

Regular School Board Meeting, March 23, 2026

The Board of Independent School District 308 met on Monday, March 23, 2026, in the Media Center and via Zoom. Chair Dave McGee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ben Hass, Andy Lindow, Karrin Lindow, Dave McGee, Jennifer McNamee, Aimee Plumley and student representatives Evelyn Dierkhising, Mya Durgin, Linden Fisher and Sophia Robbins.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Karrin Lindow to approve the agenda as amended tabling ISD 308 Board Policy 410 under Item 8f. Motion carried unanimously.

Spanish Instructor, Beth Durgin explained to the Board her proposal to take a group of students to Spain the spring of 2027. This is the same trip she took with students three years ago through the travel agency, Xperitas. Students must be in or have taken Spanish II as a class in order to be eligible to go. Approximately 6-10 students are interested at this time. The estimated cost of the trip would be between \$4,200-\$5,000 depending on how many students go, airfare costs, and departure.

Post Prom Committee Chair, Karrin Lindow gave an overview of plans for Post Prom. Students will be transported by bus after Prom to the Holiday Inn Express Water Park in Brainerd. Activities include laser tag, pizza party, and the water park.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Dave McGee to approve the financial reports as presented by Tom Haldeman, Accounts Payable Clerk, with a cash balance at the end of January of \$1,748,550.87. The Payment Register and payment of claims were approved in the amount of \$143,198.82. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Ben Hass to approve the following consent agenda items: donations as follows -

Robotics

Widseth, Smith & Noltin	\$ 250.00
Hallerstrom	55.00

Golf

Wolff & Simon Real Estate	800.00
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Nevis Food Angels (Student Council)

Common Spirit Health	5,215.02
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Miscellaneous

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for a total of \$11,926.02; minutes of the regular school board meeting held March 23, 2026; overnight and out-of-state field trip requests for Post Prom May 9-10 to the Holiday Inn Express and Water Park in Brainerd and Spanish Club to Spain in the spring of 2027; spring coaches as follows:

William Dent	Junior High Baseball
Jordan Hunsberger	Junior High Softball

Hunter Schroeder Junior High Softball
Kolby Brandt Assistant Track;
retirement of Michelle Chase, 4th grade elementary teacher effective May 26, 2026; and first and final readings of School Board Policies 612.1, 616, 618, 619, 807, and 902 reflecting updates. Motion carried unanimously.

The Student Council representatives reported a blood drive was held March 6. Spring sports have begun now that the winter season has concluded. The ACT Test will be given to juniors and seniors March 24 to those who signed up to take the exam. And, there are 46 days left in the school year.

Interim principal, Shawn Klimek's report included MCA testing dates in April for science (grades 5/8/10) April 8, Reading (grades 3-8 and 10) April 14-15, and Math (grades 3-8 and 11) April 21-22. The fifth grade Student Council led a Kindness Month in February with acts of kindness being recognized each day. Read Across America was March 2-6 with a March Madness book bracket challenge, students played book BINGO, and on the final day of that week were treated to popcorn while reading. Book Fair funds were used to purchase 200 books to give away as prizes. March 23 was 'Wear Red for TK' Day. Students and staff came out in support of one of our second grade students who has a brain tumor. Local businesses sponsored the event by donating \$10 for every person wearing red that day. A total of 352 people participated in wearing red. Newly hired paraprofessionals completed Read Act training and teaching staff took part in IXL training on new features of the program March 11. Plans are in the works to select a new reading curriculum, schedule summer trainings for staff and summer school for students in grades K-3.

Superintendent Seykora explained cost cutting updates to the building proposal provided by ICS. Some of the savings were due to the parking lot and community education building upgrades being removed from the original plan. Staff will be presented the revised design plan and financial information April 8, and a community open house is scheduled for April 23 from 5:30-7:00 in the cafeteria.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Karrin Lindow to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Plumley, Clerk