

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR- at 5:30pm.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members except Ehnert, Superintendent A. Johnson, M. Young-Lecoustre, D. Vomhof, and B. Dunrud. Visitors J. Weller, B. Weller and D. Faysak

SETTING THE AGENDA TO DETERMINE THE ORDERS OF THE DAY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- Approved.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS- Approved.

REPORTS- Activities- Scheduling, **Elementary-** Benchmark testing, Homecoming, Eagle SOAR, **High School-** Great start to the year, Homecoming, **Superintendent-** Fuel prices, MSHSL Enrollment, Eagle Forward presentations, **Transportation -** Bus safety and evacuation practice in October, **Building and Grounds-** preparing for winter, water softener project is complete, **Food Service-** employee absences, breakfast numbers are good, rising costs of food, **Business Office-** First Day Enrollment, History and Projections, audit still in progress, **School Board-** Curriculum, Instruction and Policy Committee, 9/28/26

OLD BUSINESS-

SECOND READING OF POLICIES 403, 410, 413, 414, 415, 522 and 524. Approved.

Ehnert arrived at 5:40.

CONSENT ITEMS- MEETING DATE- Referendum Open House September 30 5:30-7:30pm. **DONATIONS-** EOT County Ag Society \$334 to FFA. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW AND COMMENT ON PROPOSED REFERENDUM- Approved

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LEVY – Approved. The Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held December 21 at 6:01 p.m.

OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUESTS- 3rd St Bluffton, Marshall Ave Henning, Granger Ave Deer Creek, 2nd Street NW Wadena, Main St Ottertail. Approved.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ELL SERVICES- Approved.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH BOARDBOOK- Approved.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS- K. Schanning Elementary Cross Country Coach, S. Cooper Shooting Sports Coach, S. Ness Paraprofessional, **RESIGNATIONS-** J. Boe Mock Trial Coach, K. Aho Paraprofessional, **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT-** C. Klippenes Paraprofessional, **LANE CHANGE REQUEST** K. Hotakainen MA+20 to MA+30, K. Lueders BA to BA+20. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT– 5:58 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Regular Meeting – October 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

