



White Bear Lake Area Schools  
School Board Meeting Highlights  
March 23, 2026  
Work Session

At the March 23, 2026 Work Session of the School Board, the following items were presented:

1. **Vadnais Heights Elementary Update**. Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Alison Gillespie and Vadnais Heights Elementary Principal Sara Svir gave an update on Vadnais Heights Elementary.

See the [Vadnais Heights Elementary Update presentation](#).

2. **Building Our Future & Facilities Update**. Sal Bagley from Wold Architects and Engineers and AJ Lillesve from Kraus Anderson Construction joined district staff members to provide an update and review of construction progress and budget related to the Building Our Future Referendum Projects, which were funded when White Bear Lake Area School District residents voted to approve a referendum in 2019 that addressed building needs across the district. The projects that have followed have provided enhanced spaces, improved school safety and security, addressed deferred maintenance needs and updated classrooms with more flexible learning environments.

See the [Building Our Future & Facilities Update presentation](#).

At the March 23, 2026 Work Session of the School Board, the following items were acted upon:

1. **Action on Bid for Sunrise Park and White Bear Lake Area High School Parking Lot Additions**. The School Board accepted the overall bid for the Sunrise Park and White Bear Lake Area High School Parking Lot Additions as presented, to Northwest Asphalt, Inc in the amount of \$1,524,000.

See the [Action on Bid for Sunrise Park and White Bear Lake Area High School Parking Lot Additions presentation](#).

2. **Negotiations**. Matt Mons, Executive Director of Human Resources, provided information on labor negotiations. This portion of the meeting was closed to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to Minn. Stat. 179A.01 to 179A.25.

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