

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
360 Colborne Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102**

**January 6, 2026
4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:21 p.m. by Chair Henderson.

2. ROLL CALL

Board of Education: C. Allen, Y. Carrillo, C. Franco, E. Valliant, H. Henderson, U. Ward, J. Vue

Administration: Superintendent Stanley, K. Bergstrom, S. Dahlke

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA

MOTION: Director Henderson moved approval of the Order of the Main Agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Ward.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Chair of the Board of Education

The serving Chair opened nominations for the office of Chair of the Board of Education.

MOTION: Director Chauntyll Allen nominated Director Uriah Ward for the office of the Chair of the Board of Education.

Further nominations were called for, there being none the vote was called.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Allen	Yes
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Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Abstain

2. Vice Chair of the Board of Education

The elected Board Chair opened nominations for the office of the Vice Chair of the Board of Education.

MOTION: Director Yusef Carrillo nominated Director Erica Valliant for the office of the Vice Chair of the Board of Education.

Further nominations were called for, there being none the vote was called.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Abstain

3. Clerk of the Board of Education

The Board Chair opened nominations for the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education.

MOTION: Director Halla Henderson nominated Director Chauntyll Allen for the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education.

Further nominations were called for, there being none the vote was called.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Abstain

4. Treasurer of the Board of Education

The Board Chair opened nominations for the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

MOTION: Director Erica Valliant nominated Director Carlo Franco for the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Further nominations were called for, there being none the vote was called.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Abstain

The Board of Education officer positions for 2026 are:

- Chair: Uriah Ward
- Vice Chair: Erica Valliant
- Clerk: Chauntyll Allen
- Treasurer: Carlo Franco

5. RESOLUTIONS

BF 34536 Appointment of the Assistant Treasurer

MOTION: Director Ward moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution that states as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625, that it herewith appoints Tom Sager, Executive Chief of Financial Services, as the Assistant Treasurer of this school district for 2026. Motion seconded by Director Henderson.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

BF 34537 Appointment of the Assistant Clerk

MOTION: Director Ward moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution that states as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625, that it herewith appoints Sarah Dahlke as the Assistant Clerk of this school district for 2026. Motion seconded by Director Carrillo.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes

Director Vue Yes

BF 34538 Resolution Naming Depository Accounts

MOTION: Director Ward moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution naming the banks that are to serve as depositories of school district funds for the year 2026. Motion seconded by Director Henderson.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

BF 34539 Resolution Naming Banks as Custodians for Safekeeping of Collateral

MOTION: Director Ward moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution naming the banks that are to be used as custodians for safekeeping of pledged security for school district deposits. Motion seconded by Director Franco.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

BF 34540 Resolution Authorizing Investments of School District Funds

MOTION: Director Ward moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution that herewith authorizes the Assistant Treasurer to invest surplus funds of the school district from time to time, as provided in Minnesota Statutes and the School Board Investment Policy. Motion seconded by Director Valliant.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

BF 34541 Resolution Naming Brokerage Accounts

MOTION: Director Ward moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution naming the brokerage firms that are to handle the purchase and sale of securities and other property. Motion seconded by Director Henderson.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

BF 34542 Resolution Authorizing Entry into Joint Purchasing Agreements

MOTION: Director Ward moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution Authorizing Entry into Joint Purchasing Agreements and approve administration to continue current joint cooperative purchase agreements and to enter into other various Joint Cooperative Purchasing Agreements as deemed necessary. Motion seconded by Director Carrillo.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

BF 34543 Resolution Naming the Official Newspaper

MOTION: Director Ward moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution naming the SAINT PAUL LEGAL LEDGER MINNESOTA LAWYER as the official newspaper of the School District. Motion seconded by Director Henderson.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

BF 34544 Resolution to Adopt and Confirm All Policies Contained in the SPPS Policy Manual

MOTION: Director Ward moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution confirming and adopting all policies contained in the Board Policy Manual. Motion seconded by Director Carrillo.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

BF 34545 Resolution to Approve the 2026 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Director Ward moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Approve the 2025 Board of Education Meeting Schedule. Motion seconded by Director Valliant.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF ALL 200-LEVEL BOARD POLICIES

Per Policy 203.00, "At the annual January organizational meeting, Board members will be asked to sign a form that they have reviewed all 200-level Board policies." Board members were provided a form to sign that they have reviewed all 200-level Board policies, as well as provided with hardcopies of all 200-level Board policies.

7. COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE/WORK GROUP SELECTION AND SCHOOL AREAS SELECTION

Board members then determined their assignments on committees, subcommittees, and work groups (both internal and external), as well as their selected school focus areas.

8. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Chair Ward then noted the dates of the upcoming meetings, including the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Ward also noted that for any questions regarding the schedule, please contact our board secretary at 651-767-8149. Special meetings may also be scheduled throughout the year, and notices will also be posted on the board website. To be added to the email/phone notification list, please contact our board secretary.

A. Board of Education Meetings (5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- January 6, 2026 (Annual Organizational Meeting at 4:00 pm in Conference Room 5A)
- January 20, 2026
- February 17, 2026
- March 17, 2026
- April 21, 2026
- May 19, 2026
- June 9, 2026 (Special Meeting – Non-Renewals at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5A)
- June 23, 2026
- July 14, 2026
- August 18, 2026
- September 22, 2026
- October 20, 2026
- November 17, 2026
- December 1, 2026 (Truth in Taxation Hearing) | 6:00 p.m.
- December 15, 2026

B. Committee of the Board Meetings (4:30 unless otherwise noted)

- January 6, 2026
- February 4, 2026 – Wednesday (due to precinct caucuses)
- March 3, 2026
- April 14, 2026
- May 5, 2026
- June 9, 2026
- There is not a Committee of the Board Meeting in July.
- August 5, 2026 – Wednesday (due to election primary)
- September 1, 2026
- October 6, 2026
- November 4, 2026 – Wednesday (due to Election Day)
- December 1, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT

Director Ward then noted that Director Vue had an announcement.

Director Vue then read this resignation letter, which states:

Dear Chair Henderson and my fellow colleagues on the SPPS School Board,

Please accept this letter as my formal notice of resignation from my role as a school board director for Saint Paul Public Schools effective as of the February 17th, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board.

I will continue to serve in my current role to include attending scheduled Committee of the Board meetings in January and February, Regular Meeting of the Board meetings in January and February as well as any special meetings or closed session meetings between now and February 17th, 2026.

I will also continue my work on the H.M.O.N.G. Project until its conclusion on February 17th. 2026.

I am proud of my service on the board and the bonds that I have built with the Saint Paul Public Schools community. Please reach out to me if there are any questions you have for me on this matter.

Director Vue noted this is the explanation for his abstention from any board officer role votes and committee assignments.

Director Ward thanked Director Vue for his time serving on the Board, and he was the first Chair when Director Ward began and it was important to see how Director Vue led and learned a lot from him. Director Vue has made a mark on the district, and that is something of which to be proud. Director Carrillo also noted his appreciation for Director Vue's work, and there will be more formal remarks at a future meeting.

Director Ward moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Henderson seconded the motion.

Motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Franco	Yes
Director Valliant	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

For clarity and to facilitate research, these minutes reflect the order of the original Agenda and not necessarily the time during the meeting the items were discussed.

Prepared and submitted by:

Sarah Dahlke

Assistant Clerk, St. Paul Public Schools Board of Education