

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Board Chair Deb Ulm on the **6th day of January 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the District Center Board Room.

ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR FOR 2026

Motion by Eric Strandberg to nominate Deb Ulm as School Board Chair. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously. Deb Ulm is School Board Chair.

ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR FOR 2026

Motion made by Scott Bowman to nominate Dawn Bourdeaux as Vice Chair. Motion made by Jennifer Super to nominate Melissa Lynch as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Upon raising of hands the following voted for Dawn Bourdeaux: Eric Minks, Eric Strandberg, Scott Bowman, and Dawn Bourdeaux. The following voted for Melissa Lynch: Deb Ulm, Melissa Lynch, and Jennifer Super. Dawn Bourdeaux is School Board Chair.

ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD CLERK FOR 2026

Motion made by Jennifer Super to nominate Melissa Lynch as Board Clerk. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously. Melissa Lynch is School Board Clerk.

ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD ACTING CLERK FOR 2026

Motion made by Melissa Lynch to nominate Jennifer Super as Acting Board Clerk. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously. Jennifer Super is School Board Acting Clerk.

ELECT A SCHOOL BOARD TREASURER FOR 2026

Motion made by Eric Minks to nominate Scott Bowman as Board Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously. Scott Bowman is School Board Treasurer.

BOARD COMPENSATION

The board reviewed the proposed board compensation for 2026 with no proposed changes. The board approved the proposed board meeting compensation 6:1.

BOARD SCHEDULE

The board reviewed the proposed board meeting schedule for 2026. The board unanimously approved the proposed board meeting schedule. Discussion: The January 6 meeting was incorrectly listed as January 7 so the calendar will be updated to reflect this correction.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS FOR 2026

Motion by Eric Strandberg, seconded by Dawn Bourdeaux, to designate Old National Bank; First Bank and Trust; Wells Fargo Bank; Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund; Citigroup; PMA Securities/MnTrust; Sherburne State Bank; The PFM Group; Edward Jones and Spire Financial as official depositories. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Jennifer Super, Melissa Lynch, Eric Minks, Deb Ulm, Dawn Bourdeaux, Scott Bowman, and Eric Strandberg. Motion passed 7:0.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLICATION FOR 2026

Motion made by Eric Minks, seconded by Melissa Lynch, to designate the Union Times and www.isd477.org as our official school district publication. Motion passed unanimously.

DESIGNATE BOND COUNCIL FOR 2026

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Scott Bowman, to accept Dorsey and Whitney for Bond Counsel. Motion passed unanimously.

DESIGNATE ATTORNEY FOR 2026

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Jennifer Super to accept Rupp, Anderson, Squires, & Waldspurger for district attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS

Motion made by Scott Bowman, seconded by Jennifer Super to authorize the Director of Business Services and/or Designee to make short-term investments, deposits, transfers, and withdrawals from savings via wire transfers to other financial institutions, to make electronic fund transfers, and to sign stop-payments in accordance with existing Minnesota Statutes 123B.14, subdivision 1. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Melissa Lynch, Eric Minks, Deb Ulm, Dawn Bourdeaux, Scott Bowman, Eric Strandberg, and Jennifer Super. Motion passed 7:0.

LEASE, PURCHASE AND CONTRACT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Jennifer Super to authorize the Superintendent and Director of Business Services to lease, purchase, and contract for goods and services within the general budget categories pursuant to Minnesota Statute 123B.52, subdivision 2. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Eric Minks, Deb Ulm, Dawn Bourdeaux, Scott Bowman, Eric Strandberg, Jennifer Super, and Melissa Lynch. Motion passed 7:0.

FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

Motion made by Scott Bowman, seconded by Melissa Lynch, to authorize the Director of Business Services to use facsimile signatures for all school district checks and orders and to authorize the Director of Business Services to use the 2024 facsimile signatures. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dawn Bourdeaux, Scott Bowman, Eric Strandberg, Jennifer Super, Melissa Lynch, Eric Minks, and Deb Ulm. Motion passed 7:0.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Eric Minks to adjourn the organizational meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Chair Deb Ulm

Clerk Melissa Lynch

Recorder: Emily McKinnon