

Minutes
School Board Business Meeting
Fridley Independent School District 14
January 21, 2025

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Karnopp called the Business Meeting of the Fridley School Board to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the Fridley Community Center. The following Board members were present in the room: Nikki Auna, Sara Jones, Jake Karnopp, Avonna Starck (at 7:33pm). Absent: Erik Keeler, Ross Meisner, Student representative Aiyanna Shobe and Student representative: Deqa Ahmed.

Organization of the Board

Motion by Starck to nominate Jake Karnopp as Board Chair. No further nominations. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Starck to nominate Nikki Auna as Vice Chair. No further nominations. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Auna to nominate Sara Jones as Treasurer. No further nominations. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Auna to nominate Avonna Starck as Clerk. No further nominations. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the Agenda with Suggested Motions and Resolutions

Motion by Jones, seconded by Starck, to approve the agenda for January 21, 2025. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent and Staff Reports

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Lewis gave a heartfelt message of gratitude for Fridley Public Safety for helping during a crisis. Mary Henry was introduced as Employee of Excellence by Director of Administrative Services, Lori Andler. Superintendent Lewis discussed changes coming to Compensatory Revenue, Tax Impact, and Tax Burden.

Superintendent also reviewed the legislative priorities for AMSD, SAFF and MSBA and asked Board Members to engage in understanding these platforms and to work with local legislators to help Fridley Public Schools. Board Member Jones shared updates from NE Metro 916 and the MSBA Conference and Board Chair Karnopp shared AMSD updates.

Business Action Items

A. Motion: School Board Organization and Annual Authorizations for 2025

Motion by Jones, seconded by Starck to approve the School Board Organization and Annual Authorizations for 2025. Upon the vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

B. RESOLUTION Accepting Gifts

WHEREAS, School Board Policy 706 establishes guidelines for the acceptance of gifts to the District; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 465.03 states the School Board may accept a gift, grant, or devise of real or personal property only by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Fridley Public Schools accepts with appreciation the following gifts received by the School District:

1. The following persons donated to **Hayes and Stevenson Elementary Schools**:
 - a. Fridley United Women of Faith - \$725 for each school to be used for students in need.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Auna, to accept the gifts and thank the donors for their contributions. Upon roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

C. One Reading and Adoption of Policies

Policy 519 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies

Policy 701 Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget

Policy 721 Uniform Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources

Motion by Auna, seconded by Jones to approve the reading and adoption of policies 519, 701, and 721. Upon the vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Consent Agenda

Motion by Jones, seconded by Auna to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the business meeting held on December 17, 2024; Financial Reports; New Contracts, Amendments, Leaves of Absence, Resignations and Terminations. Upon vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Important Future Board Dates

A. RLS PTO Meeting

January 22, 2025 5:30 PM

Stevenson Elementary School

B. FHS Music Dept Fundraiser / Lip Sync Contest

January 24, 2025 7:00 PM
District Auditorium

- C.** Incoming 5th Grade Parent Night
January 29, 2025 5:00 PM
Fridley Middle School
- D.** Incoming 9th Grade Registration Night
January 29, 2025 6:00 PM
Fridley High School
- E.** Hayes Books and Bingo
January 30, 2025 5:00 PM
Hayes Elementary School
- F.** Black & Gold Gala
January 30, 2025 5:30 PM
Jax Cafe
- G.** No School - Staff Development
January 31, 2025
- H.** Hayes Conferences
February 5, 2025 4:00 PM
Hayes Elementary School
- I.** Stevenson Conferences
February 5, 2025 4:00 PM
Stevenson Elementary School
- J.** Free Family Movie Night: "Inside Out 2"
February 7, 2025 7:00 PM
District Auditorium
- K.** FHS Snow Week
February 10-14, 2025
Fridley High School
- L.** African American Parent Involvement Day
February 10, 2025
- M.** Hayes and Stevenson Conferences
February 11, 2025 4:00 PM
Hayes and Stevenson Elementary Schools
- N.** 6th Grade Band and Choir Winter Concert
February 11, 2025 7:00 PM
Fridley Middle School Gym

- O. Hayes and Stevenson Conferences
February 13, 2025 4:00 PM
Hayes and Stevenson Elementary Schools

- P. Fridley Middle School History Day
February 13, 2025 5:30 PM
Fridley Middle School

- Q. ECFE Friendship Dance
February 15, 2025 4:00 PM
Fridley Community Center

- R. No School - District Holiday
February 17, 2025

- S. Fridley Public Schools School Board Meeting
February 18, 2025
Fridley Community Center
5:30 PM Work Session
7:00 PM Public Comment
7:30 PM Business Meeting

Adjournment

Motion by Starck, seconded by Auna to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Jake Karnopp, Board Chair

Avonna Starck, Board Clerk