



**White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
May 12, 2025
Regular Meeting**

At the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were presented and discussed:

1. **Student Recognition.** The School Board recognized members of the high school Speech Team and middle school students who participated in History Day.

See the video [here](#).

2. **Recognition of Student Liaisons to the School Board.** The School Board recognized Lydia Kleinhans, 12th grade student, and Thomas Reese, 11th grade student, for their outstanding roles as the 2024-25 Student Representatives to the School Board.

3. **Graduation Rate and Student Attendance Update.** Dr. Alison Gillespie, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, shared an update on our district's recently released graduation rates and provided a closer look at student attendance — including how we measure it and why it matters. School leaders joined the presentation and shared strategies they are using to support student attendance and engagement, as part of our district's ongoing commitment to helping every student succeed and graduate.

See the presentation [here](#).

4. **First reading of School Board Policies.** The School Board heard first readings of the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and Cabinet:
 - a. 702, Accounting;
 - b. 720, Vending Machines;
 - c. 729, Minnesota Post-Issuance Debt Compliance; and
 - d. 732, Credit Card Usage.

At the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were acted upon:

1. **Action on Student Transportation Vendor Proposal.** The School Board approved agreements with the following student transportation providers for the 2025-2026 school year as presented:
 - Type C/D Provider: First Student, Inc.
 - Type III Providers: Integrated Transportation, Northline Transportation, Odaa Transportation, Safetree Transportation, Treasured Transportation, and Universal Transit Services.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **Action on School Board Policies.** The School Board acted upon the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and Cabinet:
 - a. 413, Harassment and Violence;
 - b. 512, School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities;
 - c. 706, Acceptance of Gifts;
 - d. 710, Extracurricular Transportation;
 - e. 711, Video Recording on School Buses;
 - f. 712, Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses; and
 - g. 721, Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources.
3. **Negotiations.** A portion of the meeting was closed to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to Minn. Stat. 179A.01 to 179A.25.

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