

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

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

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members except Ehnert (arrived at 5:34), Superintendent A. Johnson, J. Brockway, M. Young-Lecoustre, M. Maki, Student Representative D. Selander. Visitors D. Vomhof, D. Faysak and C. Koenen of the press.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- Approved.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS- Approved.

REPORTS- Business Office Report- Calendar Year end, New Contracts, Paid Leave, Administrative Report- Elementary - Benchmark testing, holiday events; High School- Holiday Happenings; Superintendent Report- Winter weather, Activities, Technology- Department happenings; Transportation Report- Building and Grounds Report- Repair updates, Food Service- Update; Student Representative- Winter Events; School Board- Negotiations and Personnel 12/4/25, Superintendent Evaluation. (Ehnert arrived)

OLD BUSINESS- None.

CONSENT ITEMS- CONTRACTS- Lakeland Mental Health Center, **MEETING DATES-** January Reorganizational Meeting - January 5, 2026 at 5:30 pm, **DONATIONS-** \$25,000 from Kenneth and Kim Nelson Charitable Lead Annuity Trust, \$500 from Viking Coca-Cola for the Scholarship fund (forwarded to Footprints), 29 Boxes of teacher supplies from 3M. \$4,000 to trap team for Ottertail Rod and Gun Club, \$1500 to Fishing League from Ottertail Rod & Gun. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUESTS- Willow Creek Dr., Henning. Approved.

COMPREHENSIVE ACHIEVEMENT & CIVIL READINESS REPORT for 2025-2026. Approved. Presentation at January meeting

SETTING THE 2025 LEVY FOR PAYABLE 2026- 2025 pay 2026 levy set at \$1,784,751.99. Approved with a decrease of 4.95%.

REVIEW AND APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS- FFA Assistant Advisor, BPA Assistant Advisor, Weight Room Coordinator. Approved.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS- None.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS- A. Geiser- Volunteer Wrestling Coach, S. Novak- Volunteer Wrestling Coach, M. Weller- Volunteer Wrestling Coach, **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-** E. Altstadt- March 2026-May 2026, R. Haverland- February 2026-May 2026, T. Olson- December 2025- January 2026; **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS-** M. Maki- 1/1/2026 to 6/30/2026. **Approved.**

Recessed at 5:53 until 6:01 for Truth in Taxation Hearing.

PRESENTATIONS- TRUTH IN TAXATION PRESENTATION (6:01 pm)

ADJOURNMENT- 6:11 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Organizational Meeting - January 5, 2026 at 5:30 pm
Regular Meeting – January 26, 2026 at 5:30 pm**