



Organizational Meeting Date: 1/5/2026

Title: Delegation of Authority to Pay Claims Prior to School Board Approval

Type: Consent

Description: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 123B.02, subd. 18, when the payment of a claim cannot be deferred until the next board meeting without loss to the district of a discount privilege, or when payment of a claim cannot be deferred until the next board meeting because of contract terms, purchase order terms, or a vendor's standard terms which are part of the contract, the claim may be paid prior to board approval, providing that the board:

- A) has delegated authority to make a payment prior to board approval; and
- B) requires that these payments be acted upon at the next board meeting.

Payment prior to board approval must not affect the right of the district or a taxpayer to challenge the validity of a claim.

Holding these payments to vendors until the next board meeting would be an unreasonable delay and in several instances would exceed the 35 days allowed by Minnesota Statutes § 471.425.

This authorization is made annually each January.

Recommendation: Authorize the Director of Finance and Operations, Assistant Director of Finance, or Superintendent's designee to pay claims prior to Board approval, providing that the payments made will be reviewed and acted upon at the following Board meeting.

Desired Outcome(s) from the Board: Delegation of responsible parties to pay claims prior to School Board approval.