

Minutes
School Board Business Meeting
Fridley Independent School District 14
January 20, 2026

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, January 20, 2026, at the Fridley Community Center. The following Board members were present in the room: Nikki Auna, Jake Karnopp, and Avonna Starck. The following Board members were present online: Sara Jones, Sara Schreiner, and Pajjar Yang. Absent: Student representative Aiyanna Shobe & Malik Bah

Oath of Office

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members: Auna, Schreiner, Starck & Yang.

Organization of the Board

Motion by Auna to nominate Jake Karnopp as Board Chair. Seconded by Starck. No further nominations. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, Jake Karnopp abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Auna to nominate Sara Jones as Vice Chair. Seconded by Starck. No further nominations. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, Sara Jones abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Starck to nominate Nikki Auna as Treasurer. Seconded by Jones. No further nominations. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, Nikki Auna abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Auna to nominate Avonna Starck as Clerk. Seconded by Schreiner. No further nominations. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, Avonna Starck abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of the Agenda with Suggested Motions and Resolutions

Motion by Auna, seconded by Jones, to approve the agenda for January 20, 2026. Upon roll call vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent and Staff Reports

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Lewis thanked the paraeducators in the district and celebrated Paraeducator week of January 19-25; Assistant Superintendent Cox, along with Rob from InBYLT, Athletic Director Reese presented on the Summer Capital Projects in the

District; Declaration as requested by the Attorney General; Statutory Operating Debt Resolution; e-Learning; Statement by Superintendent Lewis; Upcoming Work Sessions; Board Updates: Member Jones reviewed the MSBA Leadership Conference.

Business Action Items

A. Motion: School Board Organization and Annual Authorization for 2026

Motion by Auna, seconded by Starck to approve the School Board Organization and Annual Authorizations for 2026. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

B. RESOLUTION Accepting Gifts

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 6-0.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Starck, seconded by Auna to approve the consent agenda including the statutory operating debt resolution; minutes of the business meeting held on December 16, 2025 and the special meeting held on January 15, 2026; New Contracts, Amendments, Leaves of Absence, Resignations, Retirements and Terminations. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Important Future School Board Dates

1. IB MYP Personal Project Celebration
January 21, 2026 3:30-5:30 PM
Fridley High School
2. Hayes Conferences
January 21, 2026 4-7 PM
Hayes Elementary
3. 7th and 8th grade Winter Formal Dance
January 22, 2026 5-7 PM
Fridley Middle School
4. No School - Evaluation / Planning Day
January 23, 2026
5. Hayes Conferences

January 27, 2026 4-7 PM
Hayes Elementary

6. Incoming 5th grade night
January 28, 2026 5-6 PM
Fridley Middle School
7. Incoming 9th grade night
January 28, 2026 6-7 PM
Fridley High School
8. No School - Staff Development
January 30, 2026
9. Hayes Team Tower Bingo Night
February 5, 2026 5-6:30 PM
Hayes Elementary
10. Free Family Movie Night - "Bad Guys 2"
February 6, 2026 7PM
District Auditorium
11. ECFE Friendship Dance
February 7, 2026
FCC
12. Better Together Family Meeting
February 9, 2026 5-5:30 PM
Hayes Elementary
13. FMS Winter concert - Grades 6 & 7
February 10, 2026 7 PM
Fridley Middle School
14. RLS PTO Meeting
February 11, 2026 5-5:45 PM
RLS Elementary
15. No School - District Holiday
February 16, 2026
16. Fridley Public Schools School Board Meeting
February 17, 2026
Fridley Community Center

5:30 PM Work Session
7:00 PM Public Forum
7:30 PM Business Meeting

Adjournment

Motion by Starck, seconded by Auna to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Jake Karnopp, Board Chair

Avonna Starck, Board Clerk