SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD
7362 East Point Douglas Rd S.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE:	March 26, 2026
TOPIC:	6.6-February 19, 2026 School Board Meeting Minutes
PRESENTER:	Dayna Pottratz, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & School Board
REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE:	Policy 204

A. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**
   a. Review School Board Meeting Minutes.
B. **RECOMMENDATION**
   a. Approval
C. **CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY**
   a. Operations, Staffing, and Finance

February 19, 2026

1.0 **Call to Order: Roll Call:** Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 833, South Washington County, was held on Thursday, February 19, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chair Katie Schwartz, at 6:00pm at the District Service Center, 7362 East Point Douglas Road South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016. School Board Members present: Elizabeth Bockman Eckberg, Ryan Clarke, Melinda Dols, Louise Hinz, Katie Schwartz, and Sharon Van Leer. Simi Patnaik was absent. Superintendent Julie Nielsen was present.

2.0 **Pledge of Allegiance**

3.0 **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Sharon Van Leer, seconded by Melinda Dols to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

4.0 **Comments to the Board:** One speaker addressed the board about reading specialists and

another regarding the Achievement and Integration Plan.

5.0 **Consent Items**: It was moved by Sharon Van Leer, seconded by Louise Hinz, to approve the consent agenda. Schwartz, Van Leer, Clarke, Hinz and Bockman Eckberg in favor, Dols abstained, none opposed, motion carried.
5.1 Retirements, Resignations and Terminations
5.2 Leaves of Absence
5.3 New Employees/Change of Status
5.4 Electronic Fund Transfers
5.5 Resolution to Accept Gifts
5.6 January 22, 2026 School Board Business Meeting Minutes
5.7 February 5, 2026 School Board Workshop Meeting Minutes
5.8 January Cash Disbursements
5.9 Grey Cloud Elementary School Bids
5.10 Extended Field Trips
5.11 Passenger Bus Lease
5.12 East Ridge High School Bid Pack #2
5.13 Pine Hill Elementary Bid

6.0 **Information Items:** None.

7.0 **Action Items:**
7.1 Achievement & Integration Plan presented by Ms. Kelly Jansen, Assistant Superintendent and James Magee, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. It was moved by Sharon Van Leer, seconded by Louise Hinz to approve the plan. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

7.2 Proposed Policy Changes presented by Ms. Julie Nielsen, Superintendent. It was moved by Louise Hinz, seconded by Melinda Dols to approve the changes. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

7.3 Bond Sale Results presented by Ms. Kris Blackburn, Director of Business Services. It was moved by Sharon Van Leer, seconded by Louise Hinz to approve the sale. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

7.4 Superintendent Contract presented by Ms. Katie Schwartz, School Board Chair. It was moved by Louise Hinz, seconded by Sharon Van Leer to approve the contract. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

8.0 **Superintendent Report:** Ms. Nielsen highlighted the black history month social at East Ridge High School last Monday and the Park High School Job Fair. On Wednesday it was Bus Drivers and Transportation recognition day.

9.0 **Future Meeting Dates**:
March 5, 2026 - School Board Workshop Meeting (DSC/6:00p.m.)
March 26, 2026 - School Board Business Meeting (DSC/6:00p.m.)

10.0 **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.