INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #656

Regular School Board Meeting
February 17, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
Faribault Public Schools
710 17th Street SW
Faribault, MN 55021

MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Members absent: Casie Steeves. Others in attendance were Student Board Representative Isse Ali, administrators, staff, and members of the public.

Chair Bellingham appointed Wolff as clerk for the meeting.

I. Call to Order
- A. Determination of a Quorum Present
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

III. Recognition, Awards, and Presentations - None

IV. Items of Information
- A. Reports from School Board Members Moore, Knudson, Boudreau, Wolff, and Bellingham
- B. Report from Student Board Representative Isse Ali
- C.Report from Superintendent Bente

V. Public Comments

VI. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the consent agenda.
- A. Minutes - January 26, 2026, and February 2, 2026
- B. Employment
- C. Additional Assignments/Other
- D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Accounts

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

VII. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Bellingham, to consider adoption of a Resolution Approving A Tax Increment Financing Plan For Tax Increment Financing District No. 20 In Development District No. 1 In the City of Faribault. The motion passed by roll-call vote after discussion, 5-1 (Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

VIII. District Advisory Committee - No report

IX. Policy Committee

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A. Policy Committee report by Linda Moore
B. First Reading of Policies
1. Revisions to Policy 306: Administrator Code of Ethics
2. Revisions to Policy 606: Textbooks and Instructional Materials
3. Revisions to Policy 712: Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses
4. Revisions to Policy 722: Public Data and Data Subject Requests

C. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the following policies:
5. Review of Policy 301: School District Administration
6. Review of Policy 302: Superintendent
7. Review of Policy 303: Superintendent Selection
8. Review of Policy 304: Superintendent Contract, Duties & Evaluation
9. Review of Policy 305: Policy Implementation

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

X. Other Committees
A. Finance Committee report by Lynda Boudreau
B. District Wellness Committee report by Candace Knudson
C. Facilities Committee report by Linda Moore and Chad Wolff

XI. Other Matters
A. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to approve Gifts/Donations - Resolution 26-18. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, 6-0.

B.Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Knudson, to consider approving the American Indian Education Aid Presentation. The motion passed after discussion, 5-1(Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

C. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Robicheau, to consider approving the New Position Request: College & Career Navigator 1.0 FTE. The motion passed after discussion, 5-1 (Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

D. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Knudson, to consider approving an increase in working days for the Assistant Director of Special Education. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

E. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approving the New Position Request: Behavior Facilitator 1.0 FTE. The motion passed after discussion 5-1 (Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

F. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Bellingham, to consider approving five (5) overloads for FOA. The motion passed after discussion, 4-2 (Boudreau, Robicheau, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Knudson and Moore voting against).

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XII. Dates to Remember

- February 18, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. - Community Education Advisory Council
- March 2, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. - Work Session
- March 3, 2026, at 3:45 p.m. - Policy Committee
- March 9, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. - Finance Committee
- March 12, 2026, at 7:45 a.m. - Facilities Committee Meeting
- March 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

XIII. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

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Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: March 16, 2026

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