Superintendent Ben Barton, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, Director of Human Resources Jason Senne, Primary Principal Shannon Bruskiwicz, Princeton Online Principal Rebecca Fuller, Director of Nutrition Services Deanna Cooley, and Student Council Representatives Ellie Lynch and Morgan Mundt.

STUDENT SHOWCASE Shannon Bruskiwicz presented about the Primary School reading buddies program.

REPORTS **Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board member attended.**

Dawn Bourdeaux Agenda Planning, Community Task Force Meeting; Finance Committee; Community Education Advisory Council.

Scott Bowman None

Melissa Lynch Community Task Force

Deb Ulm Agenda Planning; Community Task Force Meeting; Finance Committee Meeting

Student Council Report: Student council will be lunch buddies at Primary in March. The pop tab drive is wrapping up this week and it appears as though the teachers will have collected more than students. February is Black History Month and the student council put together a bulletin board featuring notable individuals. FFA is selling flowers for Valentine's day next week, and the student council will sell candy-grams.

Superintendent Report: We are upgrading our website over the spring and

summer to meet recent ADA requirements. We are also upgrading our Skyward software which will roll out in the summer of 2026. Today a crisis simulation took place to practice our responses to help us learn ways to improve our school safety. Next week's task force will have the group discussing recommendations based on the work done over the last several months.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Scott Bowman, **to approve the agenda as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS and ACT on PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Scott Bowman, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to approve the January 21st board meeting minutes as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to approve the consent agenda as presented.** Motion passed unanimously. Personnel, bills, and fundraisers were approved.

INFORMATION

The board started their information session at 6:16 p.m. The items discussed were:

- Nutrition Services Update
- Princeton Online MN Update
- Senior Admission to Activities/Sports
- Revised Budget
- First Reading of Policies

ACTION

Parameters:

Enrollment

Motion made by Melissa Lynch seconded by Dawn Bourdeaux, **to estimate the 2025-2026 K-12 enrollment at 3101 students as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

State Legislature

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to accept the state**

increase at 2.4% as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Class Sizes

Motion made by Scott Bowman, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to approve the recommended class size ranges as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA- None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Community Task Force - Feb 11, 6:00pm

Activities Advisory - Feb 12, 2:00pm

Agenda Planning - Feb 13, 12:00pm

Public Engagement - Feb 18, 5:00pm

School Board Meeting - Feb 18, 6:00pm

ADJOURN

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to adjourn the meeting.** Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Deb Ulm

Melissa Lynch

Recorder- Emily McKinnon