

School Board Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026 6:30 PM

Centennial ISD 12
4707 North Road
Circle Pines, MN 55014

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Knisely called the Regular Meeting of the School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Knisely, ex-officio Holmberg, Linser, Schwinn, Murphy, Hansen, Johnson. The following members were absent: None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Linser, seconded by Hansen. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

5. RECOGNITIONS

- Chair Tom Knisely was presented with a 2026 MSBA Directors' Award certificate for completing 100 or more hours of attendance at Minnesota School Board Association-sponsored meetings and activities within a four-year period.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

7.1. Approval of Minutes: Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025, Work Study Session Minutes and Special Meeting/Closed Session Minutes of December 15, 2025

7.2. Approval of Monthly Disbursements

- November Accounts Payable to be ratified: \$3,851,190.47
- December Accounts Payable to be ratified: \$4,445,945.37
- November and December Payroll to be ratified: \$10,380,750.36

7.3. Approval of Personnel Items

Employment

Employee Name

Armant, Jordan

Brekke, Matthew

Bulcha, Almaz

Building

CTE

CHS

CMS

Position

Paraprofessional

Paraprofessional

FSA

Effective Date

December 11, 2025

December 1, 2025

January 7, 2026

Davis, Calista	RLE	KC Worker	January 7, 2026
Denio, Toni	RLE	KC Worker	January 5, 2026
Gray, Kala	BHE	LTS Teacher	February 3-May 7, 2026
Heyers, Rachael	CHS	Cook	December 9, 2025
Jorgenson, Kerri	CMS	Paraprofessional	January 10, 2026
Maranda, Christina	BHE	FSA	January 5, 2026
Munson, Grace	BHE	KC Worker	December 1, 2025
Murphy, Ryan	RLE	Paraprofessional	January 12, 2026
Vanden Broeke, Madison	RLE	KC Worker	December 18, 2025
Vincent, Maria	CMS	Cook	January 6, 2026
Webster, Eric	CHS	Head Speech Coach	2025-2026 Season
Wiley, Darin	CHS	Paraprofessional	January 5, 2026

Resignations

Employee Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
Aigner, Rita	CHS	FSA	November 28, 2025
Bryant, John	CVE	FSA	December 19, 2025
Gonzalez, Jennie	CMS	FSA	December 19, 2025
Honsa, Jolene	CMS	Teacher	January 10, 2026
Ostenson, Taylor	RLE	Cook	June 10, 2026
Paquette, Cynthia	CHS	Clerk	January 9, 2026
Schwartz, Jacob	RLE	Custodian	December 30, 2025
Taylor, Haley	CHS	Paraprofessional	December 19, 2025

Retirements

Employee Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
Salay, Colleen	GLE	Teacher	June 10, 2026

Change in Employment

Employee Name	Building	Position/Change	Effective Date
Carlson, Mandy	CHS	FSA, increase to 4 hours/day	January 5, 2026
Fredrickson, Molly	CHS	FSA, decrease to 3 hours/day	January 5, 2026
King, Barbara	CHS	FSA, decrease to 3 hours/day	December 15, 2025
Maranda, Christina	BHE	FSA, decrease to 3 hours/day	January 5, 2026
Vanden Broeke, Madison	RLE	KC Worker, reducing to 10 hours/week	December 18, 2025

Leave of Absences

Employee Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
Feeny, Alysha	CMS	Teacher	December 10-February 23, 2026
Guzman, Ashley	BHE	Teacher	January 12-March 27, 2026
Martien, Lindsey	CHS	Teacher	April 15-June 10, 2026
Poppe, Rick	Pines	Teacher	January 5-March 6, 2026
Reisdorf, John	CMS	Teacher	April 2-June 10, 2026
Schommer, Maria	GLE	Preschool Teacher	March 17-May 22, 2026
Tomten, Michael	CHS	School Psychologist	January 14-March 31, 2026
Twohy-Lemay, Anne	CTE	Teacher	March 26-June 3, 2026

7.4 Approval of Contracts

- Principal Contract
- Custodian Contract

- Administrative Assistant/Clerical Contract
- Student and Family Advocates and Liaison Contract

7.5. Approval of Overnight Field Trips

- High School Robotics Team to Duluth March 4-7, 2026 to compete in the FRC Lights Regional Robotics Tournament

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Items as detailed in the enclosures by Johnson, seconded by Schwinn. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

8.1. Adoption of Acknowledgement of Contributions Resolution

Whereas: Minnesota Statute 123B.02 permits school boards to "... receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, and for the benefit of pupils thereof."

Therefore: Be it resolved by the School Board of Centennial, Independent School District No. 12 that the School Board accepts with appreciation the contributions, detailed in the background.

DETAILED BACKGROUND:

- To Centennial Elementary
 - \$50.00 from The Blackbaud Giving Fund on behalf of Joel Kostick for student needs
- To Centennial Middle School
 - \$20.00 from CAF America Cyber Grant from anonymous donor for student needs
- To Centennial High School
 - \$20.00 from The Blackbaud Giving Fund from anonymous donor for student needs
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 - \$215.41 from Chipotle earmarked for the Adaptive & Inclusive Prom

Motion to adopt the Acknowledgement of Contributions Resolution by Murphy, seconded by Schwinn.

Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Knisely, Linser, Schwinn, Murphy, Hansen, Johnson.
Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

9. COMMUNICATION

As warranted and available, School Board members will report significant activities of and/or actions by organizations in which the school district holds membership and/or serves in a governance capacity:

9.1. AMSD – Vice Chair Linser will be the school board representative on the committee for 2026. At the last meeting there were presentations from students on how to reformat school funding for more equitable distribution to districts and a presentation on the MDE student survey which is given every few years. Legislators will be invited to attend the February 6 Board of Directors meeting and several districts will present their 2026 Legislative Platforms.

- 9.2. CAEF – Director Murphy will be the school board representative on the committee for 2026. The Gala is on March 26. More information can be found on the CAEF website about the Gala and sponsorship opportunities.
- 9.3. NE Metro 916 – The committee will be meeting the third Wednesday this month.
- 9.4. SAFF – The next meeting is February 27.
- 9.5. District Committee Reports – The Community Ed Garage Sale will be held on April 25 at Rice Lake Elementary. More information about the Garage Sale and table sign up can be found on the Community Ed website.

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- The MSBA Conference is this Thursday and Friday
- Principal, Custodian, Administrative/Clerical and Student and Family Advocates and Liaison Contracts were approved this evening. Thank you to the negotiation teams, negotiating team board members, and Executive Directors Chaffey and Melde.
- A Long Range Plan School Board Listening Session has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School West Learning Commons.
- Several communications were sent out today to staff and families about recent events. We appreciate our staff and parents for their continued support of our students.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11.1. Dates to Note

- Tuesday, January 13 – Legislative Breakfast, 7:00 a.m./District Office Board Room
- Wednesday, January 14 – NHS Induction Ceremony, 7:00 p.m./PAC
- Thursday, January 15 & Friday, January 16 – MSBA Conference
- Monday, January 19 – No School/Martin Luther King Day
- Tuesday, January 20 – School Board Long Range Plan Listening Session, 6:00 p.m./High School West Learning Commons
- Thursday, January 22 – End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
- Friday, January 23 – No School/Teacher Communication, Grading Day
- Monday, February 2 – Board Work Study Session, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 9 – School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 13 – No School/Staff Development
- Monday, February 16 – No School/Presidents’ Day

12. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Schwinn, seconded by Murphy. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Craig Johnson, School Board Clerk

Minutes prepared by Jody Josephson