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**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2155****School Board Meeting Agenda****Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | 5:30 p.m.****Robertson Theatre**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- IV. STUDENT, STAFF, COMMUNITY RECOGNITION: Laurie Kopischke-Pulju, Sourcewell Educator of Excellence; Tracy Jack, Sourcewell Educator of Excellence; Glen Wood, Sourcewell Pillar of Excellence
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
- VI. PART A
  1. Board Business
    - a. Minutes
      - i. Regular Meeting of the School Board on January 20, 2026
    - b. Personnel Items
      - i. Hires: Courtney Traughber, REACH Teacher; Faith Koning, Elementary Paraprofessional
      - ii. Retirements/Resignations: Kevin Ross, Head Girls' Golf Coach
      - iii. Early Retirement Incentive Resignations: Louis Rutten, Elementary Principal; Michael Ortmann, MS/HS Choir Teacher; Alicia Johnson, Early Childhood Teacher
  2. Finance
    - a. Business Manager's Report
    - b. Manual Journal Entries
    - c. Disbursements
    - d. Donations
- VII. PART B
  1. Youth and Family Center Presentation - Michael Craig
  2. Retirement Incentive
  3. 26Pay27 LTFM Coop Levy
  4. 2025-2026 Budget Revision
  5. Possible Budget Reductions

6. Budget Reduction Public Comment
7. Elementary Principal Job Posting
8. Policy Updates, First Reading

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Elementary Principal
2. 5-12 Principal
3. Activities Director
4. Superintendent

X. ADJOURNMENT

**WDC Budget Committee**  
**Budget Reduction Recommendations for the 2026-2027**  
**School Year**

<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Increase Kids Krew/LKC Rates	\$65,000
*Business Ed/REACH/BPA	\$80,000
*Part Time Choir Teacher	\$60,000
Elem. Teacher - 3rd Grade	\$67,500
Elem. Teacher - 4th Grade	\$79,000
MS/HS Attendance Admin. Asst	\$47,000
Digital Subscriptions	\$28,000
PT Custodian	\$36,000
*FT Custodian	\$60,000
Sports Co-op Travel	\$4,500
Overnight Trip Transportation	\$2,500
Boys'/Girls' Golf	\$22,000
Nordic Skiing	\$6,900
Dance	\$6,800
After School Weight Room	\$3,400
Increase Participation Fees for Activities	\$5,000
Outdoor Custodian Reduced Hours	\$5,000
Kindergarten Overload	\$8,138
Industrial Tech Extra Contract Days	\$8,553
Only One Coach Per Level for JH/"C" Sports	\$10,000
Total	<b>\$605,291</b>

Notes

\*Brenda Thelen (Spanish Teacher) would teach one/two business classes in addition to Spanish I and Spanish II.

\*We are in discussions to purchase roughly 3 periods per day from an area school district to cover JH and Concert Choir.

\*Lisa Weniger would teach 5th and 6th grade music (this would be a cut to band lessons).

\*Classroom cleaning would be every other day at the MS/HS.