

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members except Ehnert (arrived at 5:40) plus Superintendent A. Johnson, M. Young-Lecoustre, M. Maki, B. Dunrud. Visitors D. Faysak, D. Vomhof, B. Roder, N. Roder, K. Pieschke, N. Braaten, T. Peterson, J. Peterson, H. Dresser, K. Fahlen, L. Kennedy, L. Roberts-Veazie, M. Wattenhofer, J. Cooley, J. Veazie, S. Midthun, T. Dale, J. Radniecki, J. Boe, T. Boe, M. Bauck, T. Saewert, A. Wright, J. Raser, K. Schanning, S. Davison, M. Shirley-Ross, V. Radniecki, B. Weller and C. Koenen of the press.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- Approved.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS- Approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS- Leah Roberts-Veazie on decision relating to a book in HS English

REPORTS- Administrative Reports- Activities- Spring playoffs, coaching hires, Elementary- Year-end Items, Planning for the coming school year, High School- Year end events, Superintendent- Spring special events, legislation, Technology- Tech updates, Transportation- Year-end items, Building and Grounds- Summer projects and Transition to new Supervisor, Food Service- Health Dept. Inspection, Summer food service plans, Student Representative- Business Office- Fiscal year end, contracts, **School Board-** School Board Workshop- Committee Meetings- Staff Appreciation and Recognition, Curriculum, Instruction and Policy- 4/27/26, Negotiations and Personnel- 4/30/26, Negotiations and Personnel 5/14/26, Curriculum, Instruction and Policy- 5/18/26.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF POLICIES #604, #605.1L, #606.1L, #606 and #606.5, Reconsideration form for Specific Educational Material, Formal Request for Alternative Instruction. Approved.

Ehnert Arrived

CONSENT ITEMS- CONTRACTS- Transportation for Children in Foster Care 2026-27, Interquest Detection Canines 2026-27, MEMBERSHIPS- 2026-27 Membership MSHSL. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPTING BID FOR SALE OF HOUSE- Bid of \$80,500 from Brandon Kern. Approved.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT FUNDS 2025-2026 and 2026-2027- Accept 2% of the staff development funds for the district general fund both years and thank the teachers. Approved.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING- With Education Minnesota New York Mills regarding district health insurance contributions. Approved.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS- High School BET 5/7/26.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS- M. Radniecki- Long Term Sub (4/26-5/26), M. Blaha- Building and Grounds Supervisor, S. Dunrud- Head Volleyball Coach, K. Mursu- Head Boys Basketball Coach; **RESIGNATIONS-** D.Eckhoff, Bus Driver, M. Wedde, Bus Driver, T. Olson- JH Volleyball Coach and 8th grade advisor, D. Peterson- K-12 vocal music, B. Dunrud- Head Girls Basketball Coach; **REQUEST FOR TIME OFF W/O PAY-** D. Kupfer- One day. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT- 5:44 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Workshop with ICS - May 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Breakfast & Recognition - May 28, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting - June 22, 2026 at *4:30 p.m.