

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #0656

Regular School Board Meeting

June 23, 2025, 5:30 pm

Faribault Public Schools

710 17th Street SW

Faribault, MN 55021

MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Casie Steeves, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Chad Wolff was absent. Others in attendance were administrators, staff, and members of the public.

I. Call to Order

- A. Determination of a Quorum Present
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Steeves, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

III. Recognition, Awards and Presentations - None

IV. Items of Information

- A. School Board Members Moore, Steeves, Bellingham, and Boudreau
- B. Superintendent Jamie Bente

V. Public Comment

VI. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Minutes - May 19, 2025, June 2, 2025, and June 12, 2025
- B. Employment
- C. Additional Assignments/Other
- D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers and Investment Account
- E. Retirements

The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

VII. District Advisory Committee - No report

VIII. Policy Committee - No report

A. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to approve the second reading of policies with the removal of Policy 515:

- 1. Policy 701.1: Budget Modification
- 2. Policy 703: Annual Audit
- 3. Policy 705: Investments
- 4. Policy 714: Fund Balances
- 5. Policy 730: Payroll Periods
- 7. Policy 704: Development & Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System

The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

6. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Knudson, to approve changes to Policy 515: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records.

Moved by Moore, seconded by Boudreau, to amend Policy 515 (VIII. B. Private Records Not Accessible to Parent) after language of 1.e. insert: 2. "Upon parental request, The 'Responsible authority must not conceal or deliberately withhold information to a parent regarding their minor child's: a. request to use a different name or pronoun to be recognized as a different gender, or b. request to receive gender-affirming care that involves medical interventions including but not limited to, puberty." The motion failed by roll call vote after discussion 2-4 (with Moore and Knudson voting in favor, and Boudreau, Robicheau, Steeves, and Bellingham voting against).

Moved by Moore, seconded by Boudreau, to amend Policy 515 section VI.C.3. "3. To the appropriate health authorities to the extent necessary to administer immunization programs..." The motion failed by roll call vote after discussion 1-5 (with Moore voting in favor, and Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Steeves, and Bellingham voting against). The main motion passed by roll call vote after discussion 5-1 (with Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Steeves, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

IX. Other Committees

- A. Finance report by John Bellingham, and Lynda Boudreau
- B. Community Education Advisory Council report by Casie Steeves

X. Other Matters

A. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Robicheau, to approve Gifts/Donations - Resolution 35-31. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote after discussion 6-0.

B. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to consider adoption of Resolution 25-32: Certification of Updated District Population Estimate. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote after discussion 6-0.

C. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the FY 25-26 School Year P & C Insurance Renewal. The motion passed unanimously after discussion 6-0.

D. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Robicheau, to consider approval of the Food Service Management Agreement for the FY 25-26 School Year. The motion passed unanimously after discussion 6-0.

E. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of the School Nutrition Program Joint Agreement Contracts for the FY 25-26 School Year - Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative and Surad Academy. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

F. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Robicheau, to consider approval of the Vended Meals Agreements for the FY 25-26 School Year.

- Discovery School

- Head Start

- Little Scholars

The motion passed unanimously after discussion 6-0.

G. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Moore, to consider approval of the MN State Academies and FPS Tuition Agreement for the FY 25-26 School Year. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

H. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Robicheau, to consider approval of a new Grant Manager Position. The motion passed after discussion 5-1 (with Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Steeves, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

I. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the Nerstrand Lease for FY 25-26. The motion passed unanimously after discussion 6-0.

J. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of the Nerstrand Agreements.

- Custodial Service Agreement

- Nursing Agreement

- Food Service Joint Agreement Renewal

- Two-Month Tech Service Agreement

The motion passed unanimously after discussion 6-0.

Chair Bellingham called a recess from 7:00 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

K. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Bellingham, to consider approval of the FY 25-26 School Year Adopted Budget. The motion passed after discussion 5-1 (with Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Steeves, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

L. First Reading of Faribault Public Schools Vision Plan

M. First Reading of the Mission Statement

Point of privilege by Chair Bellingham to thank Joel Olson and Zach Pruitt for their service to Faribault Public Schools.

XI. Dates to Remember

July 10, 2025, 7:45 a.m. - Facilities Committee Meeting

July 14, 2025, 7:30 a.m. - Finance Committee Meeting

July 14, 2025, 5:30 pm - Special Work Session

July 21, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - Business Meeting

XII. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Robicheau, to move at 8:18 p.m. to a closed session, as permitted by Minn. Stat. 13D.03, for Labor Negotiation Strategy. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Members present in the closed session: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Casie Steeves, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Chad Wolff was absent. Others in attendance were Nicole Yochum, Barbie Roessler, and Robert Dehnert.

Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Boudreau, to reconvene to the regular meeting at 9:08 p.m. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

XIII. Moved by Moore, seconded by Knudson, to move at 9:08 p.m. to a closed session, as permitted by Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 3(a), for the Superintendent's Evaluation. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Members present in the closed session: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Casie Steeves, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Chad Wolff was absent.

Moved by Steeves, seconded by Robicheau, to reconvene to the regular meeting at 9:22 p.m. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

XIV. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Steeves, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25p.p.m. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: July 21, 2025