

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR- at 4:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members except Ehnert (arrived at 4:45), Kern and Schermerhorn, Superintendent A. Johnson, J. Brockway, M. Young-Lecoustre, and D. Vomhof. Visitors L. Stroeing, J. Weller, B. Weller, K Kawlewski, T. Henderson 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- Introduction of New Teachers.

REPORTS - Administrative Reports- Activities- Fall Sports, coaches, Bound, **Elementary-** New Staff, gearing up for the school year, **High School-** New Teacher Orientation, 7th Grade Orientation, Curriculum Review, **Superintendent-** Permanent School Trust Fund, enrollment is up, positive things at NYM, **Building and Grounds-**summer cleaning is finished, fence complete at FB field, water softener install in process, courtyard needs proper fire safety equipment installed, **Business Office Report-** Audit in process, **Kitchen-** summer food program ended 8/20, good participation and compliments, Summer program was audited-went well, **Transportation-** finishing routes, Stopfinder app, **School Board-** Committee Meetings: Curriculum, Instruction and Policy 8/24/26.

OLD BUSINESS- *none*

CONSENT ITEMS- CONTRACTS- A+ Driving School, HUDL. **DONATIONS-**Bev Mickelson-School Supplies, Lindsey Wedde/Amazon-60 Backpacks and supplies, Perham Health-\$500 to Close Up, New York Mills Lions Club \$600 for Sisu Sponsorship with Booster Club. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUESTS- County Highway 54 Ottertail, 1st St NW Wadena, Garfield Ave SW Wadena, County Highway 61 Henning, West Wind Dr Bluffton, Hickory Ave NW Wadena. Approved.

E-LEARNING PLAN 2026-2027- E-Learning 3 Day Plan 2026-27 school year. Approved.

BUS ROUTES FOR 2026-2027- Approved.

FIRST READING OF POLICIES REQUIRING ANNUAL REVIEW- First reading of 403, 410, 413, 414, 415, 514, 522 and 524. Approved.
(Ehnert arrived 4:45))

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS- M. Olson 1st grade long term substitute, M. Wedde Bus Driver, K. Tervo 0.4 FTE PreK Teacher, K. Peeters, Jr. High Volleyball Coach, N. Pesola Assistant Football, J. Veazie Volunteer Football Coach, K. Geiser Jr. High Volleyball Coach, D. Klosterman 1st Grade Long Term Substitute, S. Zutter Paraprofessional, K. Aho Paraprofessional, K. Faysak Paraprofessional **RESIGNATIONS-** N. Balbach Paraprofessional, T. Washek Paraprofessional, R. Haverland Paraprofessional, D. Kupfer Paraprofessional, E. Niemi Assistant Football Coach, M. Koljonen Paraprofessional, H. Dresser Elementary Cross Country Coach. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-** C. Brooks 8/5/2026 6-8 weeks, J. George 10/12/26-12/21/26, L. Kennedy 3/11/27-5/28/27. **LANE CHANGE REQUEST–**A. Bauck BA+50 to BA+60, J. Lohmiller BA+20 to MA+10, L. Kennedy BA +10 to BA+30, K. Fahlen BA+20 to BA+40, B. Schornack MA+20 to MA+30, E. Blaha BA+30 to BA+40, R. Wegscheid MA+20 to MA+30, C. Orlando BA to BA+10, N. Braaten BA to BA+10, K. Salo MA to MA+20. **REQUEST FOR TIME OFF W/O PAY-** K. Kawlewski September 22 (half day) and September 23, 2026. , **STAFF ASSIGNMENTS-** Extracurricular Assignments 2026-2027.C. Armagost Instrumental Music, M. Bauck BPA Advisor, HS Yearbook Advisor and 10th Grade Class Advisor, T. Bauck BPA Assistant Advisor, J. Boe Mock Trial and 9th Grade Class Advisor, H. Dresser 7th Grade Class Advisor, K. Fahlen 7th Grade Class Advisor, C. Geiser Senior High Knowledge Bowl Coach, 9th Grade Class Advisor, D. Geiser Elementary Knowledge Bowl Coach, W. Grieger Junior High Knowledge Bowl Coach, H. Jabas Junior Class Advisor, A. Paavola Close Up Advisor and Elementary Knowledge Bowl Coach, A. Page Junior Class Advisor, K. Pieschke 10th Grade Advisor, L. Roberts-Veazie Head Declamation (Speech) Coach and 8th Grade Class Advisor, T. Saewert Senior Class Advisor, B. Dunrud Senior Class Advisor, B. Schornack FFA Advisor, C. Vandermay Elementary Yearbook, J. Veazie Assistant Declamation (Speech) Coach, A. Wright Head Fall Play. Approved.

Adjourn at 4:46pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Regular Meeting – September 28, 2026 at 5:30
p.m.**

