

**BOARD BRIEFS  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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 5:33) plus Superintendent A. Johnson, J. Brockway, M. Maki. Visitors D. Vomhof, D. Faysak, J. Radniecki and E. Weber from Freshwater Ed District.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-** Approved.

**BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS-** Approved.

(Ehnert arrived)

**PRESENTATIONS-** Freshwater Education District.

**ANY VISITOR COMMENTS-** None.

**REPORTS- Administrative Reports- Activities-** Winter Sports wrapping up with spring sports starting in March; **Elementary-** I Love to Read Month, Staff Development, Curriculum work; **High School-** Testing, Co-Curricular competitions; **Superintendent-** FY2027 Funding, **Transportation-** Stopfinder application, **Building and Grounds-** Repairs, Energy/Climate recommendations, **Food Service-** Slushy Machine, Required changes to food and milk requirements, **Student Representative-** Winter sports, Snow week, **School Board-** Committee Meetings- Curriculum, Instruction and Policy- 1/26/26, Budget and Facilities- 2/10/26, Negotiations and Personnel- 2/11/26, Special Meetings- Workshop- 1/28/26, Workshop- 2/19/26.

**OLD BUSINESS-** None.

**CONSENT ITEMS- DONATIONS-** \$250.00- Trap Team from Warner Garage Door, \$500.00- Trap Team from Ottertail Aggregate, Inc., \$500.00- Trap Team from KLN Family Brands, \$3500.00- Baritone saxophone for band program from Bandwagon, \$2760.63- NYM Booster Club towards new ice machine, \$500.00- C.A.R.E. Club from KLN Family Brands, \$2,500.00- Trap Team from NYMills Lions. Approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR-** Approved.

**FIRST READING OF POLICIES 203.5, 206, 208, 210, 722, and 510L.-** Approved.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LONG-TERM FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THOSE PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT'S APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028 LONG-TERM FACILITY MAINTENANCE REVENUE-** Funds for Freshwater Ed District- Approved

**BPA OVERNIGHT STAY-** State BPA Competition March, 2026. Approved.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS-** None.

**PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS-** K. Kawlewski- Long Term Substitute Teacher, R. Beachy- Behind the Wheel Instructor, Z. Christenson- Paraprofessional, M. Radneicki- Long Term Substitute Teacher, **RESIGNATIONS-** A. Bauck- JH Softball, **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-** T. Erickson- Extension of leave to 3/24/26, J. Cooley- 3-4/2026, **LANE CHANGE REQUEST-** T. Erickson-BA+60 to MA+30, **REQUEST FOR TIME OFF W/O PAY-** M. Koljonen-February 2 days, E. LaForge-February 5 days, **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS-** Superintendent Contract 2026-2029. - Approved.

**ADJOURNMENT-** 6:14 pm.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
**Regular Meeting – March 23, 2026 5:30 pm**

