

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Board Chair Deb Ulm on the **19th day of May 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the District Center Board Room.

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

Others present: Superintendent Pat Devine, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, Director of Human Resources Jason Senne and Student Council Representative Mick Dudek.

STUDENT SHOWCASE: Superintendent Devine presented commendation certificates for winter activities.

Citizen Comments: None

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

Melissa Lynch Referendum Communications Meeting; Finance Committee; School Board Scholars

Eric Minks Finance Committee

Dawn Bourdeaux Agenda Planning; School Board Scholars; Resource Students of Excellence

Scott Bowman School Board Scholars

Eric Strandberg Finance Committee; School Board Scholars

Deb Ulm Agenda Planning; School Board Scholars; Chamber Lunch and Learn

Student Council Report: Preschool graduation is next week. Primary and Intermediate, and High School have end of year celebrations coming up. High School graduation is coming up next week.

Superintendent Report: The district is appreciative of the voters who took the time to come out to vote for the May 12 referendum.

The 40th school board scholar banquet took place and we are incredibly proud of those students. Rum River broke ground on their new level 4 building. The Princeton Area Chamber heard the state of the district last week. We have been celebrating and recognizing staff years of service and several retirements. The Onward program is projecting higher enrollment next year so we are looking at options for more physical space. District is upgrading the Skyward system this summer.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Eric Minks, **to approve the agenda after moving the referendum presentation to the beginning, as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS and ACT on PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Eric Strandberg seconded by Dawn Bourdeaux, **to approve the May 5 regular meeting minutes as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Eric Minks, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to approve the consent agenda as presented.** Motion passed unanimously. Personnel, bills, and grants were approved.

INFORMATION

The board started their information session at 6:36 p.m. The items discussed were:

- 2026-27 Budget

ACTION

MSHSL Annual Membership Resolution

Motion made by Scott Bowman, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to accept the MSHSL Membership Resolution** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Eric Strandberg, Melissa Lynch, Eric Minks, Deb Ulm, Dawn Bourdeaux, and Scott Bowman, Against: none. Motion passed 6:0

Resolution Canvassing Returns of Special Election

Motion made by Eric Minks, seconded by Dawn Bourdeaux, **to accept the resolution canvassing the returns of the special election** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Scott Bowman, Dawn Bourdeaux, Deb Ulm, Eric Minks, Melissa Lynch, and Eric Strandberg. Against: none. Motion passed 6:0

Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges of Special Election

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Eric Minks, **to accept the official returns and summary statements of judges related to the May 12, 2026 special election** as presented.

Resolution Non-Renewing a Probationary Licensed Staff

Motion made by Eric Strandberg, seconded by Eric Minks, **to accept the resolution non-renewing a probationary licensed staff** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dawn Bourdeaux, Deb Ulm, Scott Bowman, Eric Strandberg, Melissa Lynch, and Eric Minks. Against: none. Motion passed 6:0

At-Will Contracts

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Scott Bowman, **to accept the at-will contracts** as presented.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA- None

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Community Education Advisory - May 20, 12:30pm
- Tiger Community Connections - May 28, 7:30am
- High School Graduation - May 29, 7:00pm
- Agenda Planning - June 11, 12:00pm
- Policy Committee - June 16, 5:00pm
- Work Session - June 16, 6:00pm

ADJOURN

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Eric Minks, **to adjourn the meeting.** Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Deb Ulm

Melissa Lynch

Recorder- Emily McKinnon