

Minutes
School Board Business Meeting
Fridley Independent School District 14
June 17, 2025

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Karnopp called the Business Meeting of the Fridley School Board to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Fridley Community Center. The following Board members were present in the room: Nikki Auna, Sara Jones, Jake Karnopp, Ross Meisner, and Avonna Starck Absent: Student representative Aiyanna Shobe

Approval of the Agenda with Suggested Motions and Resolutions

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Starck, to approve the agenda for June 17, 2025. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent and Staff Reports

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Lewis welcomed Aaron Cuthbert from Fridley Education Association to help present on the 2025-27 FEA Master Agreement that was unanimously approved by the FEA group; Principal Veronica Mathison joined Superintendent Lewis to present on the Fridley Association of School Principals 2025-2027 Master Agreement that also was unanimously approved by the principal group; Students from FHS were present to present on a Spring Activities and Athletics recap and to discuss the Boys Volleyball inaugural season; Superintendent Lewis introduced our new FMS Principal and FPS Alum, Jordan Halverson; Activities Director Justin Reese gave an update on the Baseball Field updates happening at Fridley Public Schools; Superintendent Lewis discuss eht 2025-2027 School Resource Officer (SRO) agreements with City of Fridley Police Department and acknowledged their continued partnership with the district; Assistant Superintendent Rochelle Cox discuss the Lead in Water Report that passed testing levels; Superintendent Lewis reviewed the graduations & celebrations throughout the district at Preschool, Grade 4, Grade 8 and ALC, High School; Superintendent Lewis discussed the wonderful City Council and City Employee tours that were given at FPS; Superintendent Lewis presented Matthew Engelhardt as our new Principal of VISTA and unveiled the new 2025-26 Organizational Chart of the cabinet and principals; Board Member Jones gave updates on NE Metro 916; SUpervisorintendent Lewis gave insights into the legislative session that just finished and its impact on Fridley Public Schools in the future; and a touching recognition was given for State Representative Melissa Hortman and State Senator John Hoffman.

Business Action Items

A. Motion: Approval of the 2025-2027 Fridley Education Association Master Agreement

Motion by Starck, seconded by Jones to approve the 2025-2027 Fridley Education

Association Master Agreement. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Motion: Approval of the 2025-2027 Fridley Association of School Administrators Master Agreement

Motion by Auna, seconded by Jones to approve the 2025-2027 Fridley Association of School Administrators Master Agreement. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Motion: Approval the Budget for FY 2025-2026

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jones to approve the budget for FY 2025-2026. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

D. 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:

The following persons donated to **Hayes Elementary School**: Fridley United Methodist Church - \$1,362 for the family resource room and outreach

Motion by Starck, seconded by Auna 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 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Starck, seconded by Auna to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the business meeting held on May 20, 2025, Special Meeting on May 22, 2025, and Special Meeting on June 2, 2025; Monthly Financial Reports; New Contracts, Amendments, Leaves of Absence, Resignations, Retirements and Terminations; SRO Agreement; SRO Setting IV Agreement; Basement Renovation Professional Services Agreement; 2026-2027 School Year Calendar; Overnight Field Trip: FMS 7th Grade to Long Lake Conservation Center October 2025; Tech Refresh Lease; Authorization to Ehlers Investment Partners to act as the District's Investment Manager and designate Pershing LLC as an official depository to the District; Q Comp Report for 2024-25; and an Additional Professional Development Day on September 26, 2025 for the 2025-26 School Year Calendar. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

Important Future School Board Dates

1. No School - District Holiday
June 19, 2025
2. No School - District Holiday
July 4, 2025
3. Fridley Public Schools School Board Meeting
July 15, 2025
Fridley Community Center
5:30 PM Work Session
7:00 PM Public Comment
7:30 PM Business Meeting

Adjournment

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Auna to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

Jake Karnopp, Board Chair

Avonna Starck, Board Clerk