

Special School Board Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2026 4:55 PM Central

Aitkin Public Schools - Media Center
306 Second Street NW
Aitkin, MN 56431

Jen Burgos: Present
Roland Hill: Present
Cindi Hills: Present
Rev. Dawn Houser: Present
Brian Leitinger: Present
Holly Mindrum: Present
Kassie Peterson: Present
Present: 7.

1. Call meeting to order by the chairperson
Chair Hills called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call
All members were present.

4. Approval of agenda - revise or remove as needed
Motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Rev. Dawn Houser and seconded by Holly Mindrum, Passed.

4.A. Prepare for interviews

4.B. Interview candidates for superintendent position
The Board took a break from 6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

4.C. Discuss information from the interviews, reference checks, and community/staff questions sessions. Identify the lone finalist and take school board action.
Motion to extend the offer of an employment contract for the position of ISD 1, Aitkin Public Schools Superintendent to Mary Morem contingent upon the following: A mutually agreeable employment contract, a criminal background check and data requests are completed with results acceptable to the School Board. This motion, made by Roland Hill and seconded by Rev. Dawn Houser, Passed.

The Board took a break from 7:18 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

4.D. Discuss and decide employment contract perimeters and negotiations process.

4.E. Discuss, decide, and schedule the steps necessary for the rest of the hiring process.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitinger,
Passed.

Recorded by Heather Hipp

Kassie Peterson

Dated: 4/20/2026