
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY
UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 203, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, HELD AT
District Administration Center, 203 West Hillside Road, Naperville, IL 60540
February 17, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M., CLOSED SESSION 6:00 p.m.

Call to order

Vice President Kristine Gericke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Kristine Gericke, Melissa Kelley Black, Amanda McMillen, Holly Blastic, Marc Willensky, and Joe Kozminski. Absent Charles Cush.

Administrators present were:

Dan Bridges, Superintendent,
Meredith Haugens, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Mark Cohen, Deputy Superintendent/High Schools,
Michael Frances, Chief Finance Officer/CSBO,
Lisa Xagas, Assistant Superintendent for Strategy and Engagement

Also present: NUEA President Ross Berkley and NUEA Vice President Kyle Adams, and Attorney Natalie Jakubowski.

Closed Session

Amanda McMillen moved, seconded by Joe Kozminski, to go into Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. for consideration of:

1. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of school board approval of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by the Act. 01/20/2026, 01/22/2026, 02/02/2026.
2. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel to determine its validity.
3. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
4. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the school board has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal or when the school board finds an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Those voting yes: Blastic, Gericke, Kozminski, McMillen, Willensky, and Kelley Black. Those voting no: None. The motion carried.

The Board of Education entered closed session at 6:01 p.m.

Meeting Opening

Amanda McMillen made a motion, seconded by Joe Kozminski, to return to Open Session at 7:06 pm. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: McMillen, Gericke, Blastic, Kelley Black, Willensky, and Kozminski. Those voting no: None. Absent: Charles Cush. The motion carried.

Welcome and Mission

Kristine Gericke welcomed all and read Naperville Community Unit School District 203's Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Board members present: Kristine Gericke, Melissa Kelley Black, Joe Kozminski, Amanda McMillen, Holly Blastic, and Marc Willensky.

Student Ambassadors present: Will Swatos and Sam Carleton.

Administrators present: Dan Bridges, Superintendent, Mark Cohen, Deputy Superintendent/High Schools, Chuck Freundt, Assistant Superintendent for Leadership and School Services, Meredith Haugens, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Patrick Nolten, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability, and Michael Frances, Chief Finance Officer/CSBO.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Meadow Glens Elementary School students.

Good News

Naperville 203 is proud to announce that Seth Brady, a veteran social studies teacher at Naperville Central High School, has been recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) as a 2026 Regional Teacher of the Year. As the recipient for the Far West Suburbs region, Brady is now a finalist for the prestigious Illinois Teacher of the Year award.

The "Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year" awards celebrate educators who have made significant contributions to Illinois' public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. Brady was selected for his career-long dedication to global education, civic engagement, and his commitment to fostering inclusive, inquiry-based learning environments.

Congratulations, Seth!!

On Tuesday, January 27th the District 203 5th Grade Honor Strings and 5th Grade Honor Band performed their culminating concert in the Naperville Central Auditorium under the direction of Meghan Razzini, Megan Lathan, Emma Oliver, and Brad Frendewey.

Students from all 14 elementary schools participated in auditions in early October. Selected students rehearsed after school from October to January to prepare a challenging set of repertoires. The concert's finale featured the two ensembles and select 203 Music staff playing a combined piece.

5th Grade Honor Band and Honor Strings are a unique 203 tradition dating back to the 1980s. We are so proud of these hardworking young musicians and the music educators who have poured into their success. Bravo!

5th grader Aarvi Vakharia (Are-Vee Vuh-Kar-EE-Uh) from Meadow Glens hosted a book drive in her community, where she received 1,660 books that she donated to Bernie's Book Bank in Lake Bluff, an organization that provides books to low-income children in Chicago and neighboring suburbs.

The volume of books she collected will benefit over 200 children. Aarvi is passionate about reading and hopes this donation will not only make those children passionate readers themselves, but it also inspired other kids that they can make a difference in their community, no matter their age.

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news regarding our Dual Language program! Because of the incredible growth and success of our students, Naperville 203 was selected as a showcase site for the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE).

On February 9th, we welcomed a group of distinguished professionals and educators from across the country to visit our classrooms. They specifically came to see our Dual Language program in action, looking at Naperville 203 as a model of excellence in bilingual education.

This visit highlighted our district as a leader in fostering bilingualism and biliteracy. It was a direct reflection of the hard work, curiosity, and cultural pride our students bring to the classroom every day. Our teachers had the opportunity to share their expertise with leaders in the field, further strengthening the Dual Language community.

Student Ambassador Reports

NCHS-Will Swatos

- Winter sports are ending so here's a quick recap of all our winter sports:
- Girls Basketball regionals are this week along with DVC champions, they open the regional tonight at Naperville North against Metea Valley
- Boys Bowling advanced to state as a team a few weeks ago, and girls bowling had two individuals qualify for sectionals.
- Cheer advanced to the state finals as a team and finished in the top 15
- Gymnastics had two athletes advance to the sectional in the All-Around competition
- Boys Swim & Dive competes this weekend at sectionals
- Indoor track season beginning competitions
- Boys wrestling had 10 athletes compete in the sectional this weekend and one has advanced to state
- Girls wrestling had a regional champion
- We inducted six new members into the Naperville Central Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, February 6th. All inductees were celebrated at an all-school assembly before addressing our current student athletes during an 8th period panel. Thank you to members of the administrative team who were able to attend!
- We're looking forward to the start of spring sports in the coming weeks
- Theater Central presents its Winter Play: *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940.* Performances will be held at the end of the month.
- Central's spring musical: *Freaky Friday* was announced earlier this month and has just hosted its auditions along with a cast list being posted today. Congratulations to all who made it!
- Registration for Central's Got Talent has opened up
- The band, orchestra, and choir are preparing to hold their spring concerts at the beginning of March.
- Math team DVC took place. They took home 2nd place overall.
- Science Olympiad northwestern invitational

- Junior class council organized and ran Cupid grams during lunch periods
- Mu Alpha Theta hosting STEM nights at Ranchview and Meadow Glens for elementary schoolers at the science fairs
- Deb Dash (junior) qualified for state in speech!
- Our Chess team went to state
- Senior Class Party on the 21st
- New prom location - Bolingbrook Country Club
- SCC is currently accepting submissions for the 2nd round of Senior Superlatives and the senior video. Submission for the senior video closes April 10th.

NNHS-

Sam Carelton

- Orchesis show
- The play that goes wrong
- Senior night for all of our Winter sports
- Playoffs beginning soon for basketball
- Girls play tonight at 7:30 against Plainfield South
- Boys play Neuqua for the DVC title tomorrow
- Spring sports tryouts coming up— open gyms are fully underway
- Began construction on athletic addition
- Co-op hockey team won first state game
- Air band auditions
- Wrestling sectionals
- Gymnastics competed at their sectionals which were hosted by Hinsdale Central
- Chess Team state
- Dance competed in Bloomington for the state competition
- Athletic Hall of Fame - 12 inductees
- Just hosted Clash of the Sequins on Saturday, show choir competition
- Next Friday we have our senior week
 - includes cap and gown pick up
 - Hypnotist show

Next Sunday afternoon, February 22, we will host a Black history month showcase.

Public Comments

Vice President Gericke gave the parameters for public Comments.

Emma Oliver-Shared Music in our Schools month is in March. Shared the foundational work done in grades 3-5. Program holds the door for all third days. It is a magical moment. All is done within the school day so a lot of students can participate.

Strategic focus #2.

Shannon Schrock-LJHS parent-shared that she would like the start date pushed back if possible. Grateful for all that is provided for our children. Understand the conflicts but the school year starting so early, to cuts into the summer. Need a longer break. Would be ideal if it could be Labor Day to Memorial Day. I know the local school board does not decide all the dates.

Vice President Gericke reminded the Board and Community that because questions raised during Public Comment address District Operational matters the board has designated our Superintendent as

the spokesperson for the District. As our designate to respond to Public Comment, he will apprise the Board accordingly.

Vice President Gericke reminded the Board and Community of the board agreements. She noted that it is each Board member's responsibility to prepare for each meeting and to effectively express our concerns either to the Superintendent or the Board President in a timely manner. Board members have also agreed that avoiding surprises is paramount in displaying respect to all District Administration. The Board has tasked itself to send questions in advance of each meeting to the Superintendent to allow the provision of the best possible response for the community. It also allows for efficiency during the community's meeting. Those same questions as well as new ones may be asked in Open Session. For transparency, please note if any questions were asked earlier. Mr. Bridges, did you receive questions from Board members? Superintendent Bridges responded that he received questions from all seven Board members. Mrs. Patton confirmed that emails with a link for the Board agenda were sent and delivery confirmed at 4:00 pm, Thursday, February 12, 2026.

Board agreed by consensus at the February 2, 2026, Board of Education meeting. Each Board member will get three minutes per agenda topic to ask questions. The Board may agree to ask a second set of questions.

Monthly Reports

- **Treasury Report-** The Board received the December Treasury Report
According to the fund balance we have a deficit of 26 million. For capital projects we have spent year to date \$14 million.
Mr. Frances stated it is \$13.5 million.
I am referring to documents that the Board was presented and approved. Approved for capital projects to be \$22 million.
Mr. Frances noted that he doesn't have the budget book in front of me.
It is correct. In January we have approved another \$18 Million.
Mr. Frances remarked that he is not sure what the Board member is referring to with the \$18 million. Even if the Board approved that, it would not be added to the December numbers. Will not affect the budget until January.
We have already surpassed this year's budget.
Superintendent Bridges asked Mr. Frances to talk about the five year financial forecast update. Mr. Frances reviewed the November 14 update. Will be bringing an amended budget. The transportation facility had not been approved before the budget was approved. Some of the bids approved by the Board will affect the 2026 budget. The amended budget will reflect the additional costs. The funds transfer will also need to be approved. It will be presented at the same time as the FY27 budget.
- **Investments-** The Board received the December Investment Report
- **Insurance-** The Board received the December Insurance Report
Medical and dental concerns-transferred some finds to cover expenses. Total disbursements exceed receipts \$4 million. We have already sold some investments. It is driven by health cost claims. This is usually taken care of by investment funds.
Mr. Frances stated this deficit is not related to the structural deficit we are addressing. The insurance committee is aware of the issues and will be meeting with the advisors. New premiums took effect in January. These are based on employee claims and we cannot predict those.
It is not sustainable to keep selling off investments.

Mr. Frances stated we are not selling off investments. We have made those liquid. The insurance committee will be meeting to take action.

- **Budget**-The Board Received the December Budget Report
Capital Projects there is not a section for capital projects in the budget report so there is not a running tally.

Mr. Frances responded that he is not sure what the additional \$18 million for expenditures you are referencing are.

Action by Consent:

1. Bills and Claims from WARRANT NO. 1073708 THRU WARRANT NO. 1074243 AND WARRANT NO. 9000000147 and 9000000149 TOTALING \$25,578,762.08 FOR THE PERIOD OF January 21, 2026, TO February 17, 2026,

Holly Blastic reviewed Bills and Claims with Michelle Swope. She helped me understand some activities and clubs.

Board member stated she will vote no for Bills and Claims-we do not use the fund balances like other districts. Read a statement.

Holly Blastic made a motion to approve WARRANT NO. 1073708 THRU WARRANT NO. 1074243 AND WARRANT NO. 9000000147 THRU 9000000149 TOTALING \$25,578,762.08 FOR THE PERIOD OF January 21, 2026, TO February 17, 2026, seconded by Joe Kozminski.

Those voting yes: Kozminski, McMillen, Willensky, Gericke, and Blastic. Those voting No: Kelley Black. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

2. Personnel Report

	Effective Date	Location	Position
APPOINTMENT-CERTIFIED FULL-TIME			
Jaime Mapel	2/9/2026	JJHS/ Mill Street	Speech Language Pathologist
LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED			
Olivia Jaime	11/2/26 - 5/24/27	NCHS	World Language - Spanish
Courtney Stuart	10/27/26 - 5/24/27	Maplebrook	3rd grade
EXTEND LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED			
Amy Wynne	SY 2026/2027	JJHS	Mathematics
RESIGNATION-CLASSIFIED			
Sierra DeBolt	1/14/2026	Kingsley	Special Education Paraprofessional
Marta Dobrowolski	1/21/2026	Ann Reid	Special Education Paraprofessional
Melissa Lee	2/20/2026	Kingsley	Special Education Paraprofessional
Julie DeSantis	1/26/2026	Transportation	Bus Driver

EMPLOYMENT- CLASSIFIED FULL-TIME			
Andrew Calhoon	1/26/2026	Connections	Special Education Paraprofessional
Nelli Kurbangaleeva	1/26/2026	Mill Street	Instructional Paraprofessional
Margaret Bultman	1/27/2026	NNHS	Technology Support Associate
LEAVE OF ABSENCE- CLASSIFIED			
Elizabeth Rodgers	1/22/2026- 1/21/2027	Maplebrook	Special Education Assistant

Holly Blastic made a motion to approve the Personnel Report, as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: McMillen, Kozminski, Blastic, Gericke, Kelley Black, and Willensky. Those voting no: None. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

3. Board Meeting Minutes: 01/20/2026, 01/22/2026, 02/02/2026

Holly Blastic made a motion to approve the Open Session Minutes dated 01/20/2026 and 01/22/2026, as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: Gericke, Blastic, Kozminski, Willensky, and McMillen. Those voting No: None. Abstain: Kelley Black. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

Holly Blastic made a motion to approve the Open Session Minutes dated 02/02/2026, as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: McMillen, Blastic, Gericke, Willensky, and Kozminski. Those voting No: None. Abstain: Kelley Black. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

4. Closed Meeting Minutes: 01/20/2026, 01/22/2026, 02/02/2026

We do not go into detail for the closed-door minutes. We are required to release when they are released. The minutes are very general, so they don't have enough information to inform someone absent or new Board members.

Superintendent Bridges offered a point of clarity on the release of Closed Session minutes, they are not released until the Board votes to release.

We do follow the process.

The problem is that they are very general notes and cause controversy.

Holly Blastic made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes dated 01/20/2026 and 01/22/2026, as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: McMillen, Kozminski, Willensky, Gericke, and Blastic. Those voting No: Kelley Black. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

Holly Blastic made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes dated 02/02/2026, as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: Gericke, Kozminski, McMillen, Willensky, and Blastic. Those voting No: Kelley Black. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

5. Memorandum of Agreement

Board Agreements-I could see the first memorandum-I was told when I got here this evening that there was an additional memorandum.

I appreciate the work that went into the memorandum.

I did not know until this week, that there would be streamlining of jobs

Superintendent Bridges stated background was shared and the second one was shared before this evening.

Holly Blastic made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for FMLA, as presented, seconded by Joe Kozminski. Those voting yes: Kelley Black, Blastic, McMillen, Kozminski, Willensky, and Gericke. Those voting No: None. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

Holly Blastic made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for a One Time Retirement Benefit for NUEA, as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: Blastic, Willensky, Kozminski, McMillen, and Gericke. Those voting No: Kelley Black. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

6. Bid: FACS and PLTW-KJHS and WJHS

Is the amount listed? I don't have my computer up so can you tell me what it says?

This was not part of the original spending.

Mrs. Brown stated the total of all 15 bid packages for this project is \$3,893,318.00.

How much did the Board approve?

Mrs. Brown stated that for the total project at KJHS in June was \$7 million. This is the actual contractor

This is \$4 Million for FACS and PLTW rooms.

This is not direct instruction to our students. If we knew this deficit was coming. I have concerns. If we are talking about a deficit when we're over on capital outlay, this is nonoperating and is not direct instruction. Cutting salaries and staffing positions could potentially harm instruction.

I keep hearing you saying we are spending all this money on capital and then we're trying to do a reduction in force, is that right?

Why are we doing it this late into the budget trying to solve a problem that didn't just happen overnight. I'm pointing out the capital outlier specifically because it's not instruction and because we far exceeded what we budgeted for this year. We are spending what we said we would spend in salaries. What we're not doing is spending within the budget for those capital projects."

I want to be very clear that I hear your side, but I don't agree. The way that I look at it is when it comes to the important components of operations. I would never depend on that savings account to pay for every single bill. What you are talking about is the capital outlay or the money that we set aside is for one-time expenditures to help enhance our facilities. I feel like you're putting out misinformation and fear-mongering.

I just wanted to follow up specifically kind of on the timeline, the Kennedy project was one we originally planned to do earlier as it involves bringing in students from those units and bringing them into the actual school is that correct?

Mr. Freundt responded that it is correct. This is programmatic that the Board approved a few years ago. This is really finishing the plan which does include this additional piece for KJHS that's about the safety and security of our students.

Thank you for thinking about the safety and security of our students and being able to move this ahead.

Superintendent Bridges stated that these bids are under budget what was previously approved by the Board and are facility improvements to support programming required as a part of our Junior High School overall exploratory program.

These are part of our Fund Balance drawdown.

Holly Blastic made a motion to approve the Bid: FACS & PLTW-KJHS & WJHS, as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: Willensky, Gericke, McMillen, Kozminski, and Blastic. Those voting No: Kelley Black. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

7. Bid: Transportation Facility

Go to the budget--I am talking about. There is something wrong if we are saying we're spending \$32 million and we go over that.

Thank you for these bids under budget. This would still be coming out of the fund balance even if we had approved it earlier. This does not come from the operating budget. This is an investment for the district long term.

The Transportation Center we had been band aiding that building for a long time.

Superintendent Bridges noted that we have had issues for a long time. In the Spring, it became apparent that we could no longer ignore. This would not have come out of the annual budget regardless of when it would have been approved.

We are spending several thousand dollars a month for rental. Gives a good environment for our staff. This building is used year round.

I really support this project. Given that we are coming in under budget, would be great to keep track of the savings over time.

I am not against the transportation facility. When they say we are within budget. You always estimate way over budget so when bids come in under budget. I am saying to watch the spending.

Mr. Freundt noted that we do work with professionals to come up with these costs.

Superintendent Bridges noted the amounts in the memos. Ms. Brown does a great job at watching costs. This is done with a very watchful eye.

Thank you.

Holly Blastic made a motion to approve the Bids: Transportation Facility, as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: Blastic, Willensky, Gericke, McMillen, and Kozminski. Those voting No: Kelley Black. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

Communications

Written Communications

Freedom of Information Requests:

Wright Freedom of Information Act Request-Buildings and Grounds Information

Kelley Black Freedom of Information Act Request-Business Office Information

Bergmann Freedom of Information Act Request-Human Resources Information

Eddy Freedom of Information Act Request- Business Office Information

IRTA Freedom of Information Act Request-Human Resources Information

Meyer Freedom of Information Act Request-Curriculum and Assessment Information

CT Mills Freedom of Information Act Request-Business Office Information

Andersen Freedom of Information Act Request-Business Office Information

Kumar Rahmen Freedom of Information Act Request-Operations Information

Campbell Freedom of Information Act Request-Business Office Information

Campbell Freedom of Information Act Request- Curriculum and Assessment Information

Varsity Yearbook Freedom of Information Act Request-Business Office Information

Henry Freedom of Information Act Request-Board of Education Information

Wehrli Freedom of Information Act Request-Operations Information

Written communications that someone requested to see the FOIAs about me.

Board Member read a statement. I had to submit FOIA requests to get the information and some of that has not been released. Raises governance concerns for the community.

A Board Member clarified that the material is available to all Board members and the community on the website. Financial information is available to all Board members during the Bills and Claims process. I am concerned to hear this from a Board member who refuses to participate in the process. Noted the review from attorneys and the auditor.

You can FOIA it. It is all available. I suggest you FOIA the information.

It is difficult to sit in leadership and hear misinformation shared with the community. This misinformation given by this Board member is frustrating. I have personally emailed a lot of this information to this Board member.

Can you agree to release these documents?

Board of Education Reports:

Board member Kozminski was able to sit in on the Association leadership meeting. I appreciate the opportunity to listen to the association leadership.

Board member McMillen participated as a parent in the webinar on AI in schools. Please sign up for these if you are able. Very comprehensive. Thank the district to take the lead on that.

Vice President Gericke reported on her participation at the STEAM event at Ranchview. Big fair-thanked the community as a lot of the booths were manned by members of the community.

Thanked all of the groups for supporting our students.

President's Report:

None.

Superintendent's Report:

Reminded families to respond to the 5 Essentials survey.

A Board member shared there are messages going to parents to not fill it out due to confidentiality. Please take the time to fill this out.

Discussion without Action:

None.

Discussion with Action:

General and Optional Fees

Superintendent Bridges recommended approval as presented. Brought to the Board on February 2, 2026.

Board Questions/Comments:

None.

Joe Kozminski made a motion to approve the General and Optional Fees as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: Kelley Black, Blastic, Willensky, Kozminski, McMillen, and Gericke. Those voting no: None. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

High School Course Fees

Superintendent Bridges recommended approval as presented. Brought at the February 2, 2026, meeting.

Board Questions/Comments:
None.

Joe Kozminski made a motion to approve the High School Course Fees as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: Blastic, Kozminski, Gericke, Kelley Black, McMillen, and Willensky. Those voting no: None. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

Establish Hourly Rates of Pay

Superintendent Bridges recommended approval as presented. Presented at the February 2, 2026, meeting.

Board Questions/Comments:

I am going to abstain due to my wife sometimes substituting.

In 204 some Board members substitute.

Superintendent Bridges noted we would have to look into that

It would allow us to be in someone else's shoes.

Joe Kozminski made a motion to approve Establish Hourly Rates of Pay as presented, seconded by Amanda McMillen. Those voting yes: Willensky, Blastic, Kozminski, Gericke, and Kelley Black. Those voting no: None. Abstain: McMillen. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

DRAFT SY28 Calendar

Superintendent Bridges noted that over several meetings a draft has been brought to the Board of Education. We have brought a second recommendation tonight for your consideration.

Board Questions/Comments:

Thank you for bringing the alternate calendar with an August 18 start date. I understand there are parents and guardians on the committee. Can you tell me how many of the parents and guardians are also employees?

Dr. Nolten stated that none of the parents I invited were also staff members. They could have been but they were not on the committee as parents.

Superintendent Bridges stated he would like to have a larger conversation.

I would like to have a larger conversation and understand what our parents want.

I appreciate the statements from Superintendent Bridges as I felt uneasy with the feedback received. Maybe we need to get more specific. Is the committee having the hard discussions they want to have?

Superintendent Bridges noted this will not meet the needs of everybody.

Parents want to contribute. We don't have any Board committees; we have Superintendent committees where people are chosen. It is important for the Board to find ways to listen.

Superintendent Bridges reminded the Board and community every committee we do have has a Board liaison assigned to it.

This is the first time in five years that we have had people email about the calendar. I would like to make a motion to approve the second version of the committee.

The second version is easy as it was a straightforward shift this year. I am leaning towards a yes as it is a clean move, but I am concerned about attendance that week before Winter Break. Looking forward to the conversation.

Superintendent Bridges added we will also have to pay attention to our staff attendance.

Amanda McMillen made a motion to approve the Second Version of the SY 28 Calendar as presented, seconded by Holly Blastic. Those voting yes: McMillen, Kelley Black, Blastic, Kozminski, Gericke, and Willensky. Those voting no: None. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

Old Business:
None:

New Business:

I would like to add an agenda item discussing my reinstatement on committees and school assignments. I have never had an agenda item added when I have followed the correct process. The email needs to email or verbalize with rationale the criteria.
Vice President Gericke addressed the Board agreements. In the case of the Board assignments, we do that annually in June. They do not change mid school year.
You are making up policy.

Upcoming Events:

Next meeting Monday, March 2, 2026.

Spring Breal March 30

Second meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026

Adjournment

Joe Kozminski moved, seconded by Amanda McMillen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Kozminski, Willensky, McMillen, Blastic, Kelley Black, and Gericke. Those voting no: None. Absent: Cush. The motion carried.

Approved: March 16, 2026

Kristine Gericke, Vice President, Board
of Education

Susan Patton, Secretary, Board of
Education