

**Work Session of the St. Anthony-New Brighton School Board**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

6:00 PM

MS/HS Media Center, 3303 33rd Ave NE, Entry available at door #16, St.

Anthony, MN 55418

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**Minutes**

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

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| Laurel Hood:      | Present |
| Barry Kinsey:     | Present |
| Laura Oksnevad:   | Present |
| Mike Overman:     | Present |
| Cassandra Palmer: | Present |
| PJ Striker:       | Present |

**1. Call to Order School Board Regular Meeting**

**Discussion:** Chair Kinsey called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Due to the time-sensitive nature of the Levy Certification required by MDE, a Regular Meeting is required to take action prior to September 30th.

Staff in attendance included: Hope Fagerland, Emerson Sears, Dr. Troy Urdahl, Viviana Chavez Garcia, JT Zell, Allie Guidish, Brynne Diggins, Jada Richard

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Action(s) :**

The recommended motion is to approve the September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting and Work Session agenda as presented. This motion, made by Overman and seconded by Palmer, Carried.

**Voting Detail:**

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| Laurel Hood:      | Yea |
| Barry Kinsey:     | Yea |
| Laura Oksnevad:   | Yea |
| Mike Overman:     | Yea |
| Cassandra Palmer: | Yea |
| PJ Striker:       | Yea |

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**3. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Action(s) :**

The recommended motion is to approve the consent agenda as presented,

  
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including: minutes from August 28, 2025 Board regular meeting, personnel, and payment of bills. This motion, made by Striker and seconded by Oksnevad, Carried.

**Voting Detail:**

Laurel Hood:           Yea  
Barry Kinsey:           Yea  
Laura Oksnevad:       Yea  
Mike Overman:         Yea  
Cassandra Palmer:     Yea  
PJ Striker:             Yea

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4. **Levy Certification**

**Action(s) :**

The recommended motion is to certify the levy for taxes payable in 2026 as a 'maximum' levy amount as presented. This motion, made by Striker and seconded by Palmer, Carried.

**Voting Detail:**

Laurel Hood:           Yea  
Barry Kinsey:           Yea  
Laura Oksnevad:       Yea  
Mike Overman:         Yea  
Cassandra Palmer:     Yea  
PJ Striker:             Yea

**Voting Summary:** Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**Discussion:** Controller Phan Tu presented the preliminary 25 pay 26 Levy with the recommendation to approve the maximum amount. This provides flexibility in preparation for the final levy approval in December. The total approved levy amount was \$10,104,220 for a decrease of - 2.98%.

5. **Adjourn regular meeting**

**Discussion:** Chair Kinsey adjourned the regular meeting at 6:14pm.

6. **Call to Order School Board Work Session**

**Discussion:** Chair Kinsey called the work session to order at 6:14pm.

7. **Report: Athletics, and Activities**

**Discussion:** Dr. Troy Urdahl and JT Zell shared a 2024-25 Athletics and Activities report. The report included celebrating Coach of the Year, Dave Wiggins, connecting the program's strategic directions with district Success Metrics: increasing communication, student wellness, and community/student learning. Participation in athletics and activities is strong and stable.

8. **Report: Career Coordinator Update**

**Discussion:** College and Career Coordinator, Emerson Sears, shared the College and Career Center vision, goals, and services. In addition, SAVHS is now a part of the Direct Admissions Program. With Direct Admissions, students are proactively notified of which colleges and

universities they are accepted.

**9. Report: Eagle Bluff Presentation**

**Discussion:** 8th Grade teachers, Allie Guidish and Brynne Diggins, shared the history, plans, coordination, communication and financing of the Eagle Bluff trip for 8th graders.

**10. Discussion Items**

**10.1. Language Access Plan**

**Discussion:** EL Coordinator, Viviana Chavez Garcia, shared with a first read of the Language Access Plan, a legislatively mandated plan that outlines how the district will support language access for students and families.

**10.2. Student Success Metrics Update and Goals Review**

**Discussion:** The board reviewed long-term academic goals through 2028, with progress benchmarks set for 2025-2027. Discussion highlighted declining proficiency trends since the 2013 standards shift, further impacted by COVID, and emphasized the need to ensure student proficiency as an equity and citizenship issue. Current data progress is being tracked across grades 3, 5, 8, and ACT outcomes, in addition to student wellness and citizenship success metrics. The board will continue to review data for future goal updates.

**10.3. Data Request Update**

**Discussion:** The board received an update on public data requests, which have increased from the typical two per year to 15 since May, many spanning 10 years and requiring significant legal review and redaction. Fulfilling these requests has created financial and staffing burdens, with costs to date estimated at \$27,000 and projected to rise, prompting discussion about process efficiencies, transparency, and potential staffing support to manage the workload.

**11. Reports**

**11.1. ISD282 District, Program, and Building Report**

**Discussion:** Executive Director of Academics, Hope Fagerland, shared updates from each building and program. Highlights include: the facilities team is fully staffed, the Early Family Learning Program is up to 12 families, prompting the need to hire an additional assistant teacher, Wilshire Park is instituting a proactive teacher-parent communication system and the results are positive. Wednesday student clubs have started at SAMS with many creative options. The new cellphone policy/procedures at SAVHS is going well with a visible increase in students engaging with each other.

**11.2. Board Reports**

**Discussion:** School Board members took time to share information from the meetings, professional learning and events they attended.

**12. Adjourn School Board Meeting**

**Discussion:** What have we done for learners? The board emphasized that all work is centered on supporting students, with data serving as a key tool for improvement. Discussion included equitable funding for Eagle

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Bluff experiences, sustaining teaching and learning through future levy support, and student well-being results from the Panorama survey. Additional updates covered efforts to simplify college applications, lessons on continuous improvement including cell phone-free practices, and implementation of the district's language access plan to ensure equitable access for families.

Chair Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 9:34pm.

Approved by: School Board Clerk or Board Chair

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_