

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR- at 5:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members plus Superintendent A Johnson, M. Young, B. Dunrud, M. Maki and C. Koenen of the press and visitors B. Weller, D. Faysak and D. Vomhof.

SETTING THE AGENDA TO DETERMINE THE ORDERS OF THE DAY- Approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- Approved.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS- Approved.

STAFF/STUDENT PRESENTATIONS AND/OR VISITOR'S COMMENTS- None

REPORTS- Administrative Reports: Activities- Winter sports ended and Spring sports begin, Elementary Report- Spring Events, High School Report- Group trips and Reality Fair, Superintendent Report- Legislative Proposals, Technology- Upgrades and Updates, Transportation- Prep for Spring transportation, Building and Grounds- Door Systems and budget containment, Food Service Report- , Student Representative- Activities and Group trips. **Business Office Report-** FY2027 Budgets and Reductions, **School Board-** Committee Meetings: Negotiations and Personnel 3/3/26, Budget and Facilities 3/3/26, Curriculum, Instruction, and Policy 3/17/26, Workshop 3/17/26 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS-

SECOND READING OF POLICIES 203.5, 206, 208, 210, 510L, and 722. Approved.

CONSENT ITEMS- MEETING DATES- Workshop - April 20, 2026, 5-7 pm for Facilities Community Input, **DONATIONS-** \$250 from L. Hodgson for BPA, \$6,745 from Arvig Enterprises, Inc. School Partnership Program. (Donations from Jan 24-Dec 25). Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION REDUCING AND DISCONTINUING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS-

.5 FTE Elementary Teacher, .6 FTE Elementary Teacher, .4 FTE Elementary Teacher, .4 FTE Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, .67FTE High School ELA Teacher, 2.0 FTE Elementary MTSS Paraprofessionals, 1.0 FTE Cleaner, 1.0 FTE Physical Education Paraprofessional, 1.0 FTE Media Center Paraprofessional, .5 FTE Secretary, .5 FTE Business Manager, .2 FTE Community Education Assistant, 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher, .25 FTE Gifted and Talented Teacher, 1.0 FTE YET Room Paraprofessional. Approved.

RESOLUTION NONRENEWING PROBATIONARY TEACHER- 1.0 FTE Teacher. Approved.

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RESOLUTION PROPOSING PLACEMENT OF A CONTINUING CONTRACT/TENURED TEACHER ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE- .8 FTE Teacher. Approved.

OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUESTS- Bretz Court, Wadena. Approved.

FFA OVERNIGHT STAY- State Competition April 2026. Approved.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS- High School BET-3/5/26, Elementary BET- 2/24/26.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS- K. Kawlewski- Softball Coach, Volunteer, G. Brasel- Jr. High Softball

Coach, J. Rudnitzki- Homebound Teacher, G. Esala- Co-Assistant Baseball, T. Geiser- Co-Assistant Baseball, T. Briard- Assistant Softball, RESIGNATIONS- K. Dittmann- Elementary Paraprofessional, M. Maki- Business Manager, A. Esala- 6th Grade Teacher, T. Dale- English Teacher, S. Maki- Building and Grounds, M. Marsh- District Office Secretary, Z. Christenson- Head Boys Basketball; LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST- C. Books- March-April 2026, TERMINATION OF CONTRACT– Z. Christenson- Paraprofessional (3/13/2026), TIME OFF WITHOUT PAY- E. Niemi- 2 days. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT– 5:51 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Workshop/Facilities Community Input - April 20, 2026 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Regular Meeting - April 27, 2026 5:30 pm

