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# Hastings Public Schools

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## **ISD 200 Finance, Facilities, and Joint Powers Committee Mission Statement:**

The mission of the ISD 200 Finance, Facilities, and Joint Powers Committee is to provide strategic guidance on budgetary, financial, and substantial facilities investment activities. These efforts prioritize sustainability, transparency, and equity, serving the School Board and the broader community.

The Committee is committed to fostering financial sustainability, ensuring transparency in decision-making, and supporting equity in resource allocation. It aims to enhance public confidence by effectively managing, maintaining, and improving district facilities, while educating stakeholders about facility usage, condition, and future outlook.

Working collaboratively with City of Hastings elected officials and staff collaborate on opportunities with the City under Joint Powers Programs. The Committee works to maximize shared resources through partnerships with the City, as outlined in Minnesota Statutes 124D.18 et. seq., to achieve meaningful outcomes for students and the community.

## **ISD 200 Finance, Facilities, and Joint Powers Committee Meeting:**

Friday, April 4, 2025 @ 7:30 a.m. at the Tilden Community Center

### **Attendees:**

School District: Mark Zuzek, Carrie Tate, Melissa Millner, Kari Gorr, Jen Seubert, Tammy Champa, Scott Stockdale, and LynDee Humble

City: Mya Beck, DawnMarie Vihrachoff, Tim Lawrence, Dan Wietecha, and Chris Jenkins

## **ISD 200 Finance, Facilities, and Joint Powers Committee Meeting Summary:**

1. At the time of the meeting, the documents for review were presently being reviewed by the City's legal representatives. As the City receives the documents they will forward them to the District. The District will review the documents and forward them to their legal representative.
2. The joint maintenance facility is no longer leased to the District, but is now co-owned by the City and the District. The document will now reflect this new reality and be a joint ownership agreement.
3. Both parties have agreed that there is a common expectation for informing the other partner of significant projects or facility improvements. This advanced timeline is critical for each partner's financial planning.
4. Both the District and the City explained their current financial situations. Both entities are facing challenging circumstances.
5. Dan Wietecha commented that the City is considering getting out of partnership agreements with the District. One specific partnership of significance is the partnership agreement involving the Senior Citizens Center.
6. The parties agreed that the collaborative City/School District joint meeting on April 21st would be used to discuss the challenges and opportunities that partnerships present. The organization of the agenda is as follows:
  - Review of Joint Powers History and Agreements
    - a. Historical Background - Dan Wietecha
    - b. Addendums A&B Kari Gorr
    - c. Addendums C&D Chris Jenkins
  - Financial situations of both the City and the School District
    - d. School District, Board Chair, Carrie Tate

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- e. City, Mayor, Mary Fasbender
  - Informal and Formal Partnerships
    - f. Dan Wietecha and Tammy Champa
  - Partnership Discussion and Facilitated Conversation
    - g. Carrie Tate and DawnMarie Vihrachoff
  - Tilden Community Center
    - h. Kari Gorr and Tammy Champa
  - Ice Arena
    - i. Chris Jenkins and Dan Wietecha
  - Closing comments, next steps

**ISD 200 Finance, Facilities, and Joint Powers Committee Meetings:**

Monday, April 21st, 2025, 5:30 pm @ City Hall

Friday, June 20, 2025, 7:30 @ the Tilden Community Center