

September 17, 2025

The School Board of District 261 met in regular session on September 17, 2025 in the Media Center. Chair B. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with members Hovland, Johnson, Olson, Stevens, and Wing present. Absent: Anderson, Rylander. Also present were Superintendent/HS Principal Moore, Ele/MS Principal Megan Peterson, Renee Melby, Brad Nelson, Kandace Norby, Andy Peterson, Heather Dewey, and Mary Reedy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda. (Wing/Stevens MCU)

Recognition of visitors.

Mary Reedy from Clifton Larson Allen LLP presented the FY25 Financial Audit Presentation and Financial Statements.

Motion to approve the following consent agenda (Stevens/Olson MCU):

- Approval of August 20, 2025 minutes
- Financial Reports for August 2025
- Approval of bills: August Handpayables: \$4,769.99, August Wire Payments: \$142,036.96 and September bills: \$187,512.87
- Accept donations: Otter Tail County Ag Society \$215 to FFA Club; Memorials for Tim Mounts \$75 to FFA Club; Ashby Legion \$439.60 for Kindergarten Classroom; Western Prairie Human Services \$600 for Staff Lounge products

Ele/MS Principal's Report

Mrs. Peterson reported on the following:

- Student Achievement Focus
- Reorganization of the Sunshine Committee
- Jostens Renaissance back to school week – Middle School activities each day
- Middle School Positive Postcards replaces Arrow Awards, Arrow Pride awards for Elementary will be done in the classrooms
- Staff Recognition to each other
- Sensory Space
- Hammock Reading Garden
- Reading Curriculum
- Middle School climate and culture
- DAC MN Assessment training

Superintendent/HS Principal Report

Mr. Moore reported on the following:

- Fergus Falls Area Special Ed Coop
- Review of the Strategic Plan
- District recognition from Agencies
- Academic Counseling
- Partnership with Western Probation Services Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Social Media Use, Truancy, and Domestic Violence
- Retaining Teachers and Staff
- Staff Appreciation events
- Dyslexia tools and Student Support Goals
- High School assemblies the first week of school

- Seniors leading former Student Council functions
- Work with the Class of 50 Years on the Legacy
- Homecoming preparations
- Spark27 Positive Feedback being received
- Website
- Fueling Station
- Ball Field Fencing
- Football Scoreboard
- Future Baseball Field Scoreboard
- Track maintenance
- New Paging/Bells System
- Food Vendor
- School Bus/CDL Licensing

Kandace Norby reported on 4th Grade.

Andy Peterson reported on MS/HS Social Studies.

Brad Nelson reported on 4th Grade.

Discussion Items

Green House Grant of \$150,000 was Awarded.

Scoreboards discussion.

October School Board Meeting Date discussion.

Music Trip Discussion.

Action Items

Motion to Certify the 2025 payable 2026 Levy Limitation at the maximum. (Wing/Stevens MCU)

Motion to set the Time and Date for the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting as December 17, 2025, 6:00 pm. (Stevens/Hovland MCU)

Motion Approving District Policies Requiring Annual Review: #410, 413, 414, 415, 506, 514, 522, 524, 616, 806. (Hovland/Olson MCU)

Motion to change the October 15, 2025 School Board Meeting Date to October 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm. (Wing/Hovland MCU)

Motion to adjourn (Stevens/Olson MCU). Johnson called the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Leslie Anderson, Clerk