

School Board Minutes  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 191  
December 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the ISD 191 Board of Education was called to order by Chair Werb at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Diamondhead Education Center, 200 West Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville, MN, 55337.

Call to Order

Directors Alt, Anderson, Chester, Hume, and Chair Werb were present. Directors Sachse and Mikkelsen were absent. Dr. Chris Bellmont, assistant superintendent, Student Board Representative Feven Tesfaye, administrators, staff and members of the public were also present.

Attendance

Chair Werb welcomed the audience and asked Director Hume to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moved by Chester, seconded by Alt, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously (5,0).

Agenda

The Truth in Taxation Hearing began at 6:35 p.m. Received a report about the Public hearing for Taxes Payable in 2026 from Stacy Sovine, executive director of administrative services, and Aaron Bushberger, senior municipal advisor with Ehlers.

Truth in Taxation Hearing

No speakers spoke at the Truth in Taxation Hearing.

Reports

The Public Hearing ended at 6:52 p.m. and the board moved back to its regular meeting immediately following.

Received a school report about Gideon Pond Elementary School from Dr. Chris Bellmont, assistant superintendent, Dr. Salma Hussein, principal, and Whitney Jones, student systems leadership specialist.

Received a report about the Burnsville High School Course Catalog from Jesús Sandoval, principal, Sarah Noble, assistant principal, and Colleen Coleman, secondary curriculum coordinator.

Received a report on the 2026-2027 Budget Initial Planning and FY27 Preliminary Current Reality from Stacey Sovine, executive director of administrative services.

Received a report from Feven Tesfaye, student board representative.

Received a Superintendent's report from Dr. Chris Bellmont, assistant superintendent.

Received Board Member Reports from Director Chester on District 917 and the District 191 Legislative Committee, Director Hume on the Minnesota School Board Association Delegate Assembly and Director Alt on the District 191 Policy Review Committee and the Community

Education Tinsel and Treats event.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Chester, to approve the consent agenda:

- Approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on November 22, 2025 and the Board of Education Retreat on November 17, 2025.
- Approve personnel recommendations for Megan Orlich-Sullivan, Thomas Boehlke, Emily Emery, Natalie Broich, Bryan Dykstra, Brian Pickett, Steve McGee, Kern Wilson, Kristine Olson, Kirk Shellum, Nicole Gonzalez, Steven T McGee, Jason Riddersen, DeMario Richardson, Francie Duea, Ethan Lutz, Marie Burtnett, Joshua Loredo, Khadijo Adam, Constance Gise, Luis Molina Urgiles, Shannon Simpson, Kendyl Green, Carla Herrera Ordóñez, Ludwing Pedraza, Kendyl Green, James Reimers.
- Approve October payroll checks in the net amount of \$4,763,224.80. October claims to date, wire transfers and adjustments totaling \$13,561,085.34. Also, that the Board accepts October receipts of \$16,637,692.14 and investments for the General Fund and OPEB of \$103,823,119.47 as of October 31, 2025.
- Accept the Budget Analysis for the month ending October 31 2025.
- Receive a report about the Listening Session on November 22, 2025.
- Final Approval for the Burnsville Baseball Team's Trip to Scottsdale, Arizona.
- Approve, on a first and final Reading, no changes to policy 520: *Student Surveys*.

The motion carried unanimously (5,0).

Moved by Hume, seconded by Chester, to approve the Final Certification of Property Tax Levy Payable in 2026. The motion carried unanimously (5,0).

Moved by Alt, seconded by Anderson, to approve, on a first reading basis, changes to policies: 417: *Chemical Use and Abuse*, 709: *Student Transportation Safety Policy*, 712: *Video Surveillance Other Than On Buses*, 722: *Public Data Requests*, and 410: *Family and Medical Leave Policy*. The motion carried unanimously (5,0).

Moved by Hume, seconded by Anderson, to approve, on a first reading basis, changes to policies: 515: *Protection and Privacy of Public Records*, 519: *Interview of Students by Outside Agencies and 306: Administrator Code of Ethics*. The motion carried unanimously (5,0).

Moved by Alt, seconded by Hume, to approve, on a first reading basis, changes to Regulation 602R: *Organization of the School Calendar*. The motion carried unanimously (5,0).

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Alt, to approve, on a first reading basis, changes to policies: 513: *Student Promotion, Retention and Program Design* and 606: *Textbooks, Instructional Resources, and Library Materials*. The motion carried unanimously (5,0).

Moved by Werb, and seconded by Hume, to move to a recess. The motion

Consent Agenda  
Minutes  
Personnel  
Checks, claims,  
receipts and  
investments  
Budget Analysis  
Listening Session  
Extended Field  
Trip  
Policy 520

Final Certification  
of Property Tax  
Levy

Policies

Recess

carried unanimously (5,0).

The recess began at 8:06 p.m.

The Work Session to hold the Initial Budget Discussion around Enrollment Projection began at 8:16 p.m.

Having no further agenda items, Chair Werb adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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Board Clerk

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Date Approved

Work Session  
Adjourn

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