

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRPERSON- at 5:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members, Superintendent A. Johnson J. Brockway, M. Young-Lecoustre, M. Maki, B. Dunrud, D. Selander. Visitors D. Vomhof, D. Faysak, B. Weller, T. Saewert, M. Wattehofer, L. Christenson (ICS), M. Ondralek (ICS), D. Miller (ICS), A. Strong (Eide Bailly- virtual) and C. Koenen of the press.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- 9/22/25 Regular Meeting minutes. Approved.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS- Approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Eide Bailly- Fiscal Year 2025 Audit (virtual)

ICS- Facility Update

REPORTS- Business Office Report- Historic Enrollment, Audit complete, **Elementary Report-** Teacher Workshop, Eagle Academy, **High School-** Fall conferences, Teacher workshop, **Superintendent Report-** ALICE Safety Training, Fund balance decrease, **Technology-** Security door and camera updates, AI Tech committee, **Transportation-** DOT Random Inspection, Bus Safety Student Training, **Building and Grounds-** New scoreboard on JV Field, Fire Marshall inspection, **Food Service Report-** Commodity information, Possible healthy snack Machine, **Student Representative Report-** Rachel's Challenge presentation. **Activities Report-** Fall Sports wrap-up, MSHLS grade/participation/coaching requirement, **School Board-** Personnel and Negotiations 9/23/25 and 10/7/25, Superintendent Review.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF POLICIES 601.3L, 516L, 202L, 205, AND 212.1L- Approved.

CONSENT ITEMS- DONATIONS- F&M Bank- \$5000 for football scoreboard, Perham Health- \$5000 for football scoreboard, NYM Lions Club- \$5000 to baseball scoreboard, EOT County Ag Society- \$250 to FFA, **MEETING DATES-** Workshop 11/11/2025 at 6:30 pm. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE- Approved.

ACTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE FY25 AUDIT- Approved.

WRESTLING OVERNIGHT TRIP- for B Squad Wrestling, December, 2025. Approved.

WRESTLING OVERNIGHT TRIP- for A Squad Wrestling, January, 2026. Approved.

ESTABLISHING COMBINED POLLING PLACES- Approved.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: NYM City Hall 28 Centennial 84 Drive W. New York Mills, MN

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Spruce Grove Township, Wolf Lake Lions Community Hall, 103 North Manninen Avenue, Wolf Lake, MN

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO MSHSL FOUNDATION- Grant funds for student activities fees. Approved.

LETTER TO MSHSL AND MDE REGARDING FEDERAL TITLE IX VIOLATION- Approved.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS- High School BET- 10/14/25, Elementary BET- 10/22/25.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS- M. Stevens- Behind the Wheel Instructor, D. Geiser- Head Girls Wrestling Coach, **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-** M. Bachim- Extend leave to 1/2026, **REQUEST FOR TIME OFF W/O PAY-** B. McManigle- 4 days, A. Wright- 5 days. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT- 7:13 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board Workshop - November 11, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting– November 24, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting- December 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Truth In Taxation Presentation- December 15 at 6:01 p.m.