

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #0656

Regular School Board Meeting

January 26, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Faribault Public Schools

710 17th Street SW

Faribault, MN 55021

MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Casie Steeves, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente.

Members absent: None. Others in attendance were Student Board Representatives Isse Ali and Amira Williams, administrators, staff, and members of the public.

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Bellingham at 5:30 p.m.

A. Determination of a Quorum Present

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

III. Recognition, Awards, and Presentations - None

IV. Items of Information

A. Student Board Representative reports by Amira Williams and Isse Ali

B. Reports from School Board Members Moore, Wolff, Robicheau, and Bellingham

Point of privilege by Robicheau regarding Shelly Fritz's retirement and gratitude for her work with FAPSETA.

C. Superintendent's report from Jamie Bente

V. Public Comment

VI. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Steeves, to approve the consent agenda.

A. Minutes - December 1, 2025, and January 5, 2026

B. Employment

C. Additional Assignments/Other

D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Accounts for November and December

E. Retirements

The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

VII. District Advisory Committee - No report

VIII. Policy Committee - No report

IX. Other Committees

A. Facilities Committee report by Linda Moore

B. Community Education Advisory Council report by Casie Steeves

C. Finance Committee report by Lynda Boudreau

X. Unfinished Business

A. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to remove from the table approval of Language and Culture Classes. The motion to remove it from the table passed unanimously, 7-0. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to postpone the motion indefinitely. The motion to postpone indefinitely passed unanimously after discussion, 7-0.

XI. Other Matters

A. Moved by Moore, seconded by Robicheau, to approve Gifts/Donations - Resolution 26-17. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 7-0.

B. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of the Cybersecurity Insurance Policy for CY 2026. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 7-0.

C. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the 2025-27 Faribault Education Association Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 7-0.

XII. Dates to Remember

- February 2, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. - Work Session
- February 3, 2026, at 3:45 p.m. - Policy Committee
- February 11, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. - District Wellness Committee
- February 12, 2026, at 7:45 a.m. - Facilities Committee Meeting
- February 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

XIII. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Moore, to move at 6:21 p.m. to a closed session, as permitted by Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 3(a), for the Superintendent's Mid-Year Review. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

The closed session started at 6:26 p.m. In attendance: Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Moore, Robicheau, Steeves, Wolff, and Superintendent Bente.

Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Steeves, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

XIV. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Steeves, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: February 17, 2026