

# MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ISD #414

## DECEMBER 10, 2025 IVANHOE-MINNEOTA JOINT SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

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A Joint Work Session of the Board of Education of ISD #403 (Ivanhoe) and the Board of Education of ISD #414 (Minneota), was called to order by Chair Abby Thostenson on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Buysse, second by Runia, to approve the Work Session agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Ivanhoe Board Members present included: Rebecca Johnson, Becky Paluch, Heather Moen, Sarah Citterman, Justin Jerzak, and Dan Popowski. Ivanhoe Superintendent Loy Woelber also attended, along with Principal Walker Hennen.

Minneota Board Members present included: Jon Buysse, Ryan Runia, Tom Skorczewski, Julie Mead, Emily Coequyt, Martin Hennen, and Abby Thostenson. Superintendent Scott Monson also attended.

Kim Caster, Brandon Caster, Jared Josephson, Karen Dalager, and Brent Beck attended the meeting, along with Mike Hoheisel and Riley Fischer from RW Baird.

Introductions were made by each person attending the meeting.

The group reviewed a few survey results from Ivanhoe and Minneota School Board Members, and Mike Hoheisel led the group through a conversation regarding a potential consolidation of the Ivanhoe and Minneota districts at some point in the future.

Specific areas of discussion focused on tax impact and finances, facilities and buildings, and timelines.

Members of both School Boards shared thoughts, ideas, and perspectives, and positive dialogue and sharing took place during the meeting.

No formal decisions were made during the meeting.

Superintendent Monson shared that his focus will shift to continued work with RW Baird, including: 1) a timeline for additional discovery and actions, 2) a consistent focus on how to keep Board Members from both districts informed and involved, and 3) efforts to communicate specifics about a potential consolidation to members of both districts.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.



Martin Hennen, Clerk