

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

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT- at 5:30 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members except Ehnert (arrived at 5:35) Superintendent A. Johnson, J. Brockway, M. Young-Lecoustre, B. Dunrud, M. Maki, student representative D. Selander. Visitors J. Cooley, A. Zachman, B. Weller, D. Faysak, D. Vomhof and L. Christiansen of ICS virtually and C. Koenen of the press.

SETTING THE AGENDA TO DETERMINE THE ORDERS OF THE DAY- Vote - u/c.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- Vote - u/c.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS- Vote - u/c.

REPORTS- Administrative Reports- Activities- Spring Sports seasons; **Elementary-** LETRS training is complete, Year-end activities; **High School-** Spring Events and Testing; **Superintendent-** Health insurance and Legislation; **Technology-** Security Camera and Web management software updates; **Transportation-** Spring trips; **Building and Grounds-** Spring Projects and summer project preparations; **Student Representative-** End of year activities. **Business Office Report-** CD Renewal, Health Insurance Increase; Fiscal year-end items. **School Board- Committee Meetings-** Curriculum, Instruction and Policy 04/06/26, Community Open House 04/20/26; Policy Committee 4/27/26.

OLD BUSINESS- None.

CONSENT ITEMS- CONTRACTS- Lakes Area Adult Education 26-27, BOUND (Scheduling, Ticketing, etc program), SWWC Service Cooperative, DONATIONS- Wolf Lake Wolf Pack Baseball \$500 to Trap Team, KLN Enterprises \$500 to BPA, Viking Coca Cola \$1638.95 Powerade for Schools Program, VFW Post 3289 \$400 to NYM Cheer, EOT Darkhouse and Angling Association \$900 to BPA (26), MN Deer Hunters Assn. EOT Chapter \$2,000 to Trap Team, Women Anglers of Minnesota \$300 to Fishing League, Newton Township \$300 to Community Ed (Summer Rec), NYM Lions Club \$1500 to BPA, NYM Lions Club \$600 to After Prom, NYM Lions Club \$3000 to Summer Softball, VFW Post 3289 \$688 to After Prom. Vote-u/c.

NEW BUSINESS

Ehnert arrived.

FIRST READING OF POLICIES #605.1L Procedure for Review of Curriculum Content and Alternative Instruction, #606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials, #606.1L Policy on Censorship, and #606.5 Library Materials. Vote - u/c.
[Policy 604](#), [Policy 605.1L](#), [Policy 606.5](#), [Reconsideration Form](#), [Formal Request](#)

CALL FOR BIDS FOR SALE OF HOUSE- Minimum bid \$79,500 bids due May 13, 2026 & awarded at the May meeting. Vote - u/c.

SOFTBALL OVERNIGHT STAY- May 1, 2026. Vote - u/c.

SOFTBALL OVERNIGHT STAY- May 8, 2026. Vote - u/c.

BPA TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION- May, 2026. Vote - u/c.

PRESENTATION- Building Open House Survey Results - ICS Presentation

BSN SPORTS/NIKE TEAM 360 REWARDS PROGRAM CONTRACT- Five year contract. Pending addendum to exclude wrestling uniforms. Vote - For: Geiser, Braukmann, Mursu, Ehnert, Kern, Schermerhorn. Against: Seelhammer. Motion passed.

REPEAL POLICY 606.1L AND 103.1L- The policies are addressed in the policies with the first reading tonight. Vote - u/c.

2025-2026 CALENDAR CHANGE- May 27, 2026 will be a 1:00 dismissal. Vote - u/c.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS- High School BET- April 9, 2026

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- RESIGNATIONS- A. Zachman, Building and Grounds Supervisor, K. Holtti -Van Driver, H. Wurst -Head Volleyball Coach, J. Weller- Asst. Girls Basketball; **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-** J. Johnson -September, 2026 - January, 2027. Vote - u/c.

ADJOURNMENT- 6:18 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Regular Meeting – May 18, 2026 - 5:30 pm

Staff Appreciation Breakfast – May 28, 2026 - 8:00 am