

# MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ISD #414

## JANUARY 7, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

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An Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #414, Minneota Public Schools, was called to order by Chair Abby Thostenson on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 5:33 pm in the Conference Room.

Roll call was taken. Members present included Jon Buysse, Ryan Runia, Tom Skorczewski, Julie Mead, Emily Coequyt, Martin Hennen, and Abby Thostenson. Nicolle Johnston, Jared Josephson, Kim Caster, and Scott Monson also attended.

Motion by Mead, second by Runia, to elect Abby Thostenson as Chair. Motion carried 6-0 with Thostenson abstaining.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Coequyt, to elect Julie Mead as Vice-Chair. Motion carried 6-0 with Mead abstaining.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Buysse, to elect Martin Hennen as Clerk. Motion carried 6-0 with Hennen abstaining.

Motion by Mead, second by Skorczewski, to elect Ryan Runia as Treasurer. Motion carried 6-0 with Runia abstaining.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Buysse, to approve Committees and Board Representatives for 2026 with no changes from 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Runia, that Board of Directors' compensation remain the same as it has been. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Buysse, second by Mead, to approve 2026 meeting dates and times. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Runia, to approve a resolution authorizing the payment of claims between school board meetings. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Mead, second by Buysse, to approve a resolution appointing Superintendent Monson as the responsible contract authority. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Runia, to authorize the use of facsimile signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Buysse, second by Hennen, to authorize the Superintendent or Business Manager to make wire transfers. Motion carried 5-0 with Mead and Skorczewski abstaining.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Mead, to designate Pemberton Law as school district legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Buysse, second by Coequyt, to authorize the Superintendent or designee to contact legal counsel when necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Runia, to authorize the Superintendent or designee to hire staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Buysse, second by Coequyt, to authorize the Superintendent or Business Manager to invest school funds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, approve the collateral from financial institutions, and approve PMA Asset Management for investing purposes. Motion carried 5-0 with Mead and Skorczewski abstaining.

Motion by Coequyt, second by Buysse, to designate the State Bank of Taunton and PMA Asset Management as official depositories. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Mead, to designate the Minneota Mascot as the district's official newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Monson reviewed upcoming meetings and important dates.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Runia, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Martin Hennen, Clerk