

MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ISD #414

AUGUST 27, 2025 SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #414, Minneota Public Schools, was called to order by Chair Abby Thostenson on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 5:31 pm in the Conference Room.

Roll call was taken. Members present included Jon Buysse, Ryan Runia, Tom Skorczewski, Julie Mead, Emily Coequyt, Martin Hennen, and Abby Thostenson. Nicolle Johnston, Lindsey Larson, Michelle Buysse, Lucas Damm, Johnny Fales, and Scott Monson also attended.

New staff members Michelle Buysse and Lucas Damm introduced themselves and talked briefly about their background. Student Council President, Johnny Fales, also introduced himself.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Buysse, to approve the meeting agenda with addendum items as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

School Board Members shared points of Viking Pride, which included staff and student accomplishments.

Director of Buildings and Grounds, Les Engler, gave an update on the status of several current, past, and upcoming projects and answered questions.

Mike Hoheisel, from RW Baird, shared information about potential dissolution of the Ivanhoe School District and potential consolidation of the Ivanhoe and Minneota Districts, should there be a desire or need for one of those in the future. No action was taken.

Superintendent Monson reviewed student enrollment, the Student Activity Fund/Account, and the monthly financial report.

Ryan Runia needed to leave the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Hennen, to approve the payment of bills and the check register as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

School Board Committee reports and administrators reports were presented and discussed.

Motion by Mead, second by Buysse, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Mead, to approve the 2nd reading of the High School Faculty Handbook. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Buysse, second by Henne, to approve the 2nd Reading of seven (7) policies and procedures. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Buysse, to approve 2026 School Board Meeting dates and times as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed eight (8) district policies and procedures for the 1st Reading, but no formal action was taken.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Hennen, to authorize solicitation of snow removal quotes for 2025-2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mead, second by Buysse, to Approve a Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts/Donations/Grants. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Coequyt, to enter Closed Session to evaluate the performance of Superintendent Scott Monson. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:36 pm.

Motion by Buysse, second by Hennen, to re-open the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Buysse, to direct administration to find a date in September for the Board to have a Special Meeting to interview facilities firms and to publicize details of the Special Meeting as soon as possible. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Mead, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.


Martin Hennen, Clerk