



**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Independent School District 13
Columbia Heights, Minnesota
MINUTES FROM THE WORK SESSION OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Community Room
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
5:33 PM**

Members present: Ms. Granlund, Ms. Houle, Ms. Medearis, Ms. Mueller, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Pettway.

FY 2025 Audit

Jim Eichten from RB Carlson and Bryan Hennekens, Director of Finance and Operations, Presented information on the FY 2025 Audit results. The FY 2025 Audit will be an action item at the January 20th Board Meeting. Summary of the report: Clean Opinion on Financial Statements, three findings to report, single audit of federal awards, improved general fund balance, general fund balance policy, other operating fund balances, implemented new accounting standard, and commitment to audit process. Financial state and Results of the audit of the Columbia Heights Public Schools are positive.

New School Board Group in Minnesota

Member Pettway shared her new role as Secretary of the Minnesota School Board Directors of Color and Indigenous Fellowship.

Closed Session

Motion by Granlund, seconded by Palmer, to move to closed session in accordance with Minn. Stat. §13D.03 for the purpose of discussing negotiations. All in favor, Motion Passes.

Return to Open Session

Return to Open Session at 7:18 PM

Adjourn

Motion by Palmer, seconded by Pettway, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. All in Favor Motion Carries.

Date minutes approved

Laura Palmer, Clerk, Board of Education.
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