

School Board Meeting Recap

November 12, 2025

The meeting began with a tribute to veterans and a roll call confirming a quorum. Directors reported on various topics, including football team success, CMGC proposals, and teacher appreciation. The district's communications report highlighted social media engagement, parent conferences, and community engagement initiatives. Financial updates showed a slight enrollment increase, positive cash flow, and potential state funding adjustments. The superintendent's report emphasized high employee satisfaction, strong parent and student feedback, and athletic achievements. A concerned parent raised issues about bullying, prompting a call for accountability and action. The board approved the consent agenda and heard public comment.

Action Items

- Provide feedback on the draft community mailer.
- Make any desired changes to the community mailer draft, especially in the board member bios.
- Coordinate with the high school football and girls flag football coaches to discuss supporting the league-wide push for girls flag football.
- Follow up on the status of the CMGC proposals.

Outline

Veterans Day Recognition and Roll Call

- VC Johnston begins the meeting by recognizing Veterans Day, honoring the brave men and women who have served the country.
- Denise conducts a roll call, confirming the presence of all board members, including Directors Lohmeier, Walper, Behrman, Wheeler, and Vice Chair Johnston.
- A motion to adopt the agenda is made by Director Wheeler and seconded by Director Lohmeier. Motion Carried 5-0
- VC Johnston moves on to board reports, starting with Director Walper.

Board Reports and Updates

- Director Wheeler provides a recap of the football season, highlighting success across all age groups and the potential for a strong high school program in the future.

- Discussion about the push for girls flag football as a sanctioned spring sport in the youth levels, with plans to have a conversation with relevant parties about support.
- Director Behrman reports on the CMGC proposals, noting the positive response and the sign of a healthy economy of contractors.
- VC Johnston expresses gratitude to teachers and staff for their constant communication and support for students' progress.

District Reports and Communications

- Maggie presents the November communications report, discussing upcoming conferences, the principal video series, and the importance of social media in engaging the community.
- Statistics on social media engagement are shared, highlighting the district's strong performance compared to nearby districts.
- Dani mentions the success of recent events, including a new tradition celebrating seniors and incoming kindergarteners.
- Discussion about the rise committee's engagement with the community, including live streaming meetings and upcoming meeting dates.

Finance and Accountability

- Scott Pillar provides an enrollment report for November, noting a slight decline but higher-than-expected numbers, which could lead to increased state school fund support.
- General cash flow analysis is discussed, with no major surprises and a negative revenue due to timing of property tax reporting.
- Scott mentions the positive response to the CMGC solicitation for seismic upgrades and the ongoing process of selecting a company.
- Discussion about the state's potential budget cuts and the district's proactive measures to manage finances.

Superintendent Report and Strategic Plan

- Speaker 4 shares updates on meetings with Senator Christine Drazen and the potential for upgrading facilities through grants.
- Discussion about the district's special education enrollment and the economic disadvantage due to state funding limitations.
- Superintendent Carpenter presents the district's strategic plan scorecard, highlighting achievements in employee satisfaction, clean audit awards, and individual athletic and academic successes.
- The board is encouraged to review the scorecard and the strategic plan to ensure alignment with the district's mission and values.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

- Athletic Director Andy Mott provides an update on fall athletics, including participation numbers, team successes, and individual honors across various sports.
- Discussion about the unified sports program and its impact on student engagement and community involvement.
- Andy mentions the upcoming winter sports season and the importance of maintaining a strong athletic program.
- The board is commended for the district's success in athletics and the positive impact on student morale and community pride.

Public Comment and Board Actions

- Sarah Welton, a concerned parent, addresses the board about her son's ongoing bullying issues and the lack of meaningful action from school staff.
- The board listens to her concerns.
- The board moves to vote on the consent agenda, including policy updates and the approval of open positions. Motion to approve by Director Behrman, seconded by Director Walper. Motion Carried 5-0
- The meeting concludes with a reminder of the board's commitment to public participation and the importance of maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all students.
- Meeting adjourned at: 8:25pm