

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

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

**January 20, 2026  
4:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Uriah Ward, Chair.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board of Education: H. Henderson, U. Ward, C. Franco, Y. Carrillo, J. Vue, E. Valliant  
C. Allen arrived at 4:34 p.m.

Administration: Superintendent Stanley, K. Bergstrom, K. Thao, T. Sager, P. Pratt-Cook,  
J. Turner, S. Gray Akyea, E. Wacker, V. Unowsky, K. Walker, J. Wikstrom  
Donoghue, A. Collins, S. Dahlke

**III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Ward, and seconded by Director Henderson, to approve the order of the agenda. It passed by acclaim.

**IV. MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Ward and seconded by Director Valliant that the Board of Education close the special meeting and continue the meeting as a closed meeting to consider and discuss attorney-client privileged matters as is permitted by Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b) regarding State of Minnesota, et. al. vs. Kristi Noem, et. al., U.S. District Court File No. 0:26-CV-00190, as is provided for by Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b). The motion passed by acclaim.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

The Board of Education and staff discussed the attorney-client privileged matter.

**VI. MOTION TO OPEN MEETING**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Ward to conduct the remainder of this meeting as an open meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Franco. It passed by acclaim.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: It was moved by Director Ward, and seconded by Director Valliant, to adjourn the meeting. It passed by acclaim.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 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:

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