

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRPERSON- at 4:30 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members except Ehnert and Superintendent A. Johnson, B. Dunrud, and D. Vomhof. Visitors L. Christensen and E. Wood (virtual) of ICS, M. Blaha and D. Faysak.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- Approved.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS- Approved.

PRESENTATIONS- Lori Christensen, ICS-School Board Role in Referendum Process

REPORTS-Administrative Report- Activities-Homecoming week 9/28-10/2, Fall Sports Mtg 8/10, Jr. High VB Coach openings; **Elementary-**Preparing for new school year; **Superintendent-**Legislation, enrollment; **Technology-**Chromebooks, subscriptions, getting ready for school year; **Building and Grounds-**cleaning/waxing on schedule; **Transportation-**passed annual inspection, ESY pick up/drop off, working on routes; **Business Office Report-**Audit week of August 17.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF POLICY #700.5 (formerly 400.9L)- Fees, Admissions, Etc. Approved.

CONSENT ITEMS- CONTRACTS- M-State PSEO, LCSC Services, Trinity Preschool Meals, Astera Athletic Training, Booster Club Concessions (with revisions), LCSC PD4Me; **DONATIONS-** \$1,000 Wolf Lake Wolf Pack Baseball Club for Softball coach bus, \$4,000 Ottertail Lions for School Supplies. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUESTS- Cedar Ave NE Wadena, Co Hwy 75 Wadena, Leaf River Road Ottertail. Approved.

AWARDING FOR GAS/DIESEL CONTRACT FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR- Lakes Community Cooperative. Approved.

AWARDING FOR MILK CONTRACT FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR- Cass Clay Creamery with a firm bid based on quality, freshness and service. Approved.

LONG-TERM FACILITY MAINTENANCE REVENUE- TEN YEAR EXPENDITURE REPORT for FY27- Approved.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADOPTING THE FY27 LONG-TERM FACILITY MAINTENANCE TEN-YEAR PLAN- Approved.

E-LEARNING PLAN FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR- Motion did not pass. Will be revisited in August with revisions.

BUILDING AUTOMATION CONTRACT WITH NAC- Approved.

2026-2027 CALENDAR REVISION-Change May 26, 2027, last student day to a half day. Approved.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS- A. Bauck-Volleyball Assistant Coach, T. Horn-JV Boys Basketball Coach, M. Radniecki-C Squad Boys Basketball Coach, K. Meyer-Bus Driver, J. Reynolds-Van Driver, T. Henderson-District Office Administrative Assistant/Community Ed. Assistant, C. Orlando-Assistant Football Coach, T. Washek-Paraprofessional; **RESIGNATIONS-** N. Pesola-Assistant Football Coach; **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-**E. Altstadt Sept 5-Nov 18, 2026 (Pending); **STAFFING ASSIGNMENTS-FALL COACHING LIST-**G. Esala- Cross Country, H. Dresser-Cross Country, S. Dunrud-Volleyball, J. Lohmiller-Volleyball, A. Bauck-Volleyball, Z. Hocking-Football, E. Niemi-Football, P. Butenhoff-Football, C. Orlando-Football, N. Pesola-Volunteer Football, D. Geiser-Jr. High Football, J. Krebs-Jr. High Football, J. Masloski-Cheer; **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS-** Education Minnesota Paraprofessionals Union Contract. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT- 5:21 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Regular Meeting – August 24, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

