

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members, Superintendent A. Johnson, J. Brockway, M. Young LeCoustre, M. Maki, and B. Dunrud. Visitors L. Christensen and M. Onderek of ICS, D. Vomhof, D. Faysak, B. Weller.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- Approved.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS- Approved.

PRESENTATION- ICS Lori Christensen - Revised Conceptual plans for proposed facility projects

ANY VISITOR COMMENTS- None.

REPORTS- Administrative Reports: Activities- State State Softball and Baseball, Preparations for coming school year coaches and events, **Elementary-** Summer reports and next year plans, **High School-** MASSP Conference and next year planning, **Superintendent-** Legislative requirements, Thank you to A. Zachman and M. Maki, **Technology-** Changes in vendors and summer tech work, **Transportation-** DOT Inspection July 16th, **Building and Grounds-** Summer cleaning and projects, **Food Service-** Summer meals, summer CEP workers, **Business Office Report-** Fiscal year end finance and payroll, Year-end enrollment data, Audit scheduled for week of August 17, **School Board-** Negotiations and Personnel 6/1/26, Negotiations and Personnel 6/11/26, Curriculum, Instruction and Policy 6/17/26, Curriculum, Instruction and Policy 6/22/26.

OLD BUSINESS- None.

CONSENT ITEMS- CONTRACTS- Lakes Country Service Cooperative, **MEMBERSHIPS-** MSBA, MREA, **DONATIONS-** New York Mills Lions-\$1000 to Football, BTD -\$250 to Fishing League, Warner Garage Door Inc. \$500 to Softball Coach Bus, Bluffton Baseball Assn. \$500 to Softball Coach Bus, Anonymous \$1000 to Softball Coach Bus, Anonymous \$1000 to Softball Coach Bus, American Red Cross \$2500 for Scholarship (check given to Footprints), Karvonen and Son Funeral Home \$200 for Softball Coach Bus, East Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation District \$1,000 to FFA, Bluffton Lions \$200 for Softball Coach Bus- Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUESTS- Co Hwy 54, Ottertail, Co Rd 101, Wadena, 610th Ave, Wadena, 580th Ave, Deer Creek.- Approved.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION
Resolution relating to determining the necessity of issuing general obligation bonds and approving a new capital project levy authorization and calling a special election.- Approved.

CALL FOR MILK BIDS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR- Due July 22, 2026- Approved.

CALL FOR GAS QUOTES FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR- Due July 22, 2026- Approved.

BUDGET REVISION 2025-2026 BUDGET- Approved.

	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
01 General	\$11,040,126	\$11,709,987
02 Food Service	\$799,350	\$841,382
04 Community Service	\$283,209	\$425,925
07 Debt service	\$1,248,877	\$1,224,000

INTERIM BUDGET FOR 2026-2027 YEAR- Approved.

	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
01 GENERAL FUND	\$11,265,353	\$11,597,394
02 FOOD SERVICE	\$800,850	\$850,630
04 COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$291,477	\$407,850
07 DEBT SERVICE	\$1,489,169	\$1,223,000

DESIGNATION OF AN IDENTIFIED OFFICIAL WITH AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATION IDENTITY ACCESS MANAGEMENT-
Superintendent Johnson. Approved.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 400.9L- Admissions/Fees/Charges/Rentals/Waivers & Miscellaneous Pay and renumber the policy to #700.5- Approved.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES FOR FILING AFFIDAVITS OF CANDIDACY- Filing period begins on July 14, 2026, and closes at 5 o'clock p.m. on July 28, 2026. Openings for three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.- Approved.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS- None.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS- T. Smith- K-12 Choral and Music Teacher, A. Esala- 0.5 FTE Elementary Teacher, J. Lohmiller- Asst Volleyball Coach, J. George- Elementary Teacher, K. Kawlewski- Elementary Teacher, K. Lueders- Special Ed Teacher, L. Kennedy- Special Ed Teacher; **RESIGNATIONS-** T. Ohlgren, Trap Coach- K. Salo, Assistant Volleyball Coach- A. Paavola- Jr. High Volleyball Coach, A. Koehler- Paraprofessional; **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-** M. Dorow- Elementary Teacher 2026-2027 School Year, T. Irons- Elementary Teacher 2026-2027 School Year; **CONTRACT CHANGES-** D. Vomhof- Business Manager.- Approved.

ADJOURNMENT- 5:15 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Regular Meeting – July 27, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

