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Minutes
School Board Business Meeting
Fridley Independent School District 14
March 18, 2025

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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, March 18, 2025, at the Fridley Community Center. The following Board members were present in the room: Nikki Auna, Sara Jones, Jake Karnopp, Erik Keeler, Ross Meisner, Avonna Starck, Student representative Aiyanna Shobe and Student representative: Deqa Ahmed. Absent: None

Approval of the Agenda with Suggested Motions and Resolutions
Motion by Meisner to remove Item D.5 on the agenda and approve the rest of the agenda as is, seconded by Jones, to approve the agenda for March 18, 2025. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent and Staff Reports
   A. Superintendent Report
      Youth in Government representatives Cecilia Fellner, Ari Petros, Jesus Dominguez Carcamo, and Yahira Barreto-Paredes and Advisor Steve Holt presented on Youth in Government and how it has inspired them to explore careers in government in the future. Steve Holt was awarded the Employee of Excellence Award by Cecilia Fellner. Triple A Award Winners, Aidan Andler and Mya Karsten presented on the Winter Season of Activities and Athletics. Renee Arbogast presented on what's cooking in the FPS kitchens, Dr. Amy Cochran and Assistant Principal Matthew Engelhardt presented on the Achievement Season happening at Fridley Middle School. Superintendent Lewis gave an update on Legislative Advocacy for FPS and the Board Treasurer, Sara Jones gave an update on NE Metro 916 meeting.

Business Action Items
   A. **Motion: FPS Health Insurance Bids for 2025-2026** Motion by Starck, seconded by Auna to approve the insurance plan by Health Partners with the 8% increase for 2025-26. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

   B. **Motion: Approval of FMS Cooler Replacement Bid**
      Motion by Jones, seconded by Auna to approve and award the FMS Cooler bid to Boelter and award abatement bid from Mavo Systems. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

   C. **Second Reading & Adoption of Policies**
      Motion by Meisner, seconded by Keeler to approve the policies 522 and 524. Upon roll

call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

D. Motion: Approval of Student School Board Representative Stipend
Motion by Jones, seconded by Keeler to approve the Student School Board Representative Stipend of $750/year. 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 minutes of the business meeting held on February 18, 2025; New Contracts, Amendments, Lane Changes, Leaves of Absence, Resignations and Terminations; and Monthly Financial Reports. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Important Future Board Dates
1. Fridley Middle School Musical: High School Musical, Jr.
   March 20-21, 2025 7:00 PM and March 22, 2025 at 2:00 PM
   District Auditorium

2. No School - Evaluation/Planning Day
   March 28, 2025

3. No School - Spring Break
   March 31-April 4, 2025

4. Hayes Better Together Family Meeting
   April 7, 2025 5:00 PM
   Hayes Elementary School

5. FHS Spring Concert - All FHS Bands and Choirs
   April 10, 2025 7:00 PM
   District Auditorium

6. Free Family Movie Night: "Flow"
   April 11, 2025 7:00 PM
   District Auditorium

7. American Indian Powwow
   April 12, 2025 1:00-3:00 PM
   Champlin Park High School Fieldhouse

8. Fridley Public Schools School Board Meeting
   April 15, 2024
   Fridley Community Center
   5:30 PM Work Session
   7:00 PM Public Comment
   7:30 PM Business Meeting

Adjournment
Motion by Starck, seconded by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

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Jake Karnopp, Board Chair   Avonna Starck, Board Clerk