

BIG LAKE SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 727
BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 24, 2026
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools, was called to order on June 24, 2026 at 6:01 PM in the Middle School Student Center by Chair Reasoner.

II. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Ms. Chelsey Hancock, Ms. Amber Sixberry, Ms. Tonya Reasoner, Ms. Ashley Schabilion, and Mr. Derek Nelson. Absent: Ms. Lenette Brown.

III. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Sixberry to approve the agenda.

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Reasoner and the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. OPEN FORUM

No participants

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Sixberry seconded by Nelson to approve the following:

A. PREVIOUS MINUTES from the May 20, 2026 public hearing, the May 20, 2026 regular meeting, the June 10, 2026 special meeting, and the June 10, 2026 work session.

B. CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS for the month of June in the amount of \$1,122,181.22 checks 108729-108893.

C. CREDIT CARD REPORT

D. PERSONNEL

June 2026 Personnel				
Employee (Last, First Name)	Position	Building	Effective Date	Action Type
Molitor, Emiley	Program Secretary	Community Ed	06/11/2026	New Hire
Hillman, Kevin	Assistant Principal	Middle School	07/01/2026	New Hire
Sigafus, Alyssa	Head Coach	Athletics/Activities	08/17/2026	Rehire
Davis, Rachel	Building Substitute Teacher	Independence	05/08/2026	Resignation
Bringus, Rose	Teacher	Independence	08/24/2026	Transfer
Dietsch, Jessica	Teacher	Independence	08/24/2026	Transfer
Kvalheim, Emma	Teacher	Liberty	08/24/2026	Transfer
Egan, Matthew	Teacher	High School	08/24/2026	Rehire
Gunderson, Luther	Teacher	High School	08/24/2026	Rehire
Froiland, Abigail	Teacher	Independence	08/24/2026	New Hire

Purdy, Ryan	Teacher	High School	06/30/2026	Long-Term Leave of Absence
Purdy, Ryan	MTSS Coordinator	District Wide	07/01/2026	Transfer
Bonnett, Benjamin	Safety Wellness Coordinator	District Wide	07/01/2026	Transfer
Manuel, Angela	Director of Business Services	District Wide	01/12/2028	Retirement

E. DESIGNATION OF IDENTIFIED OFFICIAL WITH AUTHORITY FOR THE
MDE EXTERNAL USER ACCESS RECERTIFICATION SYSTEM

The motion carried 5-0.

VII. DONATIONS

A motion was made by Schabilion seconded by Sixberry to approve the following donations:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
The Connexus Energy Foundation	\$3,000.00	Scholarships for graduating seniors
Super Set Flooring & Tile LLC	\$250.00	High School Career Fair 2027
Spud Fest	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00 CPR Training for Staff, \$3,000.00 for new audiometers
Spud Fest	\$43,000.00	Field Trip expenses
Veit & Company	\$4,000.00	Senior Scholarships
Big Lake Boys Fast Break Club	\$620.33	Purchase game and practice balls for boys basketball
SAR Communications, LLC	\$5,000.00	Archery program

The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Director of Business Services, Angie Manuel, presented the financial report for May. A motion was made by Reasoner seconded by Nelson to approve the financial report and budget revisions as presented.

The motion carried 5-0.

IX. APPROVE BOND REFUNDING

A motion was made by Reasoner seconded by Schabilion to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING
REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026A; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE
THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR CREDIT ENHANCEMENT WITH RESPECT
THERE TO**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 727 (Big Lake), Minnesota (the District), as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION; PURPOSE. This Board hereby authorizes the issuance and sale of its General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A in the approximate principal amount of \$2,600,000 (the Bonds). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used, together with any additional funds of the District which might be required, to refund in advance of maturity and prepay the 2027 through 2033 maturities of the District's outstanding \$4,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2016B, dated originally as of July 27, 2016 (the Refunding). The purpose of the Refunding is to achieve debt service savings.

SECTION 2. SALE. The District has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc., in Minneapolis, Minnesota (Ehlers), as its independent municipal advisor in connection with the sale of the Bonds. Ehlers is authorized to solicit proposals for the Bonds in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2, paragraph (9). The Board shall meet at the time and place specified in the Official Statement for the Bonds to receive and consider proposals for the

purchase of the Bonds.

SECTION 3. OFFICIAL STATEMENT; PROPOSALS. Ehlers is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement for the Bonds and to open, read, and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.

SECTION 4. STATE CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of the Department of Education of the State of Minnesota (the Commissioner) of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding. (b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Management and Budget and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, Subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

SECTION 5. ESCROW AGREEMENT. The Chairperson and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an escrow agreement with Zions Bancorporation, National Association establishing the terms and conditions for the escrow account for the Refunding.

After a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

X. APPROVE 2026-2027 BUDGET

A motion was made by Sixberry seconded by Schabilion to approve the 2026-2027 revenue budget of \$62,407,723 and the expenditure budget of \$65,911,638.

The motion carried 5-0.

XI. RECERTIFY DISTRICT POPULATION ESTIMATE

A motion was made by Sixberry seconded by Nelson to approve the following resolution:

**CERTIFYING THE POPULATION ESTIMATE FOR THE 2026 PAYABLE 2027
LEVY OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 727, BIG LAKE SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Independent School District #727 has experienced an increase in population from the 2024 census figure of 20,864, to the current census figure of 21,060 as determined by the State Demographer.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District #727 that the census figure of 21,060 be certified to the State Demographer for approval of use in the 2026 payable 2027 revenue calculations.

After a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

XII. SECOND READING OF POLICIES

306 Administrator Code of Ethics; 405 Veteran's Preference; 515 Protection and Privacy of Public Records; 533 Wellness; 701 Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget.

XIII. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE/REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

a. Finance—reviewed budget

- b. Policy-no meeting
- c. Buildings and Grounds—Director of Buildings and Grounds, TJ Zerwas gave an update on projects
- d. School Board Representatives—WTC-Sixberry

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Truebenbach gave his monthly report to the board.

- a. Cabinet Department Update—none
- b. Safety and Security Update

Mr. Nelson left the meeting at 6:59 PM

XV. TOUR OF THE POOL AREA

Director of Buildings and Grounds, TJ Zerwas led the board members on a tour of the updated pool area.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reasoner adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Clerk, Ashley Schabilion
Approved July 22, 2026