

Regular School Board Meeting, December 22, 2025

The Board of Independent School District 308 met on Monday, December 22, 2025, in the Media Center and via Zoom. Chair Andy Lindow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ben Hass, Andy Lindow, Karrin Lindow, Dave McGee, Jen McNamee, Aimee Plumley, and student representatives Paisleigh Brakke and Kyleigh-Ann Smart.

Mr. Bill Menozzi, Public Finance Director from PTMA Financial Solutions, presented a summary of the 2025 Payable 2026 Levy Certification for the Truth-in-Taxation hearing. The maximum levy limitation for payable 2026 has been established by the State of Minnesota at \$1,424,142.32, an increase of \$34,998.53 (2.52%) over the 2024 payable 2025 levy.

Lori Christenson from ICS presented the results of the community survey conducted November 14 through December 1. Results of the survey most strongly reflected the opinions of parents, staff, and those who closely follow the school and not to be considered representative of the entire community. Respondents overwhelmingly support a smaller, lower-cost referendum proposal with top priorities being HVAC, cafeteria/kitchen space, safe/secure entrances, general repairs/maintenance, and adequate parking/drop off.

Motion by Jen McNamee, second by Aimee Plumley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ben Hass, second by Andy Lindow to approve the financial reports as presented by Tom Haldeman, Accounts Payable Clerk, with a cash balance at the end of November of \$1,880,963.34. The Payment Register and payment of claims were approved in the amount of \$531,904.94. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Karrin Lindow, second by Dave McGee to amend the agenda add under Action Items, Item 10c. Resolution to Submit HVAC Improvement Air Quality Grant. On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Karrin Lindow to approve the following consent agenda items: donations as follows -

<i>Itasca Mantrap</i>	
3 rd Grade Flexible Seating	\$ 500.00
5 th Grade Fishing Trip	250.00
<i>Tom Aman</i>	
Robotics	250.00
<i>Protolab</i>	
Robotics	1,000.00
<i>Donors Choose</i>	
Robotics	782.00
<i>Angling Unlimited</i>	
Book Club	500.00

<i>Blackbaud</i>		
Elementary		500.00
<i>Youth Emergency Shelter & Supports</i>		
High School Movie & Pizza Ranch		296.42
for a total of \$4,078.42; minutes of the regular school board meeting held November 24, 2025; updates to School Board Policies 306 - Administrator Code of Ethics, 534 - Unpaid Meal Charges, 606 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials, and 712 - Video Recording Other Than On Buses. Motion carried unanimously.		
Motion by Karrin Lindow, second by Aimee Plumley to certify the maximum levy limitation for payable 2026 as established by the State of Minnesota at \$1,424,142.32, an increase of \$34,998.53 (2.52%) over the 2024 payable 2025 levy. On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.		

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Ben Hass to approve the resolution establishing the Nevis School as the combined polling place for multiple precincts from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dave McGee, second by Jen McNamee to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant proposal for the Minnesota Air Ventilation Pilot Grant Program for an HVAC project in the amount not to exceed \$200,000. On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Council representatives Paisley Brakke and Kyleigh-Ann Smart reported winter sports seasons are underway with the varsity girls basketball team's record currently at 2-3, the varsity boys basketball team is undefeated at 6-0, gymnastics and hockey team compete again January 3 and robotics will host their kickoff event at the school January 10.

Principal Michaelson reported the end of Quarter 2/Semester 1 is January 16. Students in grades 7-8 traveled to the Guthrie Theater December 4 to see *A Christmas Carol* with a tour of US Bank Stadium after the play. Early Childhood Family Education and the PTA hosted their annual Holiday Shoppe, visit from Santa and family movie night December 6. There was a scheduled two-hour late start December 10 with another scheduled for January 13. The Fall Art Show was on display in the Tiger Lobby December 15-19. The holiday music concerts were held December 8 for grades K-3, December 15 for grades 7-12 and December 16 for grades 4-6. Staff and students in grades 6-12 traveled to Bemidji December 23 for the annual day at the movies and lunch at Pizza Ranch. Winter break begins December 24 with classes resuming January 5.

Superintendent Seykora reported *U.S. News and World Reports* ranked Nevis Elementary School in the top 40% of best elementary schools in the nation. She and Tom Haldeman are in the planning stages of forming a community financial advisory committee for the District. Thanks to Emily Franck, Health/PE teacher, at

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least 45 staff were trained in CPR during the late start in December. Northwoods Bank is offering a paid internship to interested Nevis junior or senior students. Miranda Kowalke and Finnegan Henry were chosen as the Nevis School nominees for the Minnesota State High School League ExCEL Award. And, Adeline Bjorklund and Elliot Harris were chosen as the Nevis School nominees for the Minnesota State High School League Triple 'A' Award.

Motion by Karrin Lindow, second by Jen McNamee to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for January 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Plumley, Clerk