

R.S.U. # 82/M.S.A.D. #12
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
FHCS
WEDNESDAY
April 15, 2026
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance:

P Nicolle Harmon
P Linda Griffin
P Jasmine Bradford

P Bailey Brown
P Kristy Griffin
P Karla Talpey, Vice-Chair

P Zachariah Achey
P Addison Chaisson,
Student Rep.

Other:

A. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Call to order @ 6:15 pm

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Individuals must be recognized by the Chair, state their names for the record and comments regarding individual students or employees will be referred to another forum. The Chair may extend individual comment period of 3 minutes.

C. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

What action will the board take regarding the adjustments to the agenda?

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Vote: Y _____ N _____ A _____

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Approval of the Board of Director's Minutes for: March 18, 2026

What action will the Board take regarding the minutes from March 18, 2026, Board Meeting?

Motion: Bradford Second: K. Griffin Vote: Y 4 N 0 A 3*

Not present at 3/18/26 Meeting: Achey, Harmon, Bradford

E. REPORTS

- 1. Chairperson
 - a) none
- 2. Student Representative
 - a) Activities Report
- 3. Superintendent
 - a) Financials
 - b) Other
- 4. Principal
 - a) Staffing update
 - b) School events update

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Election of School Board Officers:

a. Chairperson

Nominations for Chairperson:

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| Nominee: <u> Karla Talpey </u> | By: <u> Linda Griffin </u> | 2 nd : <u> Kristy Griffin </u> |
| Nominee: _____ | By: _____ | 2 nd : _____ |
| Nominee: _____ | By: _____ | 2 nd : _____ |

Vote for Chairperson:

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| Nominee: <u> Karla Talpey </u> | Votes: <u> 6 - Yes 0 - No 1 - Abstained – Karla Talpey </u> |
| Nominee: _____ | Votes: _____ |
| Nominee: _____ | Votes: _____ |

b. Vice-Chairperson

Nominations for Vice-Chairperson:

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| Nominee: <u> Bailey Brown </u> | By: <u> Karla Talpey </u> | 2 nd : <u> Linda Griffin </u> |
| Nominee: _____ | By: _____ | 2 nd : _____ |
| Nominee: _____ | By: _____ | 2 nd : _____ |

Vote for Vice-Chairperson:

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| Nominee: <u> Bailey Brown </u> | Votes: <u> 6 - Yes 0 - No 1 - Abstained – Bailey Brown </u> |
| Nominee: _____ | Votes: _____ |
| Nominee: _____ | Votes: _____ |

2. Authorization to Expend Funds:

Recommendation: That the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to apply for and expend any and all state, federal, or private funds that become available to SAD12 for the 2026-2027 school year.

- a. What action will the board take regarding the recommendation for the Superintendent to apply for and expend any and all state, federal, or private funds that become available to SAD12 for the 2026-2027 school year?

Motion: Harmon Second: Brown Vote: Y 7 N 0 A 0

3. Budget Approval:

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Finance Committee's recommendation of the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget. The total budget amount of \$3,256,340.00 with Food Service and the local assessment of \$1,038,440.87 will be determined at the Board Finance Committee Meeting on April 15, 2026.

- b. What action will the board take to accept the budget recommendation of the Finance Committee's fiscal year 2026-2027 budget?

Motion: Bradford Second: Talpey Vote: Y 4 N 3 A 0

4. Budget Approval Items:

Voted: That the warrant for the District Budget Meeting presented to the meeting to be approved and that a District Budget Meeting be called for May 20, 2026 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Further Voted: That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the District Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be approved and that a District Validation Referendum be called for June 9, 2026 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the District Budget Meeting for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Further Voted: That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at the Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be approved and that the Secretary of the District be authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the District Budget Meeting on May 20, 2026 and to deliver the attested copies of said notice, as completed, to the clerks of each municipality in the District for posting at all polling places for the June 9, 2026 District Budget Validation Referendum.

Motion: K. Griffin Second: B. Brown Vote: Y 7 N 0 A 0

5. Transfer of Fund into Capital Reserve Fund:

Recommendation: That the SAD12 Board of Directors appropriate from the ending balance of the general operating funds for the 2025-2026 school year and to contribute those funds to the established District Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of plant and remodeling purposed in the amount of \$50,000.00.

- c. What action will the board take regarding the recommendation to appropriate from the ending balance of the general operating funds for the 2025-2026 school year and to contribute those funds to the established District Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of plant and remodeling purposed in the amount of \$50,000.00. :

Motion: Harmon Second: K. Griffin Vote: Y 7 N 0 A 0

6. Expenditure of Capital Reserve Fund:

Recommendation: That the Board of Directors authorizes the Superintendent to expend in the fiscal year 2026-2027 from the District Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of plant in the amount of \$50,000.00.

- d. What action will the board take regarding the recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to expend in the fiscal year 2026-2027 from the District Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of plant in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion: Harmon Second: Achey Vote: Y 7 N 0 A 0

7. Non-Lapsing Contingency Fund:

Recommendation: That the Board of Directors authorizes the Superintendent to transfer the district's unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the prior year's budget, as determined by audit, to the District's established non-lapsing contingency fund for periods of financial emergency pursuant to Section 1482-B(3) of Title 20-A; and shall the District delegate authority to the School Board to expend sums in the contingency fund when the School Board determines by public vote that an emergency need exists, and to transfer sums in the contingency fund to the District's general fund for use in the school operating budgets approved by District voters?

- e. What action will the board take regarding the recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to transfer the district's unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the prior year's budget, as determined by audit, to the District's established non-lapsing contingency fund for periods of financial emergency pursuant to Section 1482-B(3) of Title 20-A; and shall the District delegate authority to the School Board to expend sums in the contingency fund when the School Board determines by public vote that an emergency need exists, and to transfer sums in the contingency fund to the District's general fund for use in the school operating budgets approved by District voters?.

Motion: Brown Second: Achey Vote: Y 7 N 0 A 0

8. Policy Development – First Reading

- f. What action will the board take on the 1st reading regarding the recommendation to adopt policy:
BEDH: Public Comment at School Board Meetings.

Accepted 1st reading with recommendation for amendment to the Policy Committee

Motion: Brown Second: K. Griffin Vote: Y 7 N 0 A 0

Future Agenda Items:

Time and Date of Next Meeting:

1. School Board Meeting: May 13, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting @ 8:07 pm

Motion: K. Griffin Second: B. Brown Vote: Y 7 N 0 A 0

NOTE: The order of business may be altered, or items added or deleted from the agenda by a majority vote of the Board members present and voting.

Board of Director Goals

- The school board will seek to openly communicate with each other, the school, and the community in order to have continuous improvement so that students can achieve better than they ever have.
- The school board will support quality educational practices that allow all students to achieve at high levels through multiple pathways.
- The school board will endeavor at all times to see that the school has adequate financial support within the capabilities of the community and state in order that every child may receive the best possible education.
- The board will seek effective budget processes, both short and long term, to ensure meaningful outcomes that are future oriented.