

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #0656

Regular School Board Meeting

August 18, 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, Casie Steeves, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente. Jerry Robicheau was absent. Others in attendance were Student Representative Amira Williams, administrators, staff, and members of the public.

I. Call to Order

A. Determination of a Quorum Present

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Recognition, Awards, and Presentations

Student Representative Amira Williams was introduced

A. Recognition given to No Tummies Left Behind

B. Faribault Area Learning Center presentation by Jake Hager, Faribault Area Learning Center Director

IV. Items of Information

A. Student Board Representative Amira Williams

B. School Board Member Moore

C. Superintendent Bente

V. Public Comment

VI. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

A. Minutes - July 21, 2025, and August 4, 2025

B. Employment

C. Additional Assignments/Other

D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Account

VII. District Advisory Committee - No report

VIII. Policy Committee

A. Policy Committee Minutes report by Casie Steeves.

B. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Knudson, to approve revisions to the following policies:

1. Policy 413: Harassment and Violence

2. Policy 414: Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
 3. Policy 418: Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School
 4. Policy 501: School Weapons Policy
 5. Policy 503: Student Attendance
 6. Policy 515: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
 7. Policy 516: Student Medication and Telehealth
 8. Policy 516.5: Overdose Medication
 9. Policy 524: Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
 10. Policy 534: School Meals Policy
 11. Policy 621: Literacy and the READ Act
 12. Policy 707: Transportation of Public School Students
 13. Policy 709: Transportation of Public School Students
 14. Policy 802: Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material
 15. Policy 806: Crisis Management Policy
- The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

IX. Other Committees

- A. Finance Committee report by John Bellingham

X. Other Matters

- A. Moved by Moore, seconded by Knudson, to approve Gifts/Donations - Resolution 26-02. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, 6-0.

- B. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the New Athletic & Activities Graphics. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- C. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Wolff, to consider approval of the FY25-26 School Resource Officer. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

- D. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Wolff, to consider approval of the 2025-2026 Superintendent Goals. The motion passed after discussion, 5-1 (with Boudreau, Knudson, Steeves, Wolff, and Bellingham voting in favor, and Moore voting against).

- E. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to approve the second reading of the New Mission Statement. Moved by Bellingham, seconded by Moore, to table the motion until October 27, 2025. The motion to table the second reading passed unanimously, 6-0.

XI. Dates to Remember

- September 2, 2025, 3:45 p.m. - Policy Committee
September 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - Work Session
September 11, 2025, 7:45 a.m. - Facilities Committee Meeting
September 15, 2025, 7:30 a.m. - Finance Committee
September 22, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

XII. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Knudson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: September 22, 2025

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