Regular Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2026 5:30 PM Central

High School Media Center
201 South Columbia Ave
Morris, MN 56267

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
3. Consideration of Agenda
   ACTION
   Recommended motion to approve the agenda as presented.
4. Visitor Comments/Public Forum
   - 4.1. Tiger Pride - We Are Proud Of and/or Would Like to Recognize...
     - 4.1.1. Tiger Pride - Scott Gonnerman
   - 4.2. Core Values Reflection
     -- **T**hink Critically, **I**ntegrity, **G**ratitude, **E**xcellence, **R**espect
5. Presentations
   - 5.1. 2025-2026 District #2769 Financial Audit Presentation
     ACTION
     Recommended motion to approve the Resolution For Approval of Audit Report.
6. Celebrate and Recognize Good News, Gifts, and Donations
   - 6.1. Recognize and accept donations from various individuals and groups
     ACTION
     Recommended motion to approve the Resolution For Acceptance of Gifts.
7. Approve Consent Agenda
   ACTION
   Recommended motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
   - 7.1. Finances
     - 7.1.1. Review and approve claims, accounts, and financial information
   - 7.2. Meeting Minutes
     - 7.2.1. October 19, 2026 regular meeting
   - 7.3. Personnel
     - 7.3.1. Approve resignation from Kelsey Miller, Paraeducator
     - 7.3.2. Approve resignation from Dominick Warren, Custodian
     - 7.3.3. Approve resignation from Toni Hughes, Grade 7 Girls Softball Coach
     - 7.3.4. Approve resignation from Alex Harris, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
     - 7.3.5. Approve resignation from Jordann Gillespie, Head Varsity Volleyball Coach
     - 7.3.6. Approve resignation from MacKenna Ulrich, Junior High Softball Coach
     - 7.3.7. Approve resignation from Sharon VanHorn, Paraeducator
     - 7.3.8. Approve Trey Holm, Full-Time Custodian
     - 7.3.9. Approve Matthew Carlson, Part-Time Custodian/Substitute
     - 7.3.10. Approve new hours for Abigail Solvie, Paraeducator, to 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.
     - 7.3.11. Approve new hours for Kris Kloos, Paraeducator, to 7:45 am - 3:30 pm.

7.3.12. Approve new hours for Angela VanHorn, Paraeducator, to 7:45 am - 3:15 pm.
7.3.13. Approve Stephanie Breczinski, Assistant Gymnastics Coach
7.3.14. Approve Natalia Obregon Ibanez, Intervention
7.3.15. Approve Amy Hagen, Food Service Dietary Aide
7.3.16. Approve Brett Hansen, Assistant Boys Hockey Coach
7.3.17. Approve Meredith Ronnevik, Substitute Nurse
7.3.18. Approve Abigail Alcantar, Substitute Nurse
7.3.19. Approve Olivia Zattoni, Substitute Teacher
7.3.20. Approve Whitney Culbertson - Office Manager Substitute
7.3.21. Approve Lexi Halligan, Paraeducator Substitute
7.3.22. Approve Brian Murphy, Elementary Para Substitute/Short Term Teacher Substitute
7.3.23. Approve Jaelyn Hill, Youth Recreation Cheer Coach
7.3.24. Approve Talalupe Levale, Zone Tutor
7.3.25. Approve Margott Paucar, Interpreter
7.3.26. Approve Christina Graebner, Interpreter
7.3.27. Approve Ruby Nolen, Interpreter
7.3.28. Approve Rose Van Nelson, Interpreter
7.3.29. Approve Community Education pay rates
7.3.30. Grant continuing contract status to Amanda Bostrom, ECFE Teacher

7.4. Routine Business
7.4.1. Extended Trip Request Form - State BPA
7.4.2. Extended Trip Request Form - National BPA

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda
9. Review Management and Administrative Reports
9.1. Scott Turnbull, Activities Director/Dean of Students
9.2. Tony Reimers, Community Education Director
9.3. Eric Ose, Elementary Principal
9.4. Bill Kehoe, High School Principal
9.5. Shane Monson, Superintendent
10. School Board Reports
10.1. Community Education (Just)
10.2. Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (Wulf/Goodnough)
10.3. Curriculum/Policy/Strategic Planning Committee (Goodnough/Just/Seales)
10.4. Finance & Facilities/Building Committee (Konz/Wulf/Johnson)
10.5. Midwest Special Education Cooperative (Seales)
10.6. MSHSL/Activities/Athletics/Athletic Facilities/Schedule C (Urrutia Calvo)
10.7. Personnel/Meet & Confer (Goodnough/Konz/Urrutia Calvo)
Non-Licensed (Just/Goodnough)
Licensed (Wulf/Konz)
10.8. Regional Fitness Center (Urrutia Calvo)
10.9. Wellness (Seales)
11. Consider Previous Business
11.1. Policy Review - Second Reading
ACTION

Any recommended changes are shown since the last reading.
Recommended motion to approve the second and final reading of these policies as presented.

11.1.1. 201 - Legal Status of the School Board
11.1.2. 202 - School Board Officers
11.1.3. 203 - Operation of the School Board - Governing Rules
11.1.4. 203.1 - School Board Procedures; Rules of Order

12. Consider New Business
    12.1. Policy Review - First Reading
    INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
    All of these policies are in place and being reviewed as part of the normal policy review cycle. Any recommended changes are shown.
    No action necessary; other than to recognize the first reading of these policies as presented.
        12.1.1. 203.2 - Order of the Regular School Board Meeting
        12.1.2. 203.5 - School Board Meeting Agenda
        12.1.3. 203.6 - Consent Agendas
        12.1.4. 204 - School Board Meeting Minutes
    12.2. Election Resolutions
    ACTION
    Recommended motion to approve the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election, and Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties.
    12.3. Monopole Tower
    ACTION
    Recommended motion to approve the terms and proposed location of a monopole telecommunications tower on district property.
    12.4. Vision Statement
    ACTION
    Recommended motion to approve the following Vision Statement for Morris Area Schools -- To inspire and equip tomorrow's generations to succeed in an evolving world.
13. Other Items Deemed Appropriate by the Board
    13.1. School Board Calendar Review
    November 24, 12:30 Early Dismissal
    November 25-26, No School
    November 30 -- School Board Work Session, 5:45 pm - HS Media Center
    December 21 -- School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm - HS Media Center
    December 23, 12:30 Early Dismissal
    December 24-January 3 - No School
    13.2. Resolution Governing Write In Votes
    ACTION
    Recommended motion to approve the Resolution Governing Write In Votes.
14. Adjournment

Natalie Ketterling <nketterling@morris.k12.mn.us>

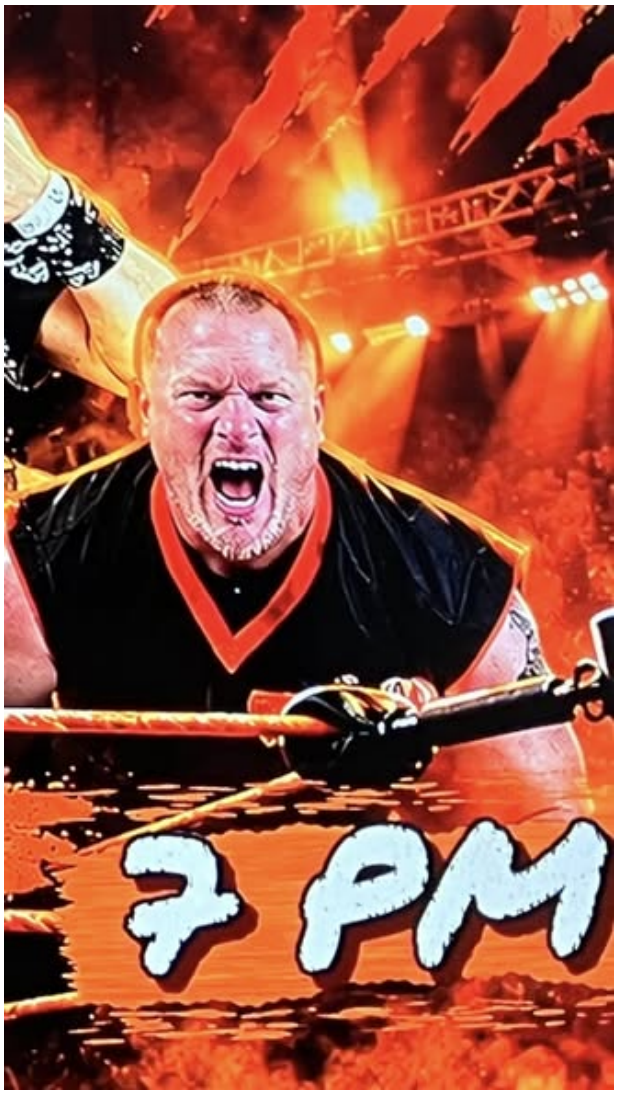
Tiger Pride

1 message

Tony Reimers <treimers@morris.k12.mn.us> Mon, Oct 26, 2026 at 2:40 PM
To: "smonson@morris.k12.mn.us" <smonson@morris.k12.mn.us>, Natalie Ketterling <nketterling@morris.k12.mn.us>
Cc: Scott Turnbull <sturnbull@morris.k12.mn.us>

Scott Gonnerman

Every boys dream (even a boy who's 56!) Special Thanks to Morris Area Community Ed (for asking me to be a part of Tiger Takedown), Tony Reimers, our Morris Area Sports Boosters, our AD Scott Turnbull, the school's custodial staff, our local business sponsors, and those who came to cheer and be loud. And Thanks to AWF for coming to Morris. It was awesome!
PS AI can do some pretty amazing changes on a poster! 😉



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Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AUDIT REPORT

WHEREAS, Independent School District No. 2769s Fund Balance Policy 703 (Annual Audit) provides for an annual school district audit; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the annual audit submitted by its independent certified public accountants on November 16, 2026, meets the requirements set forth in Policy 703;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2769, that the School Board approves the submitted audit report.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member _____ and upon vote being taken thereon,

the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



Independent School District No. 2769

Executive Summary – June 30, 2026

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Audit Results and Findings

Audit Opinion

- The District received a “clean” audit opinion
  - Unmodified opinion – financial statements are prepared using accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (GAAP)
  - Financial statements do not contain material misstatements and are fairly presented

- Opinion is merely the auditor’s professional opinion, based on audit work, on whether the financial statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP, free from material misstatement, and fairly presented

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Findings

Financial Statements:

- Preparation of Financial Statements
- Material Journal Entries
- Segregation of Duties

Minnesota Legal Compliance:

- Lack of Supporting Documentation for Expenditures of Student Activities
- Payroll Processing Error

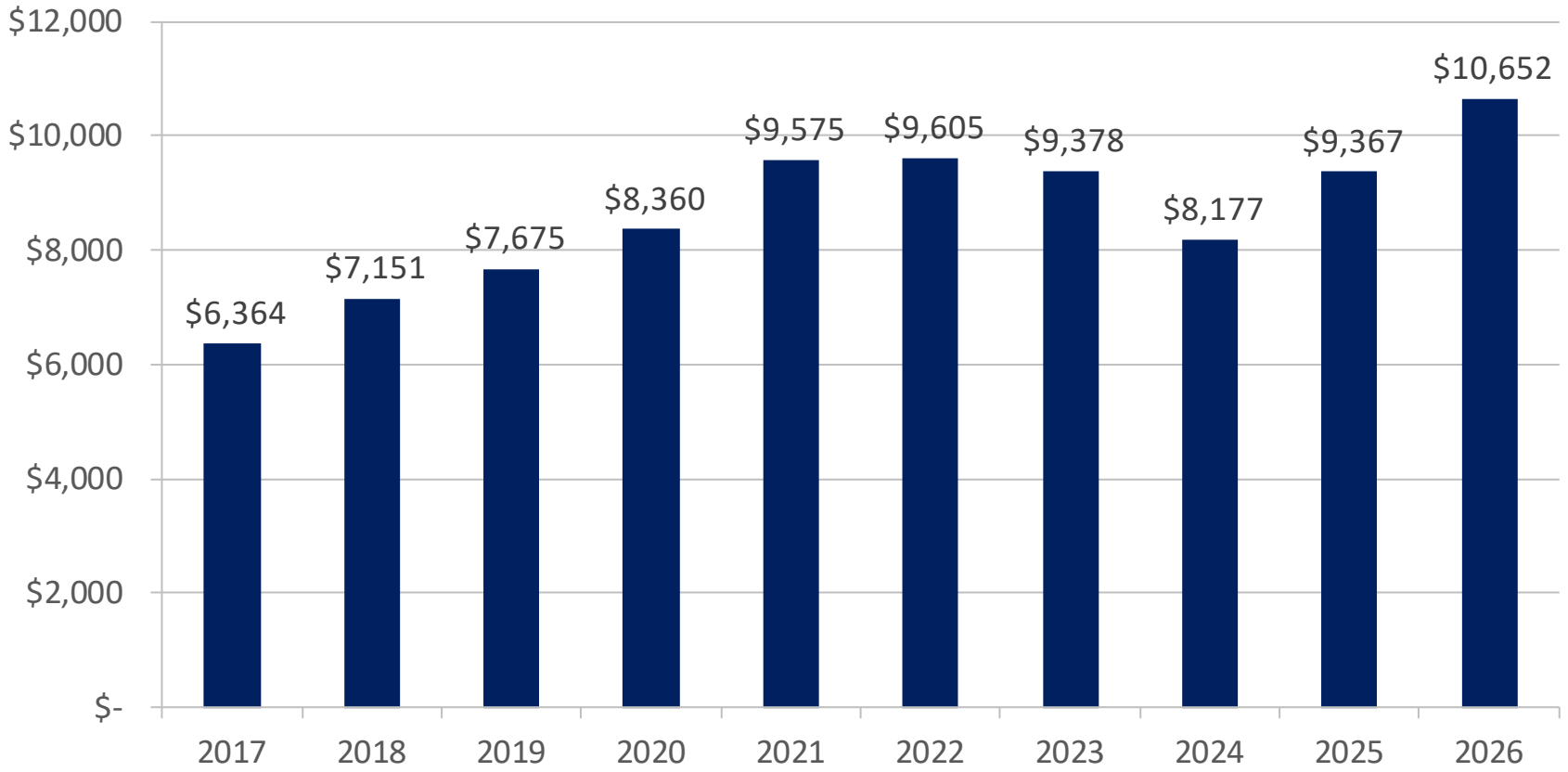


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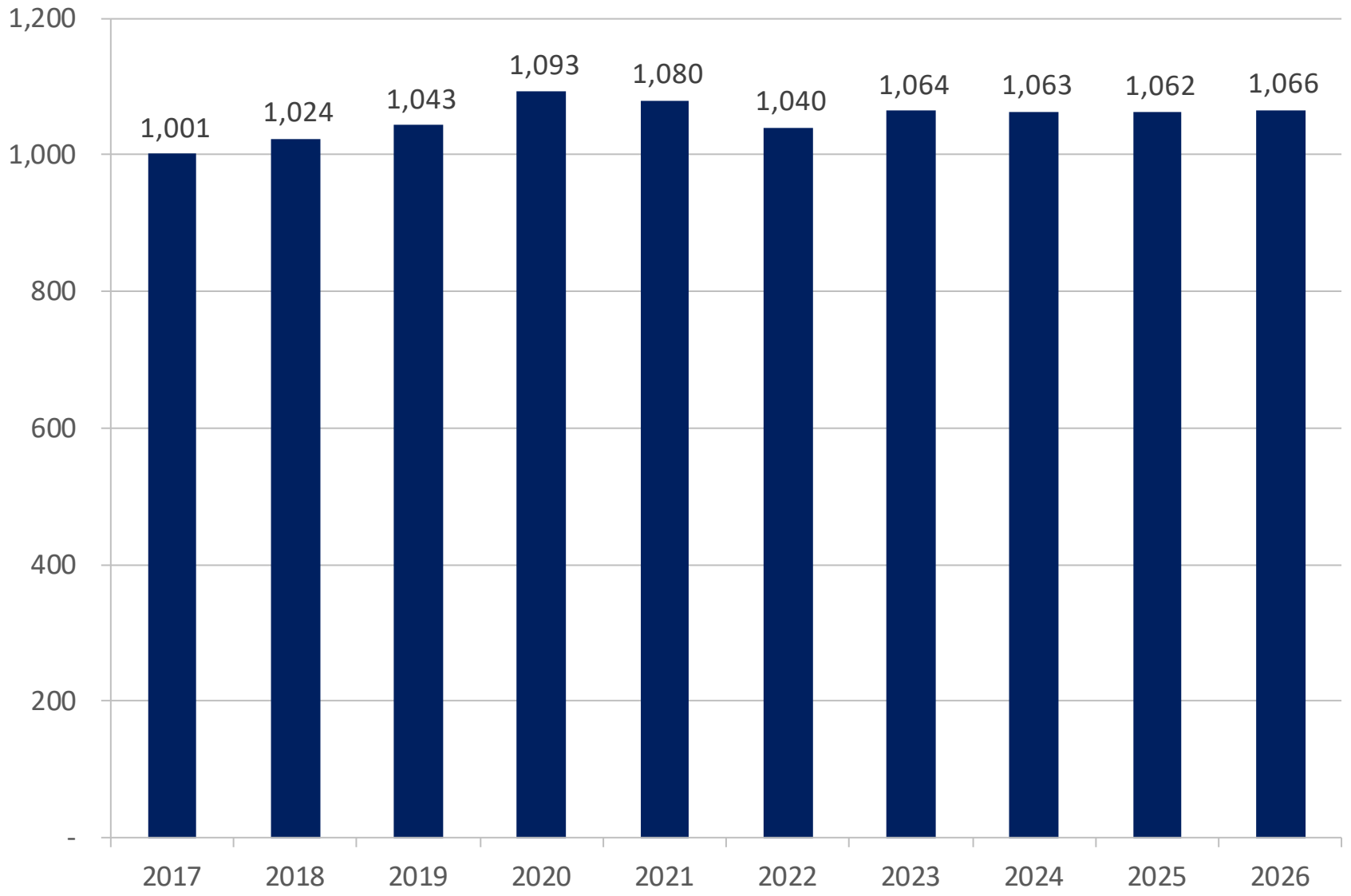
Most significantly affected by the state aid payment structure.

Balances (in thousands) of the District for the past ten years:



General Fund

ADM Served


1,200
1,000
800
600
400
200
-
1,001
1,024
1,043
1,093
1,080
1,040
1,064
1,063
1,062
1,066
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024
2025
2026

Budget to Actual

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
State sources	$ 12,514,206	$ 12,802,586	$ 13,335,382	$ 532,796
Local levies	1,495,938	1,509,004	1,502,006	(6,998)
Federal sources	167,101	174,596	148,706	(25,890)
Other	840,303	1,097,659	1,638,263	540,604
Total revenues	15,017,548	15,583,845	16,624,357	1,040,512
				6.7% Over
Expenditures				
Current				
Regular and vocational instruction	7,071,915	7,436,730	6,996,587	440,143
Administration and district support services	1,640,229	1,367,845	1,327,483	40,362
Special education instruction	2,707,999	2,858,017	3,144,035	(286,018)
Instructional and pupil support services	2,009,970	2,362,276	2,290,133	72,143
Sites and buildings	1,117,676	1,317,595	1,501,854	(184,259)
Other	360,809	226,190	215,757	10,433
Debt service	-	-	60,202	(60,202)
Capital outlay	328,000	540,075	645,536	(105,461)
Total expenditures	15,236,598	16,108,728	16,181,587	(72,859)
				0.5% Over
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(219,050)	(524,883)	442,770	967,653
Other Financing Sources				
Sale of equipment	-	950,000	950,000	-
Insurance Recovery	-	100,000	100,000	-
Transfer in	35,540	35,540	-	(35,540)
	35,540	1,085,540	1,050,000	(35,540)
Net Change in Fund Balance	$ (183,510)	$ 560,657	1,492,770	$ 932,113
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year			6,259,428	
Fund Balance, End of Year			$ 7,752,198	

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A Positive Fund Balance

1. Contributes to a favorable bond rating

2. Produces investment income and provides a source of working capital to meet cash flow needs.

3. Offers a cushion for unexpected expenditures or revenue shortfalls.



Fund Balance Categories

Nonspendable

- Represents amounts that cannot be spent
- Not in spendable form
- Inventory, prepaid expenses

Restricted

- Legally restricted by outside parties
- Cannot be appropriated for other spending

Committed

- Intended for a specific activity
- Imposed by formal action of the council but is not legally restricted

Assigned

- Intended for a specific activity by the council or designated individuals
- Not legally restricted

Unassigned

- Reserves
- “Rainy day” fund

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Changes in UFARS Fund Balances

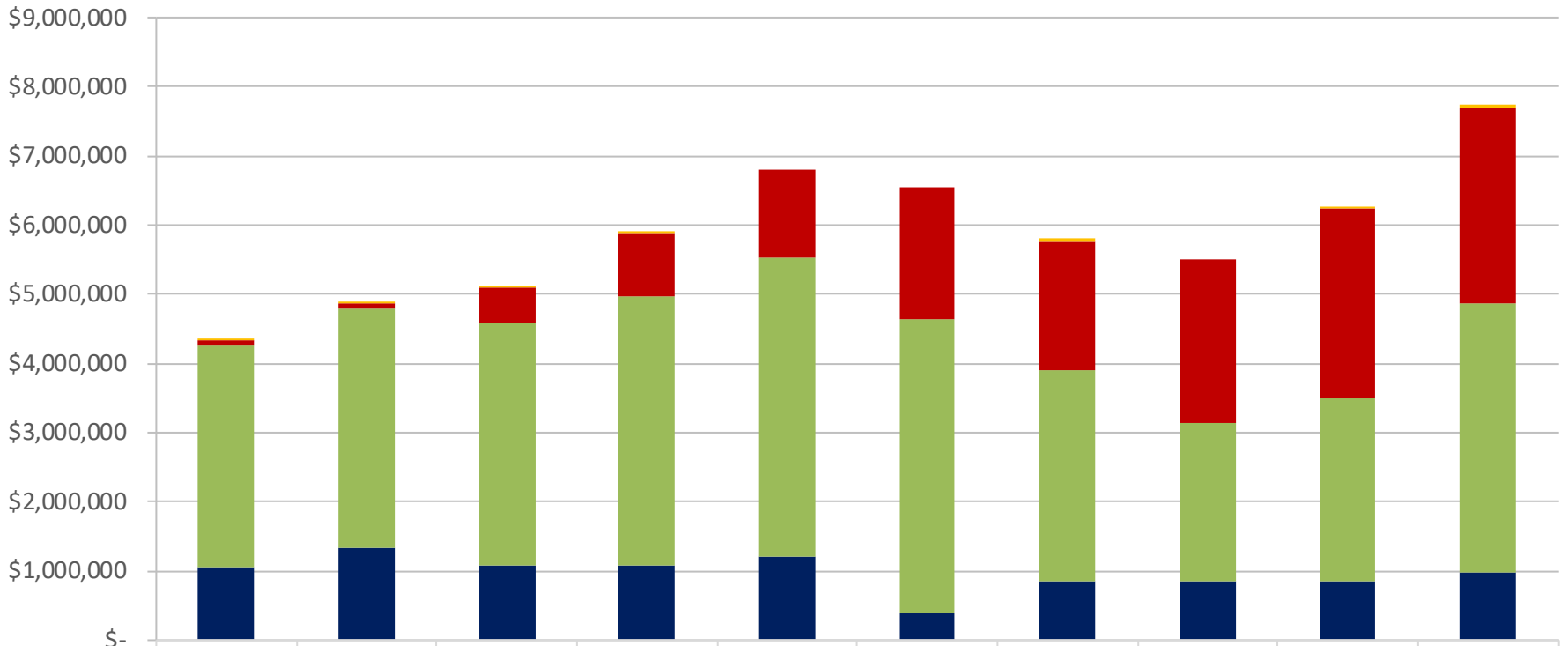
Fund Balance: cumulative difference between fund assets and fund liabilities

	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	Net Change in Fund Balance	Fund Balance End of Year
Nonspendable	$ 9,216	$ 50,498	$ 59,714
Restricted for student activities	301,265	2,880	304,145
Restricted for scholarships	148,753	15,530	164,283
Restricted for staff development	156,328	27,915	184,243
Restricted for literacy incentive aid	68,592	24,406	92,998
Restricted for American Indian Aid	-	7,922	7,922
Restricted for operating capital	-	1,674	1,674
Restricted for literacy aid	43,774	(4,831)	38,943
Restricted for long term facilities maintenance	1,972,426	19,026	1,991,452
Restricted for student support personnel	67,335	(27,568)	39,767
Assigned for capital projects	1,168,256	1,207,229	2,375,485
Assigned for severance	323,757	(13,185)	310,572
Assigned for transportation contract	676,726	171,274	848,000
Assigned for technology	130,000	20,000	150,000
Assigned for curriculum	200,000	-	200,000
Assigned for investments	143,000	(143,000)	-
Unassigned	850,000	133,000	983,000
	$ 6,259,428	$ 1,492,770	$ 7,752,198

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Total Fund Balances

Total fund balances of the General Fund for the past 10 years:



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Nonspendable	$19,323	$19,323	$13,223	$33,272	$-	$-	$33,381	$-	$9,216	$59,714
Restricted	$79,343	$78,975	$495,104	$900,458	$1,287,192	$1,916,696	$1,866,641	$2,351,116	$2,758,473	$2,825,427
Assigned	$3,190,524	$3,448,622	$3,516,193	$3,890,993	$4,325,641	$4,235,879	$3,052,583	$2,294,634	$2,641,739	$3,884,057
Unassigned	$1,057,221	$1,333,550	$1,077,383	$1,084,999	$1,193,500	$401,328	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$983,000

Recommendations Regarding Fund Balances

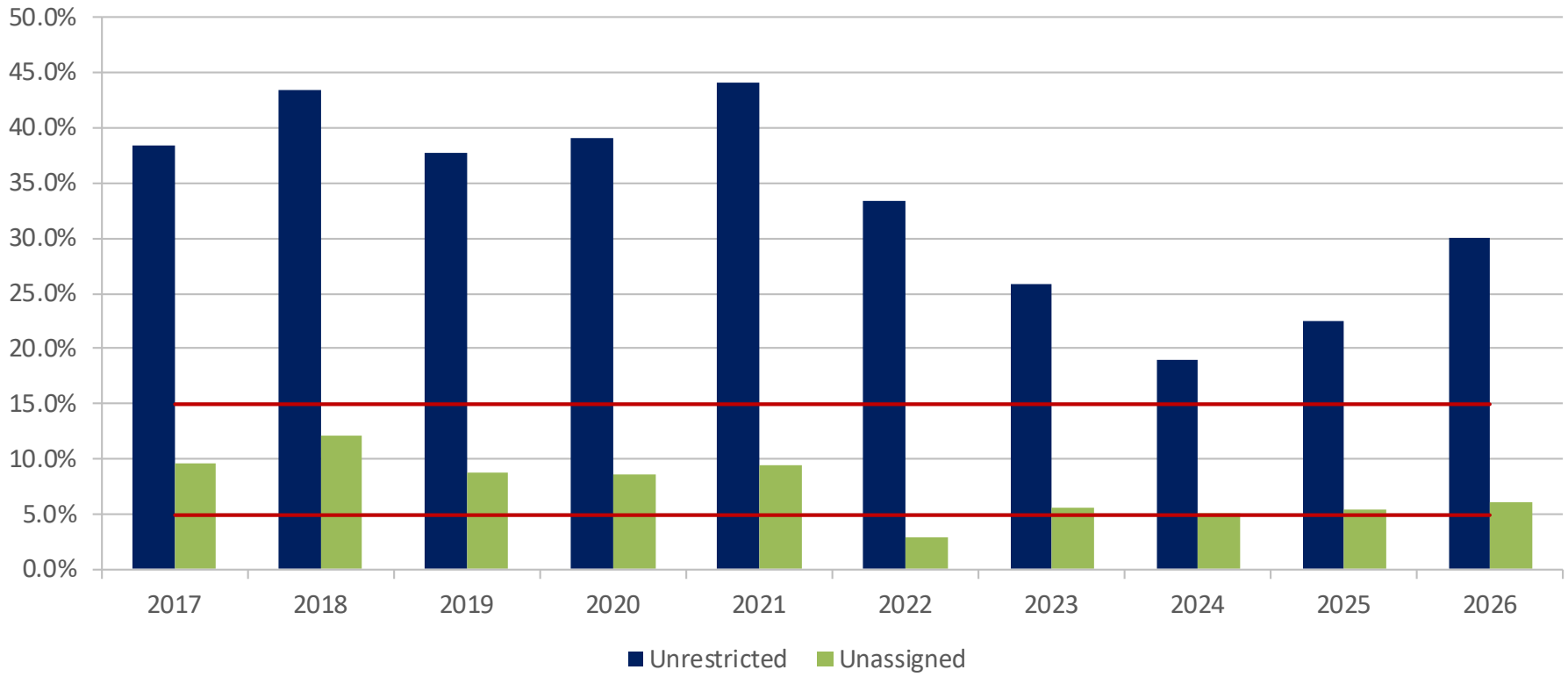
The District's Policy: strive to maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance in an amount that shall be no less than 5% and no more than 15% of the annual budget operating expenditures. For the current year that target amount is approximately $805,000 – $2,416,000.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA): recommends, at a minimum, that governments maintain unrestricted fund balances in their general fund of no less than two months (16.67%) of regular general fund expenditures. For the current year that target amount is approximately $2,697,000.

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Unrestricted and Unassigned Fund Balance

The District's unrestricted fund balance and unassigned fund balance as a percentage of expenditures in the General Fund for the last 10 years:



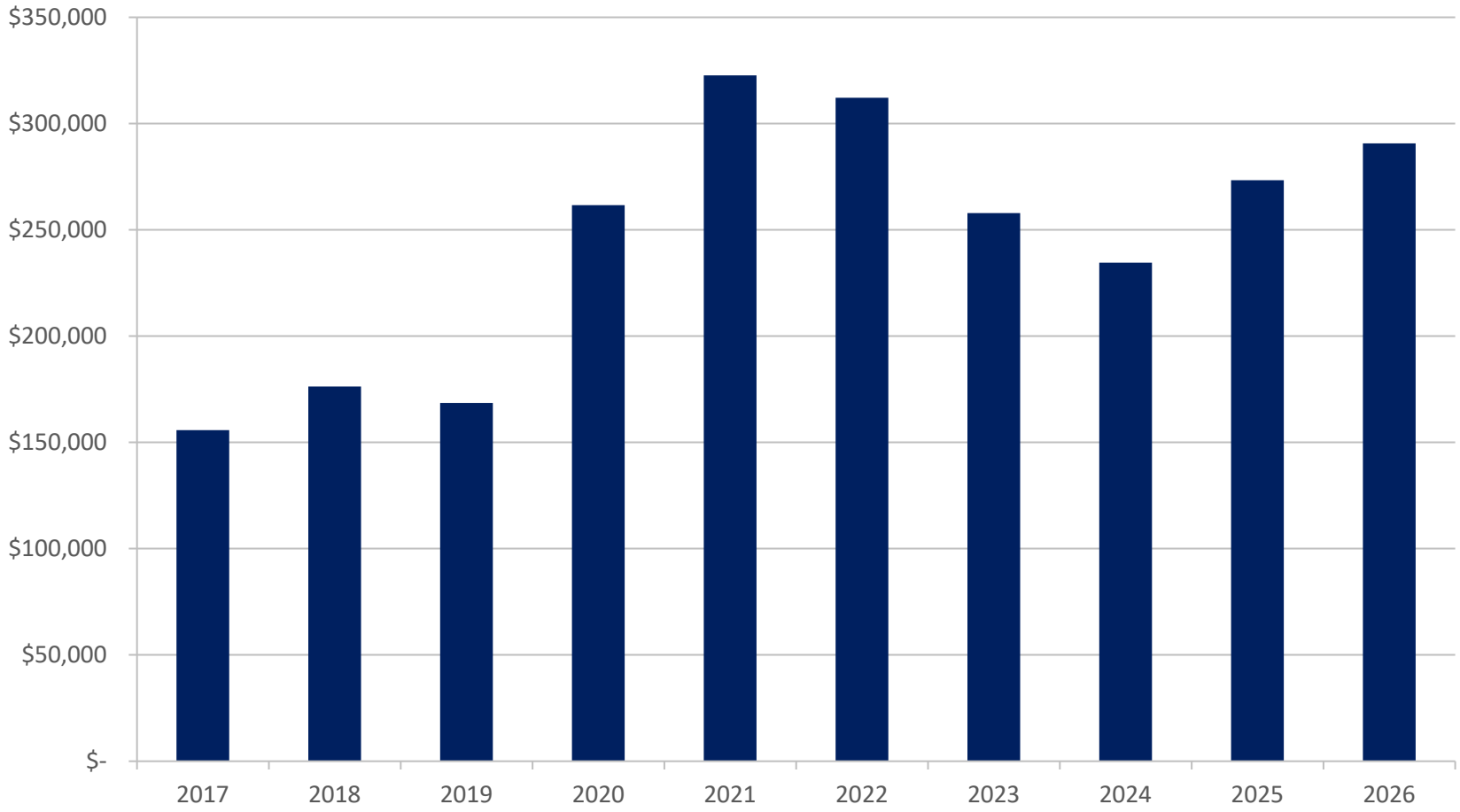
The maroon line indicate the District's fund balance policy of maintaining an unassigned fund balance of between 5% and 15% of the annual budget operating expenditures.

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Other Funds

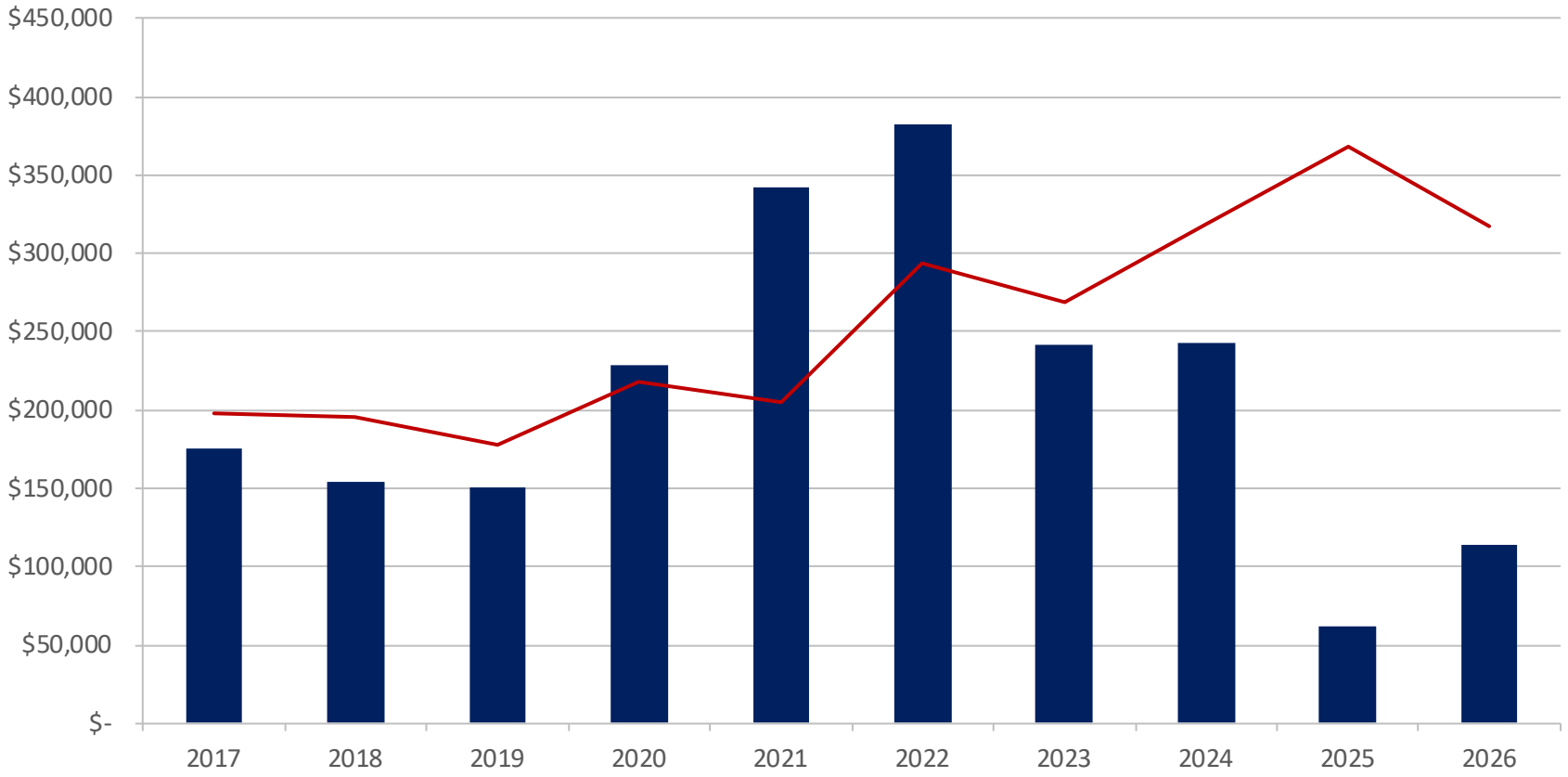
Year-End Fund Balance – Community Service Fund

Positive fund balance indicates that revenues of the community service programs are sufficient to cover the expenditures of the programs.



Year-End Fund Balance – Food Service Fund

Positive fund balance indicates that revenues of the food service program are sufficient to cover the expenditures of the program.



The maroon line indicates the maximum allowable fund balance of three months expenditures.



Questions?

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The following resolution was moved by _____ and seconded by _____:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education."; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full." and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Morris Area School District # 2769 gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
Katie Boyle	$250.00	M Club Cross Country Team
WCI – Foundation	$90.00	Angel Fund – Transit Pass (Student)
WCI – Foundation	$200.00	Angel Fund – (4) Student Fees for Spanish Trip
WCI – Foundation	$90.00	Angel Fund – Transit Pass (Student)
WCI – Foundation	$231.50	Angel Fund – Negative Lunch Accounts
WCI – Foundation	$88.25	Angel Fund – Milk for Special Diet
WCI – Foundation	$1,000.00	Asche-PE – 7th/8th Dance Unit
WCI – Foundation	$450.00	Asche-PE – 7th/9th Water Safety Unit
WCI – Foundation	$1,936.00	Asche-PE – 8th Ski Trip
WCI – Foundation	$2,558.00	Asche-PE – Bowling Unit
WCI – Foundation	$600.00	Odelle-Music – Hand Drums/Frame Drums
WCI – Foundation	$160.00	Kehoe-4th – Scholastic News
WCI – Foundation	$9,000.00	Harris-Sp Ed – Pod Flex Area
WCI – Foundation	$560.00	Ose-Teacher Morale Booster

WCI – Foundation	$1,679.78	Carrington-ESL – Welcome Newcomers Stories
WCI – Riverview Fund	$2,000.00	Tennis Team – Charter to State Tournament
Nancy Zimmerman	$7,000.00	Custodial Area
Riverview LLP	$142.86	M Club – Cross Country
Total Donations	**$28,036.39**	

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Whereupon the said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

By: _____ By: _____
Chair Clerk

Date: _____

GENERAL LEDGER BALANCES

	FY2027	FY2026	FY2025	FY2024
General Fund Investments	$ 6,666,127.47	$ 7,269,669.05	$ 5,465,386.89	$ 4,877,601.17
Difference from Prior Year	*$ (603,541.58)*	*$ 1,804,282.16*	*$ 587,785.72*	*$ -*
OPEB Investments	$ 481,781.45	$ 451,323.50	$ 438,653.54	$ 429,808.05

Fund	**FY2027**	**FY2026**	**FY2025**	**FY2024**
01 - General Fund	$ 757,891.73	$ (146,421.40)	$ 222,907.40	$ 530,828.77
02 - Food Service	$ 37,898.63	$ 5,453.30	$ 132,529.15	$ 175,476.78
04 - Community Education	$ 288,778.03	$ 225,487.80	$ 190,074.21	$ 212,896.69
06 - Building Project	$ 262,117.04	$ 262,942.23	$ -	$ -
07 - Debt Service Fund	$ 3,127,205.76	$ 2,414,739.10	$ 2,657,148.81	$ 2,581,135.93
08 - Trust Fund	$ 41,614.78	$ 34,484.78	$ 20,344.78	$ 13,593.78
21 - Student Activity	$ 10,040.73	$ 10,301.23	$ 10,815.07	$ 10,815.07
45 - OPEB Irrevocable Trust Cash	$ 1,913.16	$ 1,913.16	$ 1,913.16	$ 1,913.16
47 - OPEB Debt Service Cash	$ 107,358.72	$ 80,481.19	$ 109,412.43	$ 107,206.58
Total General Ledger Balance	$ 4,634,818.58	$ 2,889,381.39	$ 3,345,145.01	$ 3,633,866.76
Total General Ledger Balance with GF Investments	***$ 11,300,946.05***	***$ 10,159,050.44***	***$ 8,810,531.90***	***$ 8,511,467.93***
Difference from Prior Year	*$ 1,141,895.61*	*$ 1,348,518.54*	*$ 299,063.97*	*$ -*
		Sold Bus/Van Fleet $950K/Wrestling Room Ins Claim $100K	Paid for the Roof Project $1,280,000/(2) new School Buses approx. $248K/Solar Project $78K	Paid for the Roof Project $728,745

Revenue and Expense Comparative History

Revenue	2026-2027			2025-2026			2024-2025		
	Through October	Total Budget	Total % of Budget	Through October	Total Budget	Total % of Budget	Through October	Total Budget	Total % of Budget
General Fund	$ 4,227,754	$ 16,273,187	26.0%	$ 4,271,272	$ 16,588,845	25.7%	$ 3,775,033	$ 15,070,844	25.0%
Food Service	$ 114,417	$ 997,250	11.5%	$ 152,620	$ 998,276	15.3%	$ 116,766	$ 920,924	12.7%
Community Education	$ 254,276	$ 1,102,497	23.1%	$ 197,372	$ 1,164,441	16.9%	$ 199,374	$ 1,064,963	18.7%
Debt Service	$ 1,477,638	$ 3,565,478	41.4%	$ 852,116	$ 3,533,877	24.1%	$ 1,313,359	$ 3,100,424	42.4%
Total These Funds	**$ 6,074,085**	**$ 21,938,412**	**27.7%**	**$ 5,473,379**	**$ 22,285,439**	**24.6%**	**$ 5,404,531**	**$ 20,157,155**	**26.8%**

Expenditures	2026-2027			2025-2026			2024-2025		
	Through October	Total Budget	Total % of Budget	Through October	Total Budget	Total % of Budget	Through October	Total Budget	Total % of Budget
General Fund	$ 4,331,963	$ 17,638,197	24.6%	$ 3,515,424	$ 16,028,188	21.9%	$ 3,740,595	$ 15,283,097	24.5%
Food Service	$ 184,413	$ 996,748	18.5%	$ 209,707	$ 977,595	21.5%	$ 223,185	$ 1,090,131	20.5%
Community Education	$ 318,553	$ 1,114,007	28.6%	$ 305,013	$ 1,173,243	26.0%	$ 300,217	$ 1,086,205	27.6%
Debt Service	$ 295,210	$ 3,541,522	8.3%	$ 315,261	$ 3,541,522	8.9%	$ 332,969	$ 3,081,938	10.8%
Total These Funds	**$ 5,130,138**	**$ 23,290,474**	**22.0%**	**$ 4,345,404**	**$ 21,720,548**	**20.0%**	**$ 4,596,966**	**$ 20,541,371**	**22.4%**

	2026-2027			2025-2026			2024-2025		
	Through October	Total Budget	Total % of Budget	Through October	Total Budget	Total % of Budget	Through October	Total Budget	Total % of Budget
NET General Fund	**$ (104,209)**	**$ (1,365,010)**	**1.42%**	**$ 755,848**	**$ 560,657**	**3.82%**	**$ 34,438**	**$ (212,253)**	**0.57%**

PMA Fixed Income Portfolio - October 2026							
Sub	**Product**	**Settle Date**	**Maturity Date**	**Instrument**	**sum(Cost)**	**Days**	**Rate**
				Total LTD	**$ 2,417,195.02**		
				Total Operating	**$ 4,248,932.45**		
101 - Operating	Flex	10/31/2026		MNTrust Term Series-Flex (VNB)	$ 376,219.54		$ 3.85
101 - Operating	CD	08/17/2026	01/25/2028	GBank	$ 235,600.00	526	$ 4.16
101 - Operating	CD	08/17/2026	08/17/2027	T Bank, National Association	$ 240,100.00	365	$ 4.03
101 - Operating	CD	02/11/2026	07/26/2027	CFG Bank	$ 237,300.00	530	$ 3.59
101 - Operating	CD	02/11/2026	07/26/2027	Bank of China	$ 237,100.00	530	$ 3.66
101 - Operating	DTC CD	08/13/2025	02/12/2027	TRUSTONE FINL CU	$ 249,531.73	548	$ 3.95
101 - Operating	CD	06/03/2025	01/25/2027	CIBM Bank	$ 234,900.00	601	$ 3.89
101 - Operating	CD	06/03/2025	01/25/2027	Freedom Northwest Credit Union	$ 234,600.00	601	$ 3.90
101 - Operating	CD	06/04/2025	01/25/2027	American Commercial Bank & Trust, National Association	$ 234,900.00	600	$ 3.87
101 - Operating	CD	02/11/2026	01/25/2027	Transportation Alliance Bank, Inc. d/b/a TAB Bank	$ 241,500.00	348	$ 3.59
101 - Operating	CD	02/11/2026	01/25/2027	Port Washington Federal Credit Union	$ 241,800.00	348	$ 3.50
101 - Operating	CD	02/11/2026	01/25/2027	Oakwood Bank	$ 241,800.00	348	$ 3.50
101 - Operating	Term Series II	05/19/2026	01/22/2027	MNTrust TERM SERIES II	$ 500,000.00	248	$ 3.82
101 - Operating	DTC CD	06/10/2025	12/10/2026	VALLEY NATL BK WAYNE	$ 244,513.00	548	$ 4.05
101 - Operating	STRIP	11/21/2024	11/15/2026	STRIPS	$ 499,068.18	724	$ 4.20
				Total School Bldg Bonds	**$ 490,600.00**		
205 - 2024A School Building Bonds	CD	06/09/2026	12/15/2026	Omb Bank	$ 244,800.00	189	$ 4.00
205 - 2024A School Building Bonds	CD	06/09/2026	11/16/2026	BOM Bank	$ 245,800.00	160	$ 3.78
				Total 2026A Facility Maintenance CIBS	**$ 2,209,700.00**		
206 - 2026A Facility Maintenance CIBS	CD	10/02/2026	07/31/2028	Merrick Bank	$ 230,100.00	668	$ 4.65
206 - 2026A Facility Maintenance CIBS	CD	10/02/2026	06/30/2027	Customers Bank	$ 1,250,000.00	271	$ 4.21
206 - 2026A Facility Maintenance CIBS	CD	10/02/2026	05/28/2027	Oklahoma Capital Bank	$ 243,200.00	238	$ 4.18
206 - 2026A Facility Maintenance CIBS	CD	10/02/2026	05/28/2027	Western Alliance Bank	$ 243,200.00	238	$ 4.25
206 - 2026A Facility Maintenance CIBS	CD	10/02/2026	05/28/2027	Bank Hapoalim B.M.	$ 243,200.00	238	$ 4.18
				Total 2026B Facility Maintenance CABS	**$ 1,931,057.77**		
207 - 2026B Facility Maintenance CABS	CD	10/05/2026	06/30/2028	Civista Bank	$ 231,200.00	634	$ 4.64
207 - 2026B Facility Maintenance CABS	Treasury Note	10/27/2026	04/30/2028	US TREASURY N/B	$ 496,557.77	551	$ 4.50
207 - 2026B Facility Maintenance CABS	CD	10/02/2026	09/30/2027	Customers Bank	$ 239,500.00	363	$ 4.36
207 - 2026B Facility Maintenance CABS	CD	10/02/2026	08/31/2027	Sentry Bank	$ 240,500.00	333	$ 4.27
207 - 2026B Facility Maintenance CABS	CD	10/02/2026	08/31/2027	MapleMark Bank	$ 240,500.00	333	$ 4.29
207 - 2026B Facility Maintenance CABS	CD	10/02/2026	07/30/2027	Solera National Bank	$ 241,400.00	301	$ 4.29
207 - 2026B Facility Maintenance CABS	CD	10/02/2026	07/30/2027	Pbt Bancorp	$ 241,400.00	301	$ 4.29
				Total OPEB	**$ 481,781.45**		
301 - 2009 Opeb Trust	Money Market A	10/01/2026		GOLDMAN SACHS GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET	$ 481,781.45		$ 3.69

Auxiliary Checks/Payments		
Month Ending:	**October 2026**	**September 2026**
Fund 01: General Fund	$ 17,718.78	$ 16,355.22
Fund 02: Food Service	$ -	$ 750.50
Fund 04: Community Education	$ 1,220.00	$ 2,436.25
Fund 06: Building Fund	$ -	$ -
Fund 08: Trust/Scholarships	$ -	$ 750.00
Total	**$ 18,938.78**	**$ 20,291.97**

Activity Account Checks/Payments		
Month Ending:	**October 2026**	**September 2026**
Total	**$ 19,436.97**	**$ 17,061.16**

School Board Checks/Payments		
Checks Approved in:	**November 2026**	**October 2026**
Payroll Deductions	$ 15,520.83	$ 13,564.52
Payroll Wires	$ 464,912.99	$ 468,983.18
Fund 01: General Fund	$ 374,936.14	$ 355,693.74
Fund 02: Food Service	$ 58,655.70	$ 52,672.28
Fund 04: Community Education	$ 11,627.16	$ 18,591.66
Fund 06: Building Project	$ 198,528.94	$ 244,853.30
Fund 07: Debt Service	$ -	$ -
Fund 08: Trust	$ -	$ -
Fund 21: Activity Account	$ -	$ -
Fund 45: OPEB	$ -	$ -
Fund 47: OPEB	$ -	$ -
Total	**$ 1,124,181.76**	**$ 1,154,358.68**

Total Checks/Payments	**$ 1,162,557.51**	**$ 1,191,711.81**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2026 – 5:30 pm – Morris Area High School Media Center

Board Chair Johnson called the regular meeting of the School Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present

Matt Johnson	Chair	Steve Just	Director
Jennifer Goodnough (remotely)	Vice Chair	Miguel Urrutia Calvo	Director
Renee Konz (remotely)	Clerk	Kurt Wulf	Director
Trevor Seales	Treasurer		

Members Absent:

Others Present: Shane Monson, Bill Kehoe, Eric Ose, Tony Reimers, Jeannie Maanum, Katie Erdman, Naomi Skulan, Christine Banta, Elisa Ettesvold, Carrie Redden, Bridget Backman, Deb Campbell family

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed.

Motion by Seales, second by Urrutia Calvo, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (7-0).

Superintendent Monson recognized the Tiger Pride accomplishments.

Deb Campbell spoke in regards to the Cell Phone Policy.

Amy Mumm & Seth Kelly presented an update on Staff Development.

Superintendent Monson gave a presentation on Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness.

Motion by Wulf, second by Urrutia Calvo, to approve the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Roll call – Johnson-aye, Goodnough-aye, Seales-aye, Konz-aye, Urrutia Calvo-aye, Wulf-aye, Just-aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Motion by Seales, second by Just, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried (7-0).

Management and Administrative Reports were reviewed.

School Board committee reports were reviewed.

Motion by Seales, second by Just, to approve the second and final reading of these policies as presented. Motion carried (7-0).

- 101 - Legal Status of the School District
- 101.1 - Name of the School District
- 102 - Equal Educational Opportunity
- 103 - Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons
- 524.5 - Cell Phone - Personal Electronic Communication Devices

Motion by Goodnough, second by Wulf, to approve the amended Policy #524.5 - Cell Phone - Personal Electronic Communication Devices. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board recognized the first reading of the following policies.

- 201 - Legal Status of the School Board
- 202 - School Board Officers
- 203 - Operation of the School Board - Governing Rules
- 203.1 - School Board Procedures; Rules of Order

Motion by Wulf, second by Urrutia Calvo, to approve the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A & Form B Applications to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation. Roll call – Johnson-aye, Goodnough-aye, Seales-aye, Konz-aye, Urrutia Calvo-aye, Wulf-aye, Just-aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Motion by Wulf, second by Just, to approve the annual policy that is up for review and approved as the annual cycle of policies. Motion carried (7-0).

Motion by Urrutia Calvo, second by Seales, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Business and Report Items - Document Reference (filed with original minutes)
Copies of documents presented for action and report purposes are in the district folder prepared for permanent record.

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Matt Johnson, Chair Renee Konz, Clerk

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Tony Reimers** <treimers@morris.k12.mn.us>
Date: Wed, Oct 28, 2026 at 8:53 AM
Subject: Re: CE pay rate
To: Natalie Ketterling <nketterling@morris.k12.mn.us>
Cc: Brooke Viss <bviss@morris.k12.mn.us>, Cody Hickman <chickman@morris.k12.mn.us>

Natalie,

We try to stay ahead of the minimum wage increases. In 2026, we paid employees without a diploma $12 per hour and those with a HS diploma $15 per hour.

With the statewide increase below, I would recommend $12.50 for non diploma employees and $15.50 for diploma employees, starting January 1, 2027.

Minnesota's statewide minimum wage is $11.41 per hour (effective January 1, 2026), and will increase to $11.87 per hour on January 1, 2027.

Go Tigers,

TONY REIMERS M.ED.
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MORRIS AREA SCHOOLS
MORRIS MINNESOTA

EXTENDED TRIP REQUEST FORM

Send one copy of this form with related material to the Superintendent at least 90 days prior to the intended departure from Morris.

Title of Proposed Field Trip: State BPA

Name of School: Morris Area High School

Name and School of Person in Charge: Jenny Maras, Morris Area High School

Number of Students: This # will depend on how many students advance beyond regions.

Group Taking Trip: Morris Area BPA

Number of Supervisors: 1:15 - 1 Adult per 15 Students

Dates of Trip: March 4-6, 2027

Approximate Cost of Trip: $200, with fundraising available to offset costs

Please attach a statement relative to: (items one through eight)

1. The purpose and educational value of the trip including relationship to learner outcomes. (Give rationale and details of the trip.)

The Minnesota BPA State Leadership Conference provides students opportunities to apply classroom learning through competitive events, leadership development, and networking while strengthening career readiness, communication, problem-solving, and professionalism. https://www.mnbpa.org/slc

2. Background preparation (in class, etc.)

Preparation will occur during monthly BPA morning meetings, individual/group work time, advisor coaching, and industry partners who serve as mock judges.

3. Manner of selecting participants.

This number of students will depend on how many qualify and advance from the Region BPA event in January 2027.

4. Itinerary: (include details on destination, lodging, and proposed activities.)

- ✔ **Destination:** State BPA Hyatt Regency Hotel - Minneapolis, MN
- ✔ **Dates of Trip:** March 4-6, 2027
- ✔ **Method of Travel to Destination:** School Bus
- ✔ **Type of Accommodations:** Hyatt Regency Hotel - Minneapolis, MN
- ✔ **Proposed Daily Activities:** BPA - Sponsored Competitive Events and Social Events
- ✔ **Transportation at Destination:** School Bus, if needed. Everything is at the Hyatt.

5. Supervision to be provided. (A licensed staff member will be in charge of the trip. Additional adults will accompany the trip as agreed upon by the principal and teacher. The teacher and principal shall agree on the number of chaperones needed. This determination shall take into account student age and the nature of the site and length of the trip.)

1:15 - 1 Adult per 15 Students. This number can be adjusted accordingly. Chaperones will be used from the district-approved volunteer list.

6. Explain source of funds and student involvement in raising funds and costs per student.

♦ How will funds be used to support students with financial needs?

Families will pay out-of-pocket for State BPA, which has an estimated cost of $200/participant. This amount covers registration, hotel, and travel. Food and personal purchases would be out-of-pocket. Approved fund raising will be offered to students that could yield 100% coverage. Students with financial needs will be coached in the fund raising process.

7. What will the impact of this trip be on other teachers and students not participating?

State BPA participants will miss two class days while away. Names will be shared with staff per the protocol already in place. Participants will be encouraged to communicate with staff about their absence. BPA students who do not advance from regions will still have opportunities to stay involved with the BPA program through leadership and civic engagement, despite not advancing to state for the competitive portion of BPA.

8. How will the trip be evaluated?

The advisor and chaperones will conduct daily chapter meetings while at state BPA prior to evening curfews. These meetings will allow for evaluation from the day.

Request Submitted By: Jenny Maras on 10-18-26

Principal's Recommendation □ Approved □ Not approved

Comments:

10/20/26

Principal's Signature Date

☑ Approved □ Not Approved

Shane Monson 10/20/26

Superintendent Date

☑ Approved □ Not Approved

School Board Chair Date

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Number of Students: This # will depend on how many students advance beyond state.

Group Taking Trip: Morris Area BPA

Number of Supervisors: 1:15 - 1 Adult per 15 Students

Dates of Trip: May 5-9, 2027

Approximate Cost of Trip: $1200, with fundraising available to offset costs

Please attach a statement relative to: (items one through eight)

1. The purpose and educational value of the trip including relationship to learner outcomes. (Give rationale and details of the trip.)

The National BPA Leadership Conference provides students opportunities to apply classroom learning through competitive events, leadership development, and networking while strengthening career readiness, communication, problem-solving, and professionalism.https://bpa.org/nlc_conference/2027-nlc/

2. Background preparation (in class, etc.)

Preparation will occur during monthly BPA morning meetings, individual/group work time, advisor coaching, and industry partners who serve as mock judges.

3. Manner of selecting participants.

This number of students will depend on how many qualify and advance from the State BPA competition in March 2027.

4. Itinerary: (include details on destination, lodging, and proposed activities.)

✔ **Destination:** National BPA Gaylord Rockies Hotel & Convention Center - Denver, CO
✔ **Dates of Trip:** May 5-9, 2027
✔ **Method of Travel to Destination:** School Bus to MSP Airport & Commercial Airplane
✔ **Type of Accommodations:** Gaylord Rockies Hotel & Convention Center - Denver, CO
✔ **Proposed Daily Activities:** BPA - Sponsored Competitive Events, Social Events & Tours

✔ **Transportation at Destination:** BPA-Shuttles, Airport Shuttles, Public Transportation & RideShare Services, if needed

5. Supervision to be provided. (A licensed staff member will be in charge of the trip. Additional adults will accompany the trip as agreed upon by the principal and teacher. The teacher and principal shall agree on the number of chaperones needed. This determination shall take into account student age and the nature of the site and length of the trip.)

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Comments:

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Principal's Signature Date

☒ Approved □ Not Approved

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Superintendent Date

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School Board Chair Date

□ Approved □ Not Approved

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Activities Director Report
Scott Turnbull
11/12/2026

REVIEW OF THE MONTH

1. Transportation: all trips have been covered for activities without any issues. Aksamit continues to be a great partner for us with activities.

2. Tennis competed at the State Tournament as a team and Lydia Sweep as an individual.

3. Anna Boyle was All-State for Cross Country after finishing 22nd in the State Cross Country Meet.

4. Fall sports aside from girls swimming have concluded. JH Girls basketball and girls hockey have started with the rest beginning in the next two weeks.

5. The West Central Conference is developing a sportsmanship award - voted on by coaches who compete in conference sports. Factors voted on are team, student and fan sportsmanship for all conference contests. The banner for the winner will be awarded at the WCC leadership day in the fall.

6. A good turnout of veterans were here for our Veterans Day program held on 11/10/26.

7. Tiger Football was awarded the Minnesota Football Coaches Association Academic All-State Gold award.

8. Alex Asmus was awarded the Minnesota Football Coaches Association individual Academic All-State award.

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Tony Reimers
Director

TO: **Board of Education**
FROM: **Tony Reimers**
DATE: **November 11, 2026 for the November 16, 2026 Meeting**
RE: **Monthly Board Report**

FALL INTO HEALTH

Morris Area Community Education played a significant role in the 2026 "Fall Into Health" event. This event was held in the Morris Area High School on Tuesday, October 27. This event was facilitated by the Stevens Community Medical Center. It was a free event that offered a free meal, healthy lifestyle information, free lab draws, vaccinations, and access to health care providers. A special thank you to the Morris Area Schools custodial staff for their extra effort and collaboration in making this event a success. It was a great team effort!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Most of our Fall 2026 enrichment programs have concluded and others will be finishing up in the next few weeks. Registration is already underway for some Winter/Spring 2027 programs. Youth basketball started on Monday, November 9. Youth wrestling is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17.

Open Gym Basketball begins on Sunday, November 22 and runs through March 14.
Open gym is free to attend. The fee for Open Gym Basketball is covered through monthly sponsorships. **Thank you, Morris Lions Club, Old No. 1, The Fire Side, Willie's Supervalu, and Stevens Community Medical Center for these monthly sponsorships.**

ADULT PROGRAMS

Our Men's Basketball League begins play on Wednesday, December 9. This basketball league has a twelve-week schedule. Our Women's Volleyball League begins playoff volleyball on Wednesday, November 18.

WINTER/SPRING 2027 Tiger Tracks

We are creating a Winter/Spring 2027 Tiger Tracks publication. We plan to mail out the Tiger Tracks on Monday, December 14.

Elementary School Board Report
Monday, November 16, 2026
Eric J. Ose, MAES Principal

This week we head into our Parent-Teacher Conferences. These are such a crucial piece of what we do to partner with parents. We are very proud of our high levels of participation in conferences. The teachers and our cultural liaison, Marcela Coon, work very hard to get everyone scheduled and in times when we have interpreters available for those who need them. This scheduling is only made possible by the two day model we have used for conferences for the last few years. I again want to thank the board for supporting this schedule change that makes this possible.

This first semester, various members of the math curriculum committee are piloting curricular materials from various providers. This will lead to a recommendation of a vendor to replace the Big Ideas Math curriculum we have been using for the past six years.

Title Grants–
The fall amendment window for Title grants is now open. This is when I submit plans for the non-public share of the title grants and when I can make necessary changes to the budgets of previously submitted grants. It is also when carry-over from previous years should be credited to our current year's title budgets.

Parent-Teacher Conferences
MAES will have over 98% participation in our parent-teacher conferences.

Coming up:
We look forward to some events of note.

- November 24-25 5th grade Wax Museum presentations
- December 14-17 PE Ice skating at Lee Community Center grades 2-6

Respectfully submitted,
Eric J. Ose
MAES Principal

Morris Area High School Board Report
Bill Kehoe, High School Principal
November 12th for the November 16th Meeting

- First quarter has come to an end and second quarter began on November 9th. Conferences were on November 12th from 8-11:30, 12:30-4, and 5-8. At conferences parents were able to pick up quarter one grades and 2026 MCA test results for students in grades 7-12.

- On November 10th we held the annual Veteran's Day program in the Elementary Gym. A special thanks to Sarah Jagerson and Student Council for organizing this program.

- On November 4th, our seventh and eighth grade students spent half the day touring Superior and the other half of the day was spent listening to guest speakers about occupations available in Stevens County. The students also participated in a business luncheon at the Old # 1. This was a great opportunity for our students to be able to see and learn about possible occupations in our community. I want to thank Superior and the Old # 1 for opening up their facilities to our students. I also want to give a special thank you to Nissa Rose, Tammy Socha, Hannah Obowa, Kim Johnson, and Jennifer Rustad for organizing this event and making this day possible for our students.

- Our Seniors participated in their Senior Mentorship Project on November 11th and November 12th. They were expected to find someone they can shadow in a profession that they are interested in. The Seniors will present their experiences to the Junior class. The Juniors will then complete a job shadow experience this Spring.

- For the 4th year in a row, Ms. Rose and her Foods classes entered a baking contest with the Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative and won. They won $500 for the classroom.

- After three days of implementing the new cell phone policy, we have had only three violations. This is not an unusual or significant increase in violations, which is encouraging. I have also received positive feedback from staff regarding the implementation of the policy. We will continue to monitor its effectiveness and hope this positive trend continues.

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Superintendent School Board Report
Monday, November 16, 2026

Our vision and our mission are under construction.

Core values: **T**hink Critically, **I**ntegrity, **G**ratitude, **E**xcellence, **R**espect

Attitude of Gratitude

We are fortunate to have a strong community education program that provides a wide variety of learning opportunities for individuals and families throughout our community. Participation in these programs continues to be strong, which is a great indicator that we are offering experiences that meet the interests and needs of our community. Thank you to everyone who supports and participates in these opportunities. Community education is an important part of what makes Morris Area Schools a valuable community resource and a great place to be!

FY 2026 Audit

The FY 2026 audit executive summary will be presented to the Board this evening. I am pleased to report that the district received an **unmodified, or clean, audit opinion**. This is an important accomplishment and reflects the district's commitment to sound financial practices and accountability.

A special thank you to Jeannie, Natalie, and Carle for their work in preparing for the audit and responding to the auditors' requests. Their attention to detail and dedication to this important responsibility are greatly appreciated!

Core Values, Vision, and Mission

The Board will be considering the adoption of a vision statement for Morris Area Schools. As we

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continue to reflect on who we are, what we value, and where we want to go as a district, it is important that our vision provides direction and inspiration for our work.

The proposed vision statement for consideration:

- ***To inspire and equip tomorrow's generations to succeed in an evolving world***

A clear and meaningful vision will help guide our decisions and keep our focus on preparing students for success in their futures.

Chamber Connects

I attended the Chamber Connects meeting this month, hosted by Conway, Deuth, and Schmiesing, PLLP. These gatherings provide a valuable opportunity to build relationships, connect with local businesses, and share the story of Morris Area Schools.

Building strong partnerships with our business community is important. It allows us to highlight the great things happening in our district while strengthening the connections between our schools and the community we serve.

Cell Tower Opportunity

The Finance and Facilities Committee has been working with a provider interested in constructing a cell tower on district property. Under the proposed agreement, the district would receive monthly rental payments over a 50-year period.

The proposed location and agreement terms will be presented for the Board's consideration this evening. This opportunity has the potential to provide a long-term revenue source for the district, and the Board will have an opportunity to review the details and determine whether it is in the district's best interest.

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Standing Committee Meetings

The district's standing monthly committee meetings include Policy, Finance and Facilities. Committee members will provide updates during the Board Member Updates portion of the meeting.

Strategic Plan update

- **Overall Goal:** The school district will work to implement the vision of the Morris Area Schools and fulfill our mission of educating all students for a successful tomorrow by providing resources and support to increase student achievement and close the achievement gaps.
  - Ongoing review of needed resources/staffing levels
  - Consideration of budget as we review staffing
- **Goal 1:** Maintenance and retention of all staff; recruit and train new staff
  - Ongoing mentorship
  - Monthly new teacher meetings
  - Providing competitive wages and benefits
- **Goal 2:** Training and awareness of mental health issues
  - Provide staff development about resources available
- **Goal 3:** Maintain student enrollment
  - Branding Morris Area Schools
  - Offer a variety of educational opportunities
  - Review of open enrolled students
- **Goal 4:** Enhance awareness of and preparation for receiving an increasing population of immigrant families
  - Providing opportunities for staff to learn best practices with English as a second language learners
  - Providing an opportunity for staff to increase their Spanish language skills.
  - Speak about how diversity is a strength

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As you can see from this list we are working on the strategic planning goals adopted by the school board to guide our work.

Respectfully,

Mr. Shane Monson

Transportation Report

Morris

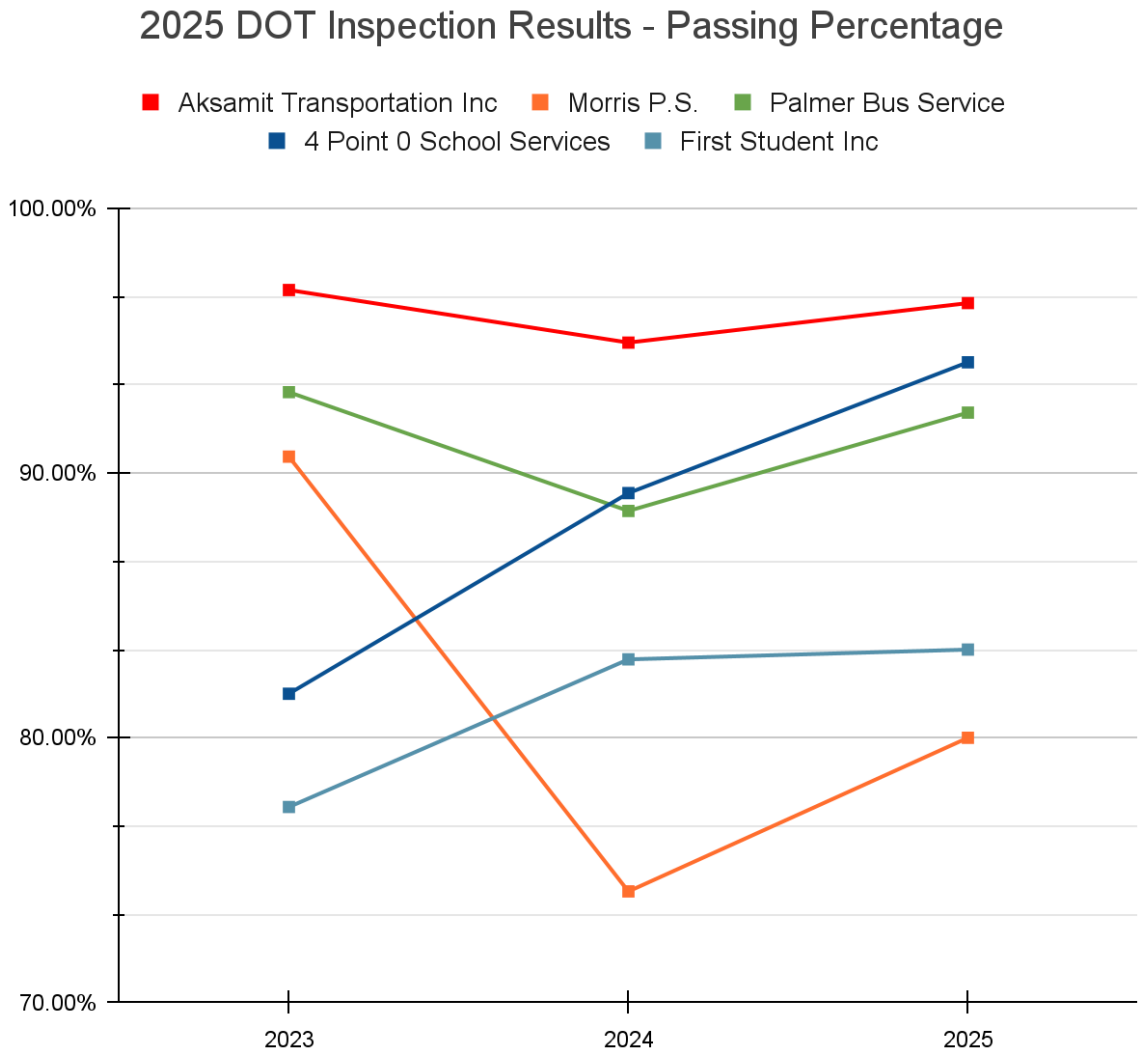


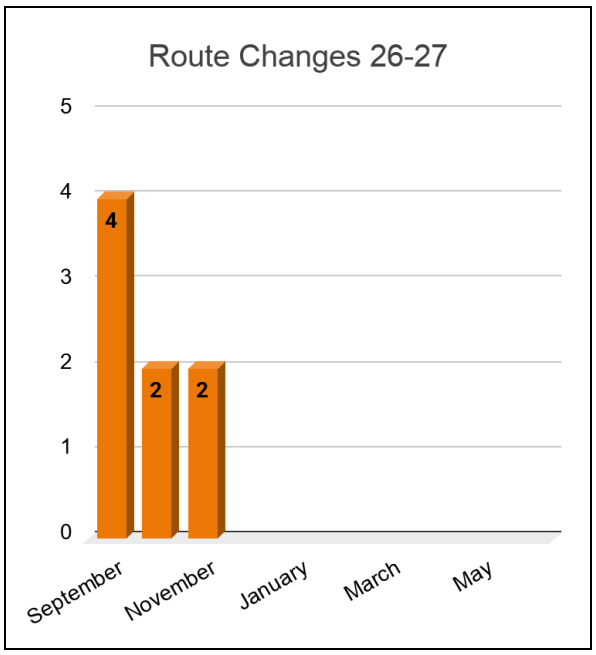
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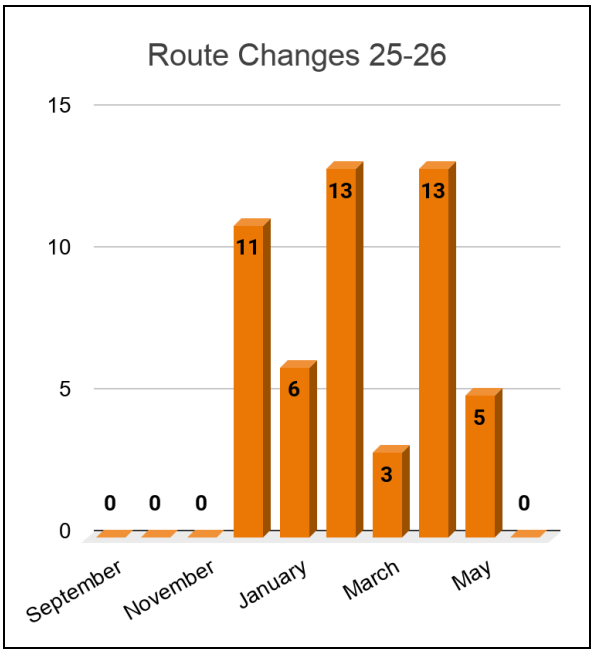
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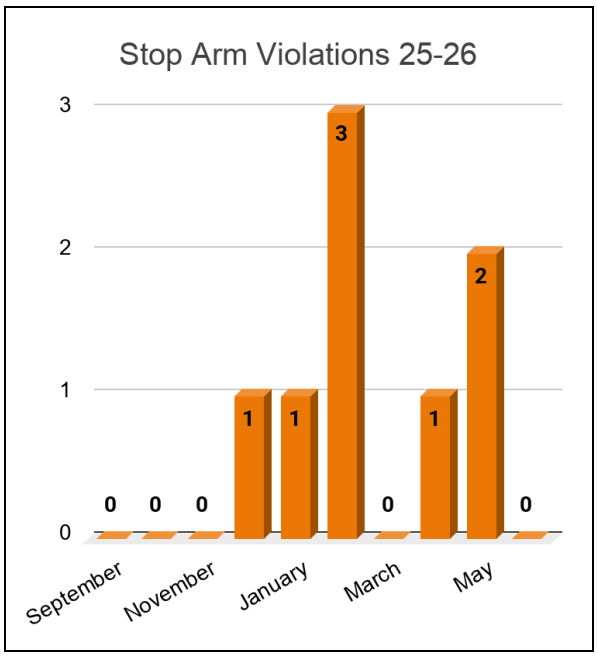
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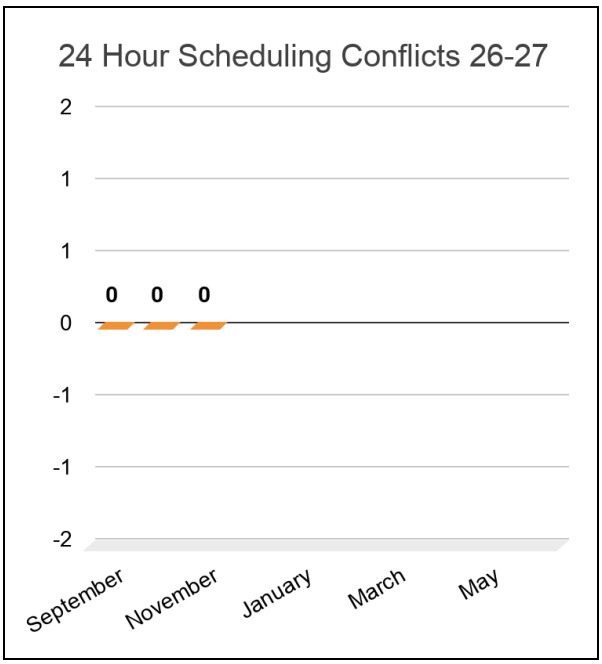


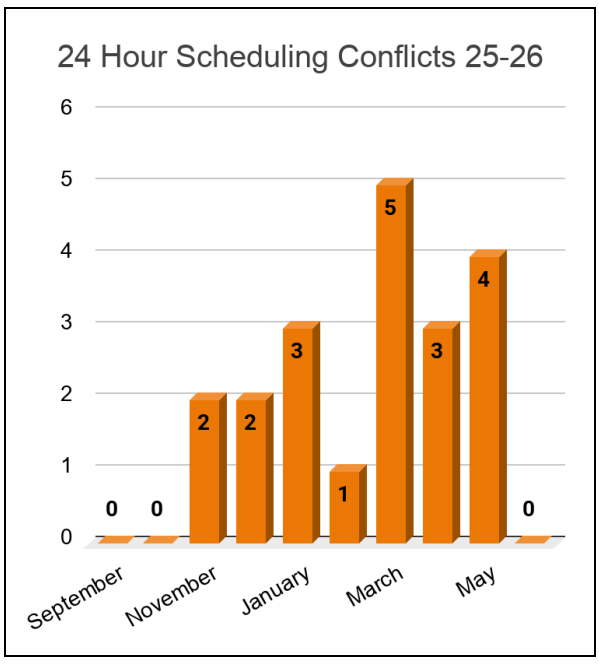

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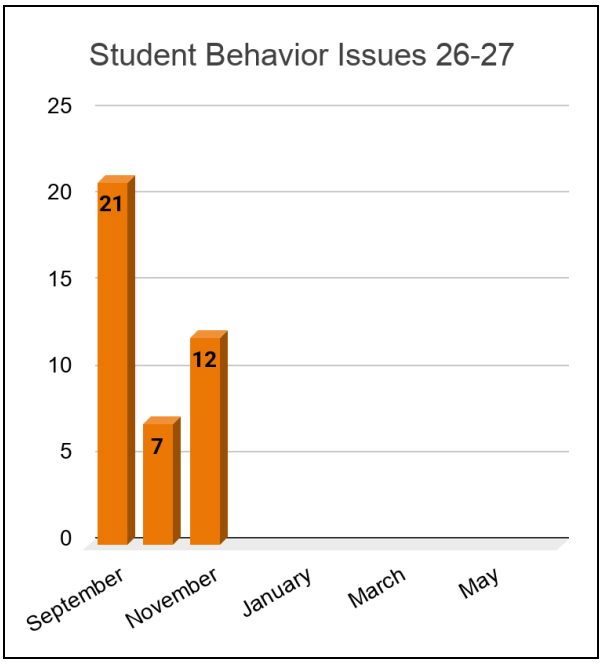

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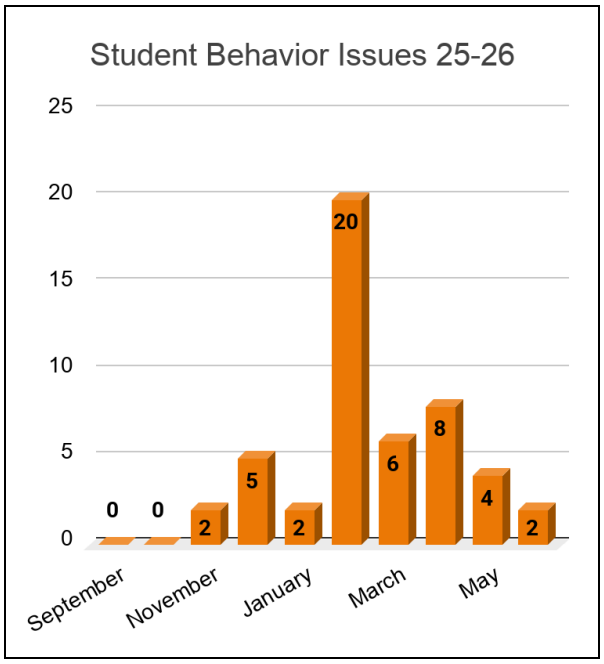

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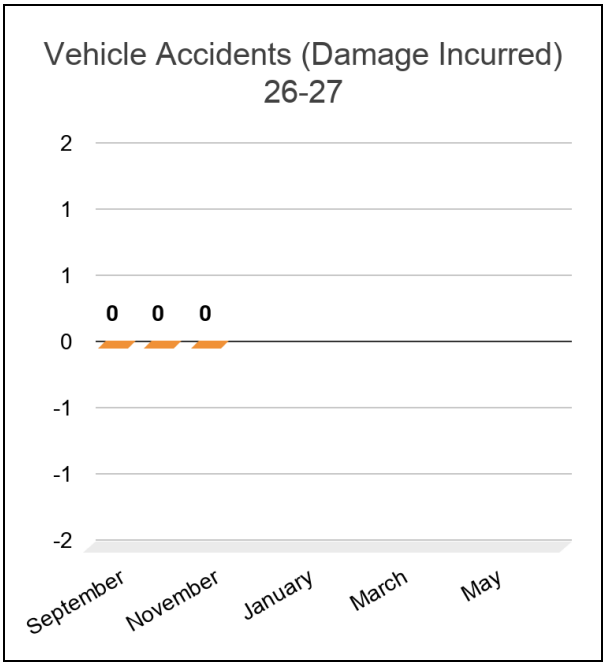

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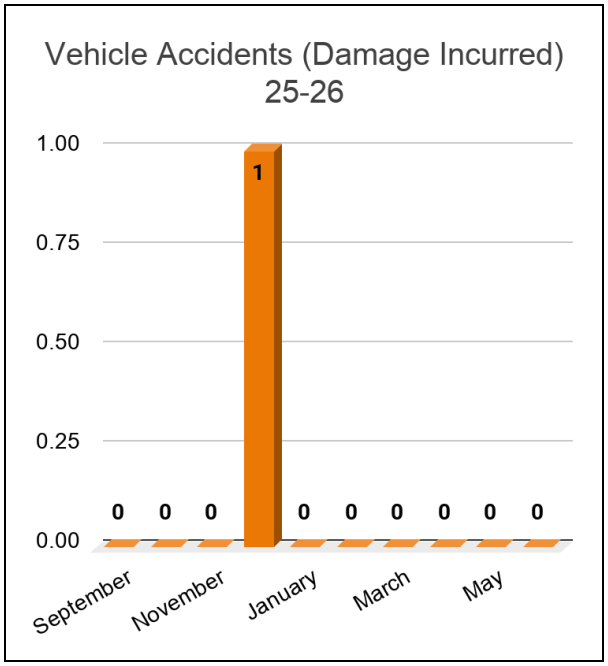

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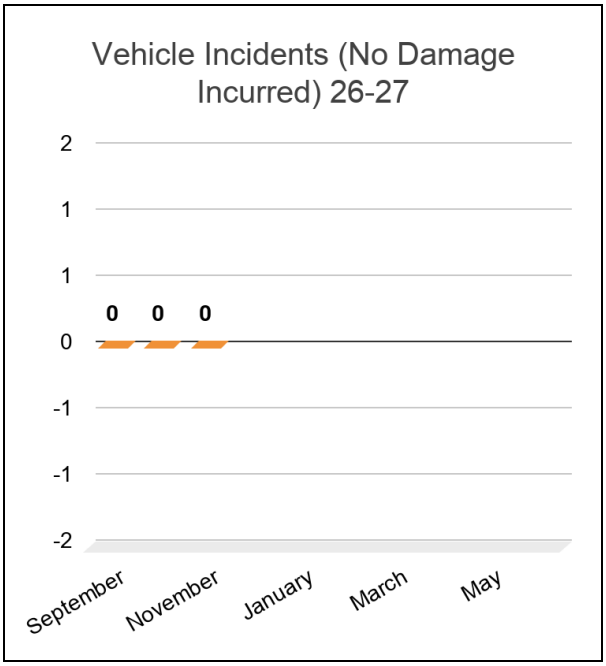

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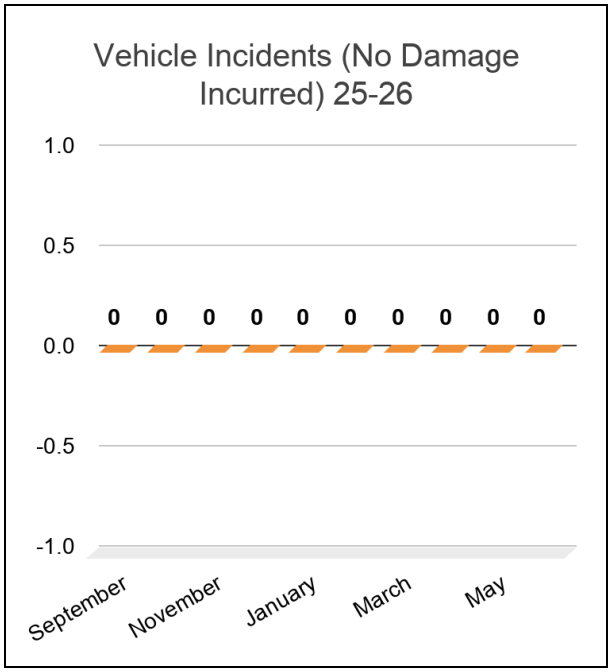

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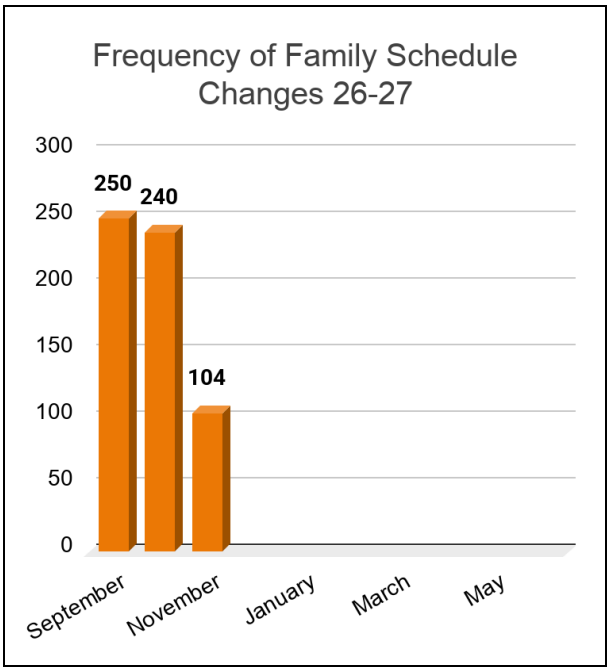

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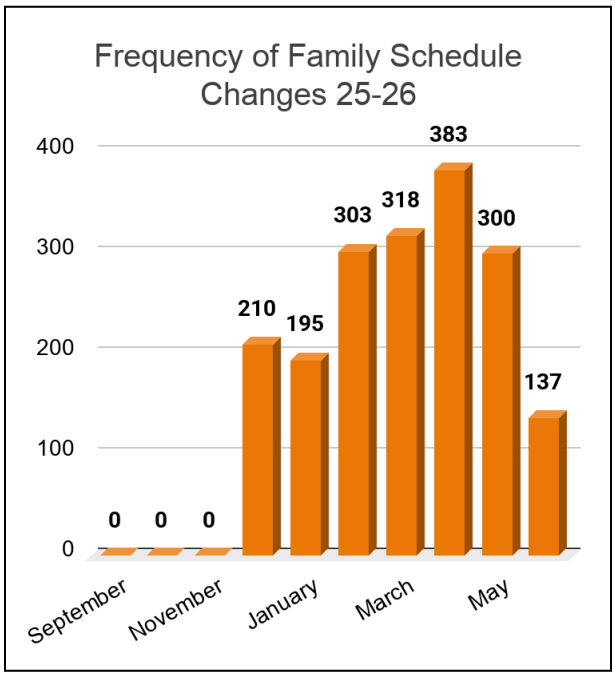

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Vehicle Incidents (No Damage Incurred) 26-27
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Vehicle Incidents (No Damage Incurred) 25-26
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Frequency of Family Schedule Changes 26-27
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240
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May


Frequency of Family Schedule Changes 25-26
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September
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MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY #201

ADOPTED – MAY 2008

REVIEWED/REVISED – DEC 2010, JAN. 2014, FEB. 2017, JUNE 2020, AUG. 2023*

#201 LEGAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

I. PURPOSE

The care, management, and control of the schools is vested by statutory and constitutional authority in the School Board. The School Board shall carry out the mission of the school district with diligence, prudence, and dedication to the ideals of providing the finest public education. The purpose of this policy is to define the authority, duties, and powers of the School Board in carrying out its mission.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. The School Board is the governing body of the school district. As such, the School Board has responsibility for the care, management, and control over public schools in the school district.

B. Generally, elected members of the School Board have binding authority only when acting as a School Board legally in session, except where specific authority is provided to School Board members or officers individually. Generally, the School Board is not bound by an action or statement on the part of an individual School Board member unless the action is specifically directed or authorized by the School Board.

III. DEFINITION

"School Board" means the governing body of the school district.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

A. The membership of the School Board consists of six elected directors, or seven if the School Board has submitted the question to the electors and a majority have approved a seven-member School Board. The term of office is four years.

B. There may be other ex officio members of the School Board as provided by law. The Superintendent is an ex officio member.

C. A majority of voting members constitutes a quorum. The act of the majority of a quorum is the act of the School Board.

V. POWERS AND DUTIES

A. The School Board has powers and duties specified by statute. The School Board's authority includes implied powers in addition to specific powers granted by the legislature.

B. The School Board exercises administrative functions. It also has certain powers of a legislative character and other powers of a quasi-judicial character.

C. The School Board shall superintendent and manage the schools of the school district; adopt rules for their organization, government, and instruction; prescribe textbooks and courses of study; and make and authorize contracts.

D. The School Board shall have the general charge of the business of the school district, its facilities and property, and of the interest of the schools.

E. The School Board, among other duties, shall perform the following in accordance with applicable law:

1. provide by levy of tax, necessary funds for the conduct of schools, the payment of indebtedness, and all proper expenses of the school district;
2. conduct the business of the schools and pay indebtedness and proper expenses;
3. employ and contract with necessary qualified teachers and discharge the same for cause;

4. provide services to promote the health of its pupils;
5. provide school buildings and erect needed buildings;
6. purchase, sell, and exchange school district property and equipment as deemed necessary by the School Board for school purposes;
7. provide for payment of claims against the school district, and prosecute and defend actions by or against the school district, in all proper cases;
8. employ and discharge necessary employees and contract for other services;
9. provide for transportation of pupils to and from school, as governed by statute; and
10. procure insurance against liability of the school district, its officers, and employees.

F. The School Board, at its discretion, may perform the following:

1. provide library facilities, public evening schools, adult and continuing education programs, summer school programs and intersession classes of flexible school year programs;
2. furnish school lunches for pupils and teachers on such terms as the School Board determines;
3. enter into agreements with one or more other independent school districts to provide for agreed upon educational services;
4. lease rooms or buildings for school purposes;
5. authorize the use of school facilities for community purposes that will not interfere with their use for school purposes;
6. authorize cocurricular and extracurricular activities;
7. receive, for the benefit of the school district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose; and
8. perform other acts as the School Board shall deem to be reasonably necessary or required for the governance of the schools.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123A.22 (Cooperative Centers for Vocational Education)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (Boards of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.14 (Officers of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.23 (Liability Insurance; Officers and Employees)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Extracurricular Activities; Insurance)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Uses for School and Nonschool Purposes; Closings)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.85 (Definitions)
Jensen v. Indep. Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 85, 160 Minn. 233, 199 N.W. 911 (1924)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 101 (Legal Status of the School District)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 202 (School Board Officers)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203 (Operation of the School Board-Governing Rules)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 205 (Open Meetings and Closed Meetings)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 1, School District Governance, Powers, and Duties

MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY #202

ADOPTED – MAY 2008

REVIEWED/REVISED – DEC. 2010, MAY 2012, JAN. 2014, MAR. 2020, JUNE 2020, AUG. 2023*

#202 SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS

I. PURPOSE

School Board officers are charged with the duty of carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to them for the care, management, and control of the public schools of the school district. The purpose of this policy is to delineate those responsibilities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. The School Board shall meet annually and organize by selecting a chair, a clerk, a treasurer, and such other officers as determined by the School Board. At its option, the School Board may appoint a vice-chair to serve in the temporary absence of the chair.

B. The School Board shall appoint a Superintendent who shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the School Board.

III. ORGANIZATION

The School Board shall meet annually on the first Monday in January, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and organize by selecting a chair, a clerk, a treasurer, and such other officers as determined by the School Board. These officers shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualify.

A. The persons who perform the duties of clerk and treasurer need not be members of the School Board.

B. The School Board by resolution may combine the duties of the offices of clerk and treasurer in a single person in the office of business affairs.

IV. OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Chair

1. The chair when present shall preside at all meetings of the School Board, countersign all orders upon the treasurer for claims allowed by the School Board, represent the school district in all actions and perform all duties a chair usually performs.
2. In case of absence, inability, or refusal of the clerk to draw orders for the payment of money authorized by a vote of the majority of the School Board to be paid, the chair may draw the orders, or the office of the clerk may be declared vacant by the chair and treasurer and filled by appointment.

B. Treasurer

1. The treasurer shall deposit the funds of the school district in the official depository.
2. The treasurer shall make all reports which may be called for by the School Board and perform all duties a treasurer usually performs.
3. In the event there are insufficient funds on hand to pay valid orders presented to the treasurer, the treasurer shall receive, endorse, and process the orders in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 123B.12.

C. Clerk

1. The clerk shall keep a record of all meetings in the books provided.
2. Within three days after an election, the clerk shall notify all persons elected of their

election.

3. On or before September 15 of each year, the clerk shall:
   a. file with the School Board a report of the revenues, expenditures, and balances in each fund for the preceding fiscal year.
   b. make and transmit to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (Commissioner) certified reports, showing:
      (1) revenues and expenditures in detail, and such other financial information required by law, rule, or as may be called for by the Commissioner;
      (2) length of school term and enrollment and attendance by grades; and
      (3) other items of information as called for by the Commissioner.
4. The clerk shall enter into the clerk's record book copies of all reports and of the teachers' term reports, and of the proceedings of any meeting, and keep an itemized account of all expenses of the school district.
5. The clerk shall furnish to the county auditor, on or before September 30 of each year, an attested copy of the clerk's record, showing the amount of proposed property tax voted by the school district or the School Board for school purposes.
6. The clerk shall draw and sign all orders upon the treasurer for the payment of money for bills allowed by the School Board for salaries of officers and for teachers' wages and all claims, to be countersigned by the chair.
7. The clerk shall perform such duties as required by the Minnesota Election Law or other applicable laws relating to the conduct of elections.
8. The clerk shall perform the duties of the chair in the event of the chair's and the vice-chair's temporary absences.

D. Vice-Chair

The vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair in the event of the chair's temporary absence.

E. Superintendent

1. The Superintendent shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the School Board.
2. The Superintendent shall perform the following:
   a. visit and supervise the schools in the school district, report and make recommendations about their condition when advisable or on request by the School Board;
   b. recommend to the School Board employment and dismissal of teachers;
   c. annually evaluate each school principal assigned responsibility for supervising a school building within the district;
   d. superintend school grading practices and examinations for promotions;
   e. make reports required by the commissioner; and
   f. perform other duties prescribed by the School Board.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.12 (Insufficient Funds to Pay Orders)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.14 (Officers of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.143 (Superintendent)
Minn. Stat. § 126C.17 (Referendum Revenue)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 205A (School District Elections)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 101 (Legal Status of the School District)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 201 (Legal Status of the School Board)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203 (Operation of the School Board – Governing Rules)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 1, School District Governance, Powers, and Duties

MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY #203

ADOPTED – MAY 2008
REVIEWED/REVISED – DEC. 2010, JAN. 2014, JUNE 2020, AUG. 2023*

#203 OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD – GOVERNING RULES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide governing rules for the conduct of meetings of the School Board.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

An orderly School Board meeting allows School Board members to participate in discussion and decision of school district issues. Rules of order allow School Board members the opportunity to review school-related topics, discuss school business items, and bring matters to conclusion in a timely and consistent manner.

III. RULES OF ORDER

Rules of order for School Board meetings shall be as follows:

A. Minnesota statutes where specified;
B. Specific rules of order as provided by the School Board consistent with Minnesota statutes; and
C. Robert's Rules of Order, Revised (latest edition) where not inconsistent with A. and B., above.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subds. 6, 7, and 10 (School Board Matters)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.14 (Officers)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 13D (Open Meeting Law)

MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY #203.1

ADOPTED –MAY 2008
REVIEWED/REVISED – DEC. 2010, JAN. 2014, JUNE 2020, AUG. 2023*

#203.1 SCHOOL BOARD PROCEDURES; RULES OF ORDER

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide specific rules of order to conduct meetings of the School Board.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

To ensure that School Board meetings are conducted in an orderly fashion, the School Board will follow rules of order, which will allow the School Board:

A. To establish guidelines by which the business of the School Board can be conducted in a regular and internally consistent manner;

B. To organize the meetings so all necessary matters can be brought to the School Board and decisions of the School Board can be made in an orderly and reasonable manner;

C. To insure that members of the School Board have the necessary information to make decisions on substantive issues and to insure adequate discussion of decisions to be made; and

D. To insure that meetings and actions of the School Board are conducted so as to be informative to the staff and the public, and to produce a clear record of actions taken and decisions made.

III. RULES OF ORDER

A. School Board members need not rise to gain the recognition of the chair.

B. A motion will be adopted or carried if it receives the affirmative votes of a majority of those actually voting on the matter. Abstentions are considered to be acquiescence to the vote of the majority. It should be noted that some motions by statute or Robert's Rules of Order require larger numbers of affirmative votes.

C. All motions that require a second may receive a second prior to opening the issue for discussion of the School Board. If a motion that requires a second does not receive a second, the chair may declare that the motion fails for lack of a second or may provide the second. The names of the members making and seconding a motion shall be recorded in the minutes.

D. The chair shall decide the order in which School Board members will be recognized to address an issue. An attempt should be made to alternate between pro and con positions if appropriate to the discussion. A member shall only speak to an issue after the member is recognized by the chair.

E. The chair shall rule on all questions relating to motions and points of order brought before the School Board.

F. A ruling by the chair is subject to appeal to the full School Board pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order.

G. The School Board Chair shall have authority to recognize any member of the audience regarding a request to be heard at the School Board meeting. Members of the public who wish to be heard shall follow School Board procedures.

H. The chair has the authority to declare a recess at any time for the purpose of restoring decorum to the meeting or for any other necessary purpose.

I. The chair shall repeat a motion or the substance of a motion prior to the vote. The chair shall call for an affirmative and a negative vote on all motions.

J. The order in which names will be called for roll call votes will be determined by the School Board.

K. The chair has the same right and responsibility as each School Board member to vote on all issues.

L. The chair shall announce the result of each vote. The vote of each member, including abstentions, shall be recorded in the minutes. If the vote is unanimous, it may be reflected as unanimous in the minutes if the minutes also reflect the members present.

M. A majority of the voting members of the School Board constitute a quorum. The absence of a quorum may be raised by the chair or any member. Generally, any action taken in the absence of a quorum is null and void. The only legal actions the School Board may take in the absence of a quorum are to fix the time at which to adjourn, to adjourn, to recess, or to take measures to obtain a quorum.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subds. 6 and 7 (School Board Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 126C.53 (Enabling Resolution; Form of Certificates of Indebtedness)
Minn. Stat. § 122A.40 (Employment Contracts, Termination)
Minn. Stat. § 331A.01, Subd. 6 (Newspapers; Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 331A.04, Subd. 6 (Newspapers; Exception to Designation Priority)
Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, Subd. 4 (Open Meeting Law)
Minn. Stat. § 471.88 (Exceptions)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203 (Operation of the School Board – Governing Rules)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 204 (School Board Meeting Minutes)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 206 (Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 207 (Public Hearings)

MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY #203.2

ADOPTED – JUNE 2008
REVISED/REVIEWED – JAN. 2011, FEB. 2014, MAR. 2017, JUNE 2020, SEPT. 2023*

#203.2 ORDER OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure consistency in the order of business at regular School Board meetings.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the School Board to consider matters that come before it in a consistent and orderly manner.

III. ORDER

A. The School Board shall conduct an orderly School Board meeting. The School Board will, at all regular School Board meetings, follow an agenda order similar to:
   1. Call to order
   2. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
   3. Mission/Vision Statement Reflection
   4. Consideration of Agenda
   5. Visitor Comments/Public Forum
   6. Celebrate and Recognize Good News, Gifts, and Donations
   7. Tiger Pride/Core Values Reflection
   8. Presentations
   9. Approve Consent Agenda
      8.1. District Finances
      8.2. Meeting Minutes
      8.3. Personnel
      8.4. Routine Business
   10. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
   11. Review Management and Administrative Reports
   12. School Board Reports
   13. Previous Business
   14. New Business
   15. Other Items Deemed Appropriate by the Board
   16. Adjournment

B. The School Board may depart from the order of business with the consent of the majority of members present.

C. The order of the agenda may be revised by the School Board Chair and Superintendent. However, in no case shall the order be changed without knowledge of such change by the School Board.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 7 (Boards of Independent School Districts)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203 (Operation of the School Board – Governing Rules)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203.5 (School Board Meeting Agenda)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203.6 (Consent Agendas)

MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY #203.5

ADOPTED – JUNE 23, 2008
REVISED/REVIEWED – DEC. 2009, JAN. 2011, OCT. 2013, JUNE 2020, SEPT. 2023*

#203.5 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide procedures for the preparation of the School Board meeting agenda to ensure that the School Board can accomplish its business as efficiently and expeditiously as possible.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of the School Board is that School Board meetings shall be conducted in a manner to allow the School Board to accomplish its business while allowing reasoned debate and discussion of each matter to be acted upon.

III. PROCEDURES

A. While all school board members may provide input, it shall be the responsibility of the School Board chair and Superintendent to develop, prepare, and arrange the order of items for the tentative School Board meeting agenda for each School Board meeting.

B. Persons wishing to place an item on the agenda must make a request to the School Board chair or Superintendent in a timely manner. The person making the request is encouraged to state the person's name, address, purpose of the item, action desired, and pertinent background information. The chair and Superintendent shall determine whether to place the matter on the tentative agenda.

C. The tentative agenda and supporting documents shall be sent to the School Board members at least four (4) days prior to the scheduled School Board meeting.

D. Items may only be added to the agenda by a motion adopted at the meeting. If an added item is acted upon, the minutes of the School Board meeting shall include a description of the matter.

E. At least one copy of any printed materials, including electronic communications, relating to the agenda items of the meeting prepared or distributed by or at the direction of the School Board or its employees and: (i) distributed at the meeting to all members of the governing body; (ii) distributed before the meeting to all members; or (iii) available in the meeting room to all members shall be available in the meeting room for inspection by the public while the School Board considers their subject matter. This does not apply to materials classified by law as other than public or to materials relating to the agenda items of a closed meeting.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 7 (Boards of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, Subd. 6 (Open Meeting Law)
Dept. of Admin. Advisory Op. No 10-013 (April 29, 2010)
Dept. of Admin. Advisory Op. No. 08-015 (July 9, 2008)
Dept. of Admin. Advisory Op. No. 13-015 (December 23, 2013)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203 (Operation of the School Board – Governing Rules)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203.2 (Order of the Regular School Board Meeting)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203.6 (Consent Agendas)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 204 (School Board Meeting Minutes)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 207 (Public Hearings)

MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY #203.6

ADOPTED – JUNE 23, 2008
REVISED/REVIEWED – JAN. 2011, FEB. 2014, JULY 2020, SEPT. 2023*

#203.6 CONSENT AGENDAS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to allow the use of a consent agenda.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

In order for a more efficient administration of School Board meetings, the School Board may elect to use a consent agenda for the passage of noncontroversial items or items of a similar nature.

III. CONSENT AGENDAS

A. The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Board chair, may place items on the consent agenda. By using a consent agenda, the School Board has consented to the consideration of certain items as a group under one motion. Should a consent agenda be used, an appropriate amount of discussion time will be allowed to review any item upon request.

B. Consent items are those which usually do not require discussion or explanation prior to School Board action, are noncontroversial and/or similar in content, or are those items which have already been discussed and/or explained and do not require further discussion or explanation. Such agenda items might include ministerial tasks such as, but not limited to, the approval of the agenda, approval of previous minutes, approval of bills, approval of reports, etc. These items might also include similar groups of decisions such as, but not limited to, approval of staff contracts, approval of maintenance details for the school district buildings and grounds, or approval of various schedules.

C. Items shall be removed from the consent agenda by a timely request by an individual School Board member for independent consideration. A request is timely if made prior to the vote on the consent agenda. The request does not require a second or a vote by the School Board. An item removed from the consent agenda will then be discussed and acted on separately, immediately following the consideration of the consent agenda.

D. Consent agenda items are approved en masse by one vote of the School Board. The consent agenda items shall be separately recorded in the minutes.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 7 (Boards of Independent School Districts)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203.2 (Order of the Regular School Board Meeting)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203.5 (School Board Meeting Agenda)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 204 (School Board Meeting Minutes)

MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY #204

ADOPTED – JUNE 23, 2008
REVISED – NOV. 2009, JAN. 2011, FEB. 2014, JULY 2020, SEPT. 2023
REVIEWED - *

#204 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures relating to the maintenance of records of the School Board and the publication of its official proceedings.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the school district to maintain its records so that they will be available for inspection by members of the general public and to provide for the publication of its official proceedings in compliance with law.

III. MAINTENANCE OF MINUTES AND RECORDS

A. The clerk shall keep and maintain permanent records of the School Board, including records of the minutes of School Board meetings and other required records of the School Board. All votes taken at meetings required to be open to the public pursuant to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law shall be recorded in a journal kept for that purpose. Public records maintained by the school district shall be available for inspection by members of the public during the regular business hours of the school district. Minutes of meetings shall be available for inspection at the administrative offices of the school district after they have been prepared. Minutes of a School Board meeting shall be approved or modified by the School Board at a subsequent meeting, which action shall be reflected in the official proceedings of that subsequent meeting.

B. Recordings of Closed Meetings

1. All closed meetings, except those closed as permitted by the attorney-client privilege, must be electronically recorded at the expense of the school district. Recordings of closed meetings shall be made separately from the recordings of an open meeting, to the extent such meetings are recorded. If a meeting is closed to discuss more than one (1) matter, each matter shall be separately recorded.
2. Recordings of closed meetings shall be preserved by the school district for the following time periods:
    a. Meetings closed to discuss labor negotiations strategy shall be preserved for two (2) years after the contract is signed.
    b. Meetings closed to discuss security matters shall be preserved for at least four (4) years.
    c. Meetings closed to discuss the purchase or sale of property shall be preserved for at least eight (8) years after the date of the meeting.
    d. All other closed meetings shall be preserved by the school district for at least three (3) years after the date of the meeting.
    e. Following the expiration of the above time periods, recordings of closed meetings shall be maintained as set forth in the school district's Records Retention Schedule.
3. Recordings of closed meetings shall be classified by the school district as protected non-public data that is not accessible by the public or any subject of the data, with the following exceptions:
    a. Recordings of labor negotiations strategy meetings shall be classified as public data and made available to the public after all labor contracts are signed by the

school district for the current budget period.

b. Recordings of meetings related to the purchase or sale of property shall be classified as public data and made available to the public after all real or personal property discussed at the meeting has been purchased or sold or the school district has abandoned the purchase or sale.

c. Recordings of any other closed meetings shall be classified and/or released as required by court order.

4. Recordings of closed meetings shall be maintained separately from recordings of open meetings, to the extent recordings of open meetings are maintained by the school district, with the exception of recordings that have been classified as public data as set forth in Section III.B.3. above. Recordings of closed meetings classified as non-public data also shall be maintained in a secure location, separate from recordings classified as public data.

5. Recordings of closed meetings shall be maintained in a manner to easily identify the data classification of the recording. The recordings shall be identified with at least the following information:

a. The date of the closed meeting;

b. The basis upon which the meeting was closed (i.e.: labor negotiations strategy, purchase or sale of real property, educational data, etc.); and

c. The classification of the data.

6. Recordings of closed meetings related to labor negotiations strategy and the purchase or sale of property shall be maintained and monitored in a manner that reclassifies the recording as public upon the occurrence of an event reclassifying that data as set forth in Section III.B.3. above.

IV. PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

A. The School Board shall cause its official proceedings to be published once in the official newspaper of the school district within thirty (30) days of the meeting at which the proceedings occurred; however, if the School Board conducts regular meetings not more than once every thirty (30) days, the School Board need not publish the minutes until ten (10) days after they have been approved by the School Board.

B. The proceedings to be published shall be sufficiently full to fairly set forth the proceedings. They must include the substance of all official actions taken by the School Board at any regular or special meeting, and at minimum must include the subject matter of a motion, the persons making and seconding the motion, a listing of how each member present voted on the motion, the character of resolutions offered including a brief description of their subject matter and whether adopted or defeated. The minutes and permanent records of the School Board may include more detail than is required to be published with the official proceedings. If the proceedings have not yet been approved by the School Board, the proceedings to be published may reflect that fact.

C. The proceedings to be published may be a summary of the essential elements of the proceedings, and/or of resolutions and other official actions of the School Board. Such a summary shall be written in a clear and coherent manner and shall, to the extent possible, avoid the use of technical or legal terms not generally familiar to the public. When a summary is published, the publication shall clearly indicate that the published material is only a summary and that the full text is available for public inspection at the administrative offices of the school district and that a copy of the proceedings, other than attachments to the minutes, is available without cost at the offices of the school district or by means of standard or electronic mail.

D. The school district will request an annual written certification from the publisher of the school district's qualified newspaper that the newspaper satisfies the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 331A.02.

E. If no qualified newspaper is available for publication of official proceedings or a public notice after the discontinuance of a newspaper, the school district must post the information required to be published on the school district's website until another qualified newspaper is identified, which shall then be designated. During the time when no qualified newspaper is available, the school district must also post the public notice on the Minnesota Newspaper Association's statewide public notice website, at no additional cost to the school district.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 10 (Boards of Independent School Districts))
Minn. Stat. § 123B.14, Subd. 7 (Officers of Independent School)
Minn. Stat. § 331A.01 (Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 331A.02 (Requirements for a Qualified Newspaper)
Minn. Stat. § 331A.05, Subd. 8 (Form of Public Notices)
Minn. Stat. § 331A.08, Subd. 3 (Computation of Time)
Minn. Stat. § 331A.10 (Change of Name or Discontinuance of Newspaper)
Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, Subd. 4-6 (Open Meeting Law)
Op. Atty. Gen. 161-a-20, December 17, 1970
Ketterer v. Independent School District No. 1, 248 Minn. 212, 79 N.W.2d 428 (1956)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 205 (Open Meetings and Closed Meetings)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 1, School District Governance, Powers, and Duties

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2769, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 3, 2026, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and return of Votes Cast, a total of _7,533__ voters of the district voted at said election on the election.

School board members for three (4) year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on January 1 next following the general election as follows:

Candidate:	Matt Johnson	2301
Candidate:	Renee Konz	2045
Candidate:	Miguel Urrutia Calvo	1709
Candidate:	Naomi Skulan	1454
Write in Votes:		24

Candidates Matt Johnson, Renee Konz, & Miguel Urrutia Calvo, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four-year terms beginning January l, 2027

3. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

(Attach Abstract and Return of Votes Cast)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES

WHEREAS the board has canvassed the election for school board members held on November 3, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2769, as follows:

1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 2769 to the following candidates:

a. Renee Konz
b. Miguel Urrutia Calvo
c. Matt Johnson

who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on January 1 next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

2. The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto:

3. After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidates have filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 21 IA, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.

4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE AS TO ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST

STATE OF MINNESOTA) ss
COL-NTY OF STEVENS)

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. 2769 Morris Area Schools, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the attached copy of the Abstract and Return of Votes Cast in the November 3, 2026, election, with the original thereof on file and on record in my office and the same is a full, true and complete copy thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as Clerk of said School District this 16th day of November 2026.

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School District Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
(Full 4 Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 2769 on November 16, 2026, canvased the general election of school board members held on November 3, 2026.

2. Matt Johnson, Renee Konz, & Miguel Urrutia Calvo, received the largest number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2769 for a full 4-year term.

3. There are three full four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on January 1 next following the election.

4. Therefore Matt Johnson, Renee Konz, & Miguel Urrutia Calvo, are elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2769 for a full four-year term beginning January l, 2027 and expiring December 31, 2033.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2769, pursuant to resolution dated November 16, 2026.

Dated: _____ _____
Clerk

Dated: _____ _____
Chair

Abstract of Votes Cast
Independent School District No. 2769 (MORRIS AREA)
State of Minnesota
at the State General Election
Held Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Compiled from the Official Returns.

Summary of Totals
Independent School District No. 2769 (MORRIS AREA)
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

NP - Nonpartisan

School Board Member (ISD #2769) (Elect 3)

NP	NP	NP	NP	WI
Renee Konz	Miguel Urrutia Calvo	Matt Johnson	Naomi Skulan	WRITE-IN
2045	1709	2301	1454	24

Detail of Election Results
Independent School District No. 2769 (MORRIS AREA)
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

Office Title: School Board Member (ISD #2769) (Elect 3)

Precinct	NP Renee Konz	NP Miguel Urrutia Calvo	NP Matt Johnson	NP Naomi Skulan	WI WRITE-IN
61 0030 : CYRUS	63	39	72	49	0
61 0100 : NEW PRAIRIE TWP.	44	25	46	20	0
61 0105 : NORA TWP.	7	4	6	4	0
61 0135 : WALDEN TWP.	15	9	15	6	2
75 0020 : DARNEN TWP.	126	103	127	23	1
75 0025 : DONNELLY	62	46	82	45	0
75 0030 : DONNELLY TWP.	27	22	21	12	0
75 0035 : ELDORADO TWP.	7	2	4	4	2
75 0045 : FRAMNAS TWP.	132	100	144	72	0
75 0055 : HODGES TWP.	72	60	81	22	0
75 0060 : HORTON TWP.	75	49	58	11	0
75 0065 : MOORE TWP.	19	14	16	0	0
75 0070 : MORRIS P-1	311	301	382	328	10
75 0075 : MORRIS P-2	285	289	357	384	1
75 0080 : MORRIS P-3	498	429	554	354	2
75 0085 : MORRIS TWP. P-1	166	130	181	62	4
75 0086 : MORRIS TWP. P-2	0	0	0	0	0
75 0090 : PEPPERTON TWP.	5	0	10	5	0
75 0095 : RENDSVILLE TWP.	50	29	55	21	2
75 0100 : SCOTT TOWNSHIP	3	3	4	0	0
75 0110 : SWAN LAKE TWP.	76	53	84	32	0
76 0070 : FAIRFIELD TWP.	2	2	2	0	0
Total:	**2045**	**1709**	**2301**	**1454**	**24**

We, the school board members of Independent School District No. 2769 (MORRIS AREA), certify that we have canvassed the returns of the State General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 and have herein specified the names of any candidates receiving votes and the number of votes received by each candidate, and have herein specified the number of votes for and against any ballot questions voted on in this election.

As appears by the returns of the election precincts voting in this election, duly returned to, filed, opened, and canvassed, and now remaining on file in the office of the clerk of Independent School District No. 2769 (MORRIS AREA).

Witness our official signature at _____ in _____ County this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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School Board Member

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School Board Member

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School Board Member

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School Board Member

State of Minnesota
Independent School District No. 2769 (MORRIS AREA)

I, _____, Clerk of the Independent School District No. 2769 (MORRIS AREA) do hereby certify the within and foregoing _____ pages to be a full and correct copy of the original abstract and return of the votes cast in the Independent School District No. 2769 (MORRIS AREA) State General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Witness my hand and official seal of office this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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2215_Big Cat (Morris Public Schools)

*Approximate 150' Monopole Telecommunications Tower
*Approximate 75' x 75' (5,625 ft²) Lease Area. (Blue Square)
*30' wide access/utility easement from the proposed tower to S Columbia Ave. (Yellow Line)
*Proposed 15' Wide Utility Easement (Green Line) will verify utility easment during design walk
*Total Lease Term of fifty (50) years
*Monthy Rent of $800.00 with a 1.5% annual escalator
*Revenue Share - $150/Month added to the monthly payment for any nationally recognized wireless carrier added to the tower besides the initial anchor tenant Verizon.

