

**BOARD BRIEFS**  
**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM-** All School Board Members except Ehnert plus Superintendent A. Johnson, J. Brockway, M. Young-Lecoustre, D. Vormhof and student representative D. Selander. Visitors Ka. Schanning, D. Faysak and C. Koenen of the press.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-** 12/15/25 and 1/5/26. Approved.

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

**PRESENTATIONS-** Comprehensive Achievement and Civil Readiness Report. School Calendar.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

**REPORTS- Business Office Report-** January 1 Enrollments, **Administrative Report-** Activities- Winter sports and Spring sports scheduling, Elementary Report- Student teacher in elementary, January and February Events and Happenings, High School Report- End/New Semester, Snow Week, Testing, Superintendent Report- Budget meetings, Building and Grounds Report- Water heaters/exchangers, working on efficiency, Food Service Report- Slushy machine, Student Representative- Snow Week, Activities, School Board- Budget and Facilities Meeting- 1/13/26, Wellness Meeting- 1/16/26, Personnel Meeting Minutes- 1/21/26, Curriculum, Instruction and Policy Meeting- 1/26/26.

**OLD BUSINESS-** None

**CONSENT ITEMS-** DONATIONS-\$250 from Mills Lanes for Trap Team. GRANTS- \$1072.00 from Astera Health Foundation for special education purchase. Approved.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUEST-** Park Circle, Ottetail, Approved.

**REVISION OF FY2026 BUDGET-** Approved.

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTION IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS WITH REASONS THEREFORE-** Approved.

**RESOLUTION TO SHARE LTFM WITH FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT-** Tabled until 2/23/26.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS-** BET High School- 1/8/2026, BET Elementary- 1/16/2026.

**PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS-** APPOINTMENTS- D. Barvels- Long Term Para Sub, C. Orlando-Weight Room Coordinator, T. Bauck-Assistant BPA Advisor, LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS- R. Wegscheid May-Mid November, M. Bachim-Remainder of 25/26 School Year, LANE CHANGE REQUEST- D. Griege-BA+50 to BA+60, K. Schanning-MA+10 to MA+20, A. Bauck-BA+40 to BA+50, E. Blaha-BA+20 to BA+30, Ky. Schanning-MA+10 to MA+20, J. Raser-MA+20 to MA+30, J. Lohmiller-BA+10 to BA+20, K. Fahlen-BA+10 to BA+20, L. Kennedy-BA to BA+10, B. Schornack-MA+10 to MA+20, J. Hotakainen-MA+20 to MA+30, W. Griege-BA+50 to BA+60, K. Hotakainen-MA+10 to MA+20, R. Wegscheid-MA+10 to MA+20, K. Salo-BA+20 to MA, J. Krebs Ma+10 to MA+30. REQUEST FOR TIME OFF W/O PAY- C. Tornquist- 6 days, R. Wegscheid, 1 day, E. Blaha, 2 days, K. Kahilainen, 5 days. Approved.

**ADJOURNMENT-** 6:14 p.m.



**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Board Workshop Meeting-January 28, 2026 5:30 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting – February 23, 2026 5:30 pm**

