

ISD #314
Isanti, Pine, Chisago,
& Kanabec Counties
Braham, MN 55006

AGENDA
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 26, 2026
6:00pm – BAHS Community Room
Greeter - Mike Eklund

1. Regular meeting called to order by Chair. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Adopt Agenda.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve the minutes of the December 15th Regular Board mtg., December 23rd Special Board Mtg., and January 5th Organizational Board Mtg.
 - b. Approve the December/January bills.
 - c. Review and accept the December Treasurer's report.
 - d. Enrollment Analysis.
 - e. Personnel.
4. Open Forum.
5. Expenditure / Revenue Fund Summary Report..
6. Acknowledgement of Donations, Contributions & Fundraising.
7. Elementary Principal's report.
8. High School Principal - Activities Director report.
9. Flight 707 Principal's Update
10. Superintendent's Report.
11. Acknowledge Braham "HONORS" Recipients.
12. Student Council Representative's report.
13. School Board members' reports/updates.
14. Review the 2024-25 Fundraising report.
15. Review Technology Dept. update.
16. Consider Resolution Directing the Administration to Review Revenue and to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons.
17. Consider approval of the BEA READ Act MOU.
18. Recognize Paraprofessionals week.
19. Consider cycle review of district policies for adoption.
20. Reminder of Upcoming Meetings.
21. Adjourn.

1. **Meeting called to order by Chair. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Roll Call.

2. **Adopt agenda.**

3. **Consent Agenda:**

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Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2025
6:00 pm BAHS B100
Greeter: John Swanson

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chair Allison Londgren at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: - A. Londgren, J. Swanson, K. Hagfors, C. Gelle, M. Eklund, D. Shockman, R. Dahlquist and Supt. Gagner,
Absent: None.

Motion by C. Gelle, second by M. Eklund to adopt the agenda. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by R. Dahlquist to approve the minutes of the November 17th Regular Board Mtg. Approve the November/December 2025 bills of \$205,018.77. The Board approved the following: 1) **Julia Mann** for an Elem. para position. Start date was December 8, 2025. She will be paid step 2 per the para contract. 2) **Emily Hartog** for an Elem. para position. Start date was December 5, 2025. She will be paid step 4 per the para contract. 3) **Kayla Lind** an Elem. para position. Start date was December 11, 2025. She will be paid step 2 per the para contract. 4) **Jacob Carlson** as volunteer boys basketball coach for the 25/26 season. 5) **Skyler Clark**, for an Elem. para position. Start date will be January 5, 2026. She will be paid step 3 per the para contract. The board accepted resignations from **Ella Kuhnke, Amanda Arntson, and Rebecca Aadalen**. Carried.

Open Forum: None.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by M. Eklund to accept the proposed Final 2025 Payable 2026 District 314 Property Tax Levy, Truth-in-Taxation.

Motion by K. Hagfors, second by C. Gelle to approve the Expenditure/Revenue Fund summary report. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by R. Dahlquist to acknowledge the December 2025 Donations: \$100 from Don & Kathy Fiedler to the Theatre Dept. \$500 from MIDCO to FFA. \$200 anonymous donation to Angel fund. \$100 from Eric & Angie Rysdam and \$50 from Kim Londgren to Athletics Dept. in honor of Richard Rysdam. \$10,000 to athletic dept. for HUDL subscription, \$500 to 30 grade level/ departments totalling \$15,000, \$1,000 to Class of 2026, \$10,000 in scholarship funds all from BACK. \$1,500 for PAES lab, \$553 for communicit for speech dept., \$4,000 for media productions studio, \$4,500 for language interpretation devices for English learners, all from BAEF. Carried.

Principal Eklund’s written report was reviewed. Wonderful winter concerts are happening all month long.
Principal/AD Kuhnke’s written report was reviewed. Winter participation numbers were presented and tracking upward.

Flight 707 Principal report was given. Staff continues to work reviewing curriculum and MCA data.

Supt. Gagner’s written report was reviewed. Reports given from various community meetings.

Supt. Gagner congratulated the following staff, students, and community members for their accomplishments as “Braham HONORS” recipients. They are: Sam Olson, Emily Giffrow, Maggie Kipka, Krisit Lee, Brittini Versailles, Tom Kingsland, Kroy Kappelhoff, Tammi Johnson, Mell Construction Inc., Braham Knights of Columbus. Carried.

Student Council report was reviewed. The group helped with Santa Day on Dec. 13th.

School board members attended various events and meetings including; negotiations, finance, SAFF, staff development, meet & confer., holiday concerts, and winter sporting events.

Reviewed the December 2025 Buildings and Grounds Report.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by C. Gelle to approve the 26/27 School Calendar. Carried

Motion by J. Swanson, second by M Eklund to approve the resolution to modify the 2026-27 school calendar. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by C. Gelle to approve the Flight 707 BEA MOA. Carried.

Motion by M. Eklund, second by C. Gelle to approve the Flight 707 SEIU MOU. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by K. Hagfors to approve the PFML information to be added to the All Employee Handbook. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by D. Shockman to adopt the following reviewed policies: #521, #531, #532, #714. Carried.

Reminder of upcoming meetings: Monday, Jan. 5 Organizational Board Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m., Thurs./Friday, Jan. 15-16 MSBA Leadership Conference, Monday, Jan. 26 Regular School Board Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion by M. Eklund, second by K. Hagfors, to adjourn the Regular School Board meeting. Chair Londgren adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Attest: _____
Connie Gelle, Clerk

Attest: _____
Allison Londgren, Chair

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Special School Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 23, 2025
6:30 am – BAHS B100

Motion by C.Gelle, second by M. Eklund to approve the agenda as printed. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by C. Gelle, to approve the SEIU Local 284 Contract. Dates are July 2025 through June 2027. Carried.

Motion by M. Eklund, second by R. Dahlquist to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 am.

Attest: _____
Connie Gelle, Clerk

Attest: _____
Allison Londgren, Chair

The 2026 Organizational School Board meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Allison Londgren at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: A. Londgren, K. Hagfors, D. Shockman, J. Swanson, C. Gelle, R. Dahlquist, M. Eklund and Sup't. Ken Gagner. Member absent: None.

Motion by J. Swanson second by M. Eklund to adopt the agenda as printed. Carried.

Acting Chair Londgren called for nominations for the office of school board chair for 2026. C. Gelle, nominated A. Londgren. After three calls, nominations ceased. Acting Chair stated: "Allison Londgren is the only candidate nominated for the office of chair, and I hereby declare her elected by acclamation."

Chair Londgren called for nominations for the office of school board vice-chair for 2026. M. Eklund nominated John Swanson. After three calls, Chair Londgren stated: "John Swanson is the only candidate nominated for the office of vice-chair, and I hereby declare him elected by acclamation."

Chair Londgren called for nominations for the office of school board clerk for 2026. J. Swanson nominated C. Gelle. After three calls, nominations ceased. Chair Londgren stated: "Connie Gelle is the only candidate nominated for the office of clerk, and I hereby declare her elected by acclamation."

Chair Londgren called for nominations for the office of school board treasurer for 2026. C. Gelle nominated Kayla Hagfors. After three calls, nominations ceased. Chair Londgren stated: "Kayla Hagfors is the only candidate nominated for the office of treasurer, and I hereby declare her elected by acclamation."

Motion by K. Hagfors, second by C. Gelle to maintain school board salaries at current rates of; \$800 for officers, \$600 for directors; \$75 for regular monthly school board meetings; for other meetings up to 4 hours - \$50; for meetings of 4 to 8 hours - \$75; and, \$125 for any other meetings over 8 hours in 1 day, \$20 for virtual meetings of 1 hour or less, contingent upon filing of claim form. There is no cap." Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by M. Eklund to set the time to 6:00 p.m. for all regular meetings and to set the regular school board meetings for July 2025 through June 2026 on the following dates:

July 20, 2026
Aug. 17, 2026
Sep. 21, 2026
Oct. 19, 2026
Nov. 16, 2026
Dec. 21, 2026

Jan. 4, 2027 & Jan. 5, 2027 as
backup, if weather
Jan. 25, 2027
Feb. 22, 2027
March 15, 2027
April 19, 2027

May 17, 2027
June 21, 2027
Carried.

Special/Committee meetings:

- Monday, Feb. 9th - Budget Committee 3:30 pm
- Thursday, Feb. 19th - Working Meeting 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 31st - Meet & Conf. 5:30 pm
- Monday, April 6th - Buildings & Grounds Meeting 3:30 pm
- Monday, May 11th - Working Board Mtg. 6:00 pm
- Monday, Oct. 26th - Working Meeting 6:00 pm

Motion by D. Shockman, second by R. Dahlquist to adopt the following resolution designating official depositories for 2026:

"RESOLVED, that the Frandsen Bank & Trust of Braham and the Old National Bank, Chicago, IL be designated as official depositories for 2025 and that funds of this school district deposited in said banks be subject to withdrawal upon checks, notes, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, under-taking of other orders for the payment of money when signed on behalf of this school district by three of its officers to wit: Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by M. Eklund to authorize the Superintendent of Schools and district office designees to have online banking access to the Braham Schools' accounts at the Frandsen Bank & Old National Bank, Chicago, IL. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by K. Hagfors to adopt the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF+) be designated as the official depository for State Funds due to the district.” Carried.

Motion by D. Shockman, second by K. Hagfors to authorize the Superintendent of Schools and designees to make electronic transfers of District 314 monies. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by C. Gelle to adopt the following operating procedure for collateral as it relates to investment of district funds and to designate the Superintendent of Schools to approve collateral as per these guidelines:

Acceptable Collateral: U.S. Treasury Notes or Bonds Securities and other federal agency

Bonds pledged as collateral: The market value of the securities pledged as collateral must be greater than 110% of the deposits with the corresponding institutions. Carried.

Motion by M. Eklund, second by R. Dahlquist to adopt the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the school board desires to use facsimile signatures on all district checks to eliminate the need to have board officers sign each check issued. The Superintendent of Schools shall provide for this procedure. The board also directs the current facsimile signatures to be used until the new signatures can be obtained, if necessary.” Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by K. Hagfors to adopt the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the school board desires to have the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, make investments of school district funds when balances are present. The board also desires that the Superintendent, or his designee, perform the duties of clerk and treasurer.” Carried.

Motion by D. Shockman, second by K. Hagfors to adopt the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the school board desires to have the Superintendent of Schools properly authorized to enter into leases on behalf of the board, and to purchase and contract for goods and services within general budget categories.” Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by M. Eklund to adopt the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the school board wishes to take advantage of payment discounts on purchases and recognize the terms of contracts, purchase orders and vendors. The school board authorizes the superintendent of schools and/or the school board clerk to pay claims against the district prior to a regularly scheduled board meeting if the claim addresses the conditions mentioned in this resolution.” Carried.

Motion by J. Shockman, second by D. Shockman to adopt the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the school board wishes to appoint legal counsel for 2026 and that legal counsel shall be the firm of Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney. This resolution also allows administration to utilize other firms as needed.” Carried.

Motion by M. Eklund, second by R. Dahlquist to appoint the “*County News Review*” to serve as School District 314’s official publication for 2026. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by M. Eklund to set the mileage and meal allowance for all district employees for 2026 as follows:

Mileage: ‘reimbursement at the IRS allowable rate’ which is \$.72.5 cents per mile; and,

Meals: Breakfast - \$10.00, Lunch - \$14.00, Supper - \$18.00; with allowable reimbursement at the registration set fee for workshops, meetings, etc., when such is the case. Carried.

School board committee membership assignments for 2026 were discussed and set as listed below.

<u>Committee Assignment</u>	<u>2026 School Board Representative(s):</u>
Budget Advisory	K. Hagfors, J. Swanson, R. Dahlquist
Buildings/Grounds & Transportation	D. Shockman, A. Londgren, J. Swanson
Comm. Educ. Advisory Council	A. Londgren
Donald F. Olson Scholarship	A. Londgren, D. Shockman, C. Gelle
ECMECC	C. Gelle

d. Enrollment Analysis

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	10	13	12	10	21
K	53	54	53	54	53
1	58	59	61	61	61
2	61	61	61	62	63
3	63	63	63	63	63
4	64	65	65	65	64
5	58	57	58	60	60
6	61	63	63	63	63
7	70	70	69	69	70
8	59	59	61	62	62
9	64	63	65	64	64
10	70	69	69	68	68
11	49	47	48	47	46
12	61	60	60	59	59
Total K - 12	791	790	796	797	796
ECSE	12	13	14	14	14
Total K-12 Plus ECSE	803	803	810	811	810
ADM		768	774	781	787

e. Personnel

RECOMMENDATIONS

David Crowell, has been recommended by AD/ Principal Kuhnke for the Special Ed. teacher LTS position. Start date was January 5, 2026. He will be paid BA, step 1.

Nicole Otten, has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the T/TH para position. Start date was January 20, 2026. She will be paid step 1 per the para pay scale.

Sara Neitzel has been recommended by Principal Eklund to increase hours on T/TH to 7:45 am - 3 pm. Start date for this increase was January 6, 2026.

Alexis Denney is being recommended by Superintendent Gagner for the Payroll/MARSS Coordinator position. Start date will be February 9, 2026. She will be paid per her “At Will” contract.

- BA, Healthcare Administration: Concordia University / St. Paul MN
- Masters in Business Administration: Concordia University / St. Paul MN
- Experience in HR support, medical device audits, and property management
- References describe her as detail oriented, hard working, and committed to getting the job done right.

Tammy Carlson & Jana Garmaker have been recommended by Donna Bryant Food Service Director for an increase of 15 min./ day until the end of the 2025/26 school year. The increase would start February 2, 2026.
Carissa Jacobson, has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the Elem. para position. Start date will be February 20, 2026. She will be paid step 1 per the para pay scale.

RESIGNATION

Julie Johnson, Payroll/MARSS coordinator submitted her resignation effective March 13, 2026. Julie has been with the district for 27 years.

Haley Rodenberg, Elem. para submitted her resignation effective February 15, 2026.

Dave Blomdahl, Head Baseball coach submitted his resignation effective January 19, 2026.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Emily Giffrow has requested maternity leave from approximately April 27, 2026 through May 29, 2026.

LANE CHANGE

Andrea DeRushia has submitted a lane request for MA +20 to MA +30. She has completed all requirements for the lane advancement. The advance will take effect in the second semester of the 2025/26 School year.

RETIREMENT

Dawn Olson has submitted her retirement request effective end of the 2025/26 school year. Dawn has been a teacher in our district for 25 years.

4. **Open Forum.**

5. **Expenditure / Revenue Fund Summary Report.**

6. Acknowledgement of Donations, Contributions & Fundraising.

Minnesota Statute 123B.02 permits school boards to "...receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, and for the benefit of pupils thereof."

Therefore, the Superintendent recommends the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.314 that the School Board accepts with appreciation the following contributions and permits their use as designated by the donors."

Donation from	Donation to	Amount	Use
Braham VFW - Post #1731	Angel Fund	\$500	student needs
MSHSL	Form A Grant	\$1,483	Athletic Dept. needs

7. Elementary Principal's report.

Braham Area Elementary
January 2026 Board Report

1. Spelling Bee January 21, 2026.

2. Staffing

- We still have openings for paraprofessionals. Pass the word!

3. MTSS Team

- Our MTSS team has finished our training provided by MDE.
- We are now working on identifying struggling readers in grades 4-11 and assessing them with the CAPTI assessment.
- Our goal is to provide better Tier I and Tier II interventions.
- The challenge with this is that the state has not provided any extra money to districts to help add the additional support needed.

4. Flight 707

- Grade 4-11 staff have been working on training for CAPTI. 1/26 will be a training with a CAPTI representative.
- Grade 4-12 science teams have been meeting to discuss vertical alignment and MCA testing prep.

5. TEAM Award

- Our TEAM Award winner this month is Maggie Kipka. Maggie is a 4th grade teacher in our district that does an awesome job in the classroom. Ms. Kipka is also our Spelling Bee Coordinator. This is Maggie's second year in our district and we are incredibly lucky to have her.

8. **High School Principal/ Activities Director report.**

HS Principal / Activities Director
School Board Report
January 26, 2026

1. Quarter #2 and Semester #1 ended on Friday, January 16. We have reached the halfway point of the school year. Quarter #3 and Semester #2 began on Tuesday, January 20. All students received a hard copy of their semester #2 schedule on Wednesday, January 7.
2. We are working on putting the final pieces together for the 2026-2027 master schedule. Looking to have the students register for next year's classes in early March.
3. I attended the District 18 Triple 'A' Banquet at the Grand Event Center in Mora on Wednesday, January 7 to help in celebrating Makenzie Golly and Carter Beckman. I also attended the Region 5A Triple 'A' Banquet at the Kelly Inn, St. Cloud and am part of the committee in helping to determine the winner.
4. The annual Spelling Bee was held in the West Gym on Wednesday, January 21 at 1:15 p.m. The following students qualified for the competition:
 - 4th grade: Evelyn Tacheny, Nora Kiesz, Henry Azuolaitis, Ryleigh Pearson, Colton White.
 - 5th grade: Felicity Dvorak, Robert Eisenbraun, Izabel Rhone, Maizy Scanlon, Aisley Edwards, Cash Karas.
 - 6th grade: Ben Eklund, Charlotte McGrath, Sulas Ingersoll, Charlotte White, Bennett Schmakel.
 - 7th grade: Addrian Phillips, Rowan White, Jaxson Schultz, Alex Frost, Tallan Trzicianko.
 - 8th grade: Paislee Wood, Karmen Perrone, Isaiah Eisenbraun, Jaylynn Simms, Isabelle Dahlin.
5. The Spring Play, "Charlotte's Web," will take place on March 20, 21, and 22. Auditions were held the first full week in January and practices have started.
6. We will be hosting the All-Conference Jazz Festival on Wednesday, February 4 beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a concert at 1:15 p.m. A more detailed schedule will be released as we get closer to the date.
7. Upcoming Concert Schedule:
 - Saturday, February 7 - JH All Conference Band & Choir at Pine City - 4:00 p.m. concert.
 - Monday, February 23 - Jazz Valentine's Dessert Concert in C100 - 7:00 pm
 - Monday, March 2 - Band Concert for grades 7-12 in C100 - 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, March 17 - Choir Concert for grades 7-12 in C100 - 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shawn Kuhnke

9. **Flight 707 Principal's Update**

10. Superintendent's report.

Braham Area Schools #314

Superintendent Report

January 26, 2026

1. Braham Education Foundation meeting summary - December 10, 2025:
 - a. \$550,000 currently in the endowment.
 - b. Planning continues for the Saturday, May 2 Gala at the Braham Event Center (5:30 p.m.)
 - c. 2025 Calendar Year Grants to ISD #314:
 - i. Roxanne Kirby \$600 Title 1 math items
 - ii. Tammi Johnson \$1500 The Presence Project
 - iii. Mara Koolmo \$550 Recipe for Independence
 - iv. Ray Abraham \$1985 Portable Sink
 - v. Shandell Harvey \$1600 Summer Reading Program
 - vi. Mara Koolmo \$1500 - PAES software
 - vii. Kristi Lee \$533 - Communikit for Speech/Language Therapy
 - viii. Tom Kingsland \$4000 - Media Production Studio Equipment
 - ix. Tom Kingsland \$4500 - Language Interpretation Device.
2. SAFF General Membership Meeting highlights - December 12, 2025:
 - a. Representative Ben Bakeberg (Co-Vice Chair Education Finance) spoke on the upcoming legislative session; Small budget surplus now, deficit coming. No new money. Three buckets will guide party recommendations: funding flexibility, mandate relief, & local control.
 - b. Lyle Anderson, MMB Economist, & Avery Turman, MMB Executive Budget Officer, spoke regarding the November budget forecast; 2.5 billion surplus now & 2.9 billion deficit in the future.
 - c. 2026 Platform was approved.
 - i. Make education-related levies fairer & more transparent by converting current state equalization aid programs into a series of targeted property tax credits, which we refer to as Education Equalization Credits and tie them to an increase to the Local Optional Revenue (LOR) cap.
 - ii. Stabilize School Funding to Promote Fairness for Student Opportunities:
 1. Maintaining the Basic Formula allowance inflationary factor
 2. Preventing further cuts to Special Education
 3. Stabilizing Compensatory Revenue
 4. Securing state funding for state mandated labor benefits, including Paid Family Medical Leave, Earned Safe & Sick Time, and Unemployment Insurance
 - iii. Braham's state capitol S.A.F.F lobbying visit is Wed., March 18, 2026.
3. RRSEC Executive Council Meeting highlights - December 17, 2025:
 - a. Discussion was held regarding associate membership status for St. Francis and a new Woodcock Johnson Cognitive and Achievement Assessment training to be conducted this summer.
 - b. Approval was given to hire an SRO (sharing with Milaca Public Schools) for 1/1/26 - 6/1/26.
 - c. Other routine business and approval of several MSBA policies.
4. Tusen Tack Personnel Committee Meeting highlights - December 18, 2025:
 - a. Reviewed proposed changes to personnel committee charter, employee training proposal, employee performances, and the recently redesigned work place for the event coordinator.

5. Tusen Tack Board meeting summary - December 23, 2025:
 - a. 11-month net profit is \$43,900. This is \$103,700 less than last year.
 - b. The 2026 budget was approved. The total revenues and expenditures are set to break even.
 - c. Food Shelf provided approximately 9445 pounds of food in November and served 115 households.
 - d. Food Shelf provided approximately 8099 pounds of food in December and served 99 households.

6. Grandy Lions meeting summary - January 5, 2026:
 - a. Routine business. Lions donated \$193,000 in 2025.
 - b. \$2,000 was awarded to Braham Youth Outdoors for the Braham Trap Program (not under school control).

7. Braham Chamber of Commerce meeting summary - January 13, 2026:
 - a. 2026 invoices have been mailed out - pay your dues by Feb. 1 & save \$15.00
 - b. Member updates
 - c. Annual Meeting is Feb. 10 at the Outback Saloon & Grill. Free food, beverages, games, & prizes

8. RRSEC Executive Council meeting summary - January 14, 2026:
 - a. FY '25 Audit: Unmodified opinion (clean). Unassigned fund balance is approximately 19% of expenditures.
 - b. Organizational meeting activities. Gagner reelected chair, Wedin (Milaca) reelected vice chair.

9. Braham Area Education Foundation meeting summary - January 14, 2026:
 - a. \$550,000 in permanent endowment. Formula allowance of \$19,600 to be donated in calendar yr. 2026.
 - b. Planning continues for the 8th Annual Gala to be held on Saturday, May 2 @ 5:30 p.m.
 - c. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 18 @ 5:00 p.m.

10. Each year the University of Minnesota provides the district with a value statement regarding students taking ***College in the Schools*** classes (students take these classes at Braham as part of their normal schedule).

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Total # of students taking classes	21	17	18	16	17
Credits earned	123	96	102	96	75
Cost to District #314	\$6,090	\$4,785	\$4,930	\$4,640	\$4,205
Cost at regular tuition prices	\$73,413	\$55,197	\$54,947	\$49,968	\$38,422

10. Other:

- a. Based on the review of your response to the *FY26 VPK Unfunded Application Reallocation Survey*, the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is writing to inform you that BRAHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT is eligible for fiscal year (FY) 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) voluntary prekindergarten (VPK) reallocation funding. The funding that you are receiving is considered a one-time-reallocation for the qualifying prekindergarten program that you are offering during the 2025-26 school year. The district qualified for ten (10) seats as part of FY26 reallocation funding.

- b. The last several years the district has leased a tractor for jobs such as snow removal, moving heavy equipment, loading/unloading, and lawn maintenance. The district has now signed purchase agreements for a new skid loader, brush, bucket, pallet forks, and two zero turn lawn mowers. After all is said and done (trade ins, 5 yr extended warranty) the total cost is \$86,000. In general, owning becomes a much better value as long as you maintain your items and keep them for extended periods of time - something that district leadership has agreed makes the most sense for our operation. In addition, both the skid loader and mowers should increase work efficiency, allowing employees to keep up with work loads.

11. **Acknowledge Braham “HONORS” Recipients.**

Bryan Johnson, Bryanna Wiebe, Alyssa Mattson, Everett Hirsch, Mohamed Mohammed, Mary Wiebe	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for your leadership and/or support in coordinating the 2025-2026 fall/winter concerts. Your work is appreciated!
Dean Christensen, Aaron Christensen	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for volunteering your time and effort in increasing district operational efficiencies. This is a great example of a SERVICE attitude in action!
Skyee Ward	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize your statewide third place finish in the VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. This is a great example of EXCELLENCE in writing and critical thinking. Congratulations!
Tyler Eklund	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for setting the single game scoring record (54 points on 1/13/26) & passing the 2000 career point mark on 1/20/26. Your dedication, hard work, and commitment, show EXCELLENCE - one of the two foundational ROCKS of ISD #314.

12. **Student Council Representative’s report.**

BAHS Student Council
 School Board Report
 January 2025

Mentor Program: We continue to mentor 7th and 8th grade students who are struggling with school work, staying organized, and/or just needing a friend. We were each assigned a student who we can meet with multiple times a week and guide/help them throughout the school year.

Blood Drive: Our next blood drive will take place on Friday, January 30th from 11am-5pm in C100. We have many slots to fill, so if you or anyone you know is willing and able to donate blood, please register.

December Fun: We helped with serving hot cocoa and organized the bean bag game area in C100 for some December fun on Tuesday, December 23rd. All items for the hot cocoa bar were donated by BACK.

Sno Daze 2026: Sno Daze 2026 will happen the week of February 9-13. We are currently planning all the details.

Cell Phone Assistance Class: We were supposed to have assisted with this course in January, but the Event Center postponed it until February. We will update you if the class takes place.

Braham Chamber of Commerce: We once again sent a member (Hannah Sward) to represent the Student Council at the Chamber meeting this month.

Recycling and Announcements:

We will continue picking up recycling throughout the school and reading morning announcements and the Pledge of Allegiance on Fridays.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tammi Johnson, BAHS Student Council Advisor

13. **School Board members' reports/updates.**

14. **Review the 2024-25 Fundraising report.** **Scanned in addendums.*

15. **Review Technology Dept. update.** Report was scanned in addendums.

16. **Consider Resolution Directing the Administration to Review Revenue and to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons.**

Resolution was scanned in addendums.

This resolution is presented each year at the regular January school board meeting for consideration of adoption. Reductions in programs and positions cannot be considered or made without this resolution first being adopted. Passing the resolution does not mean reductions will be made.

17. **Consider approval of the BEA READ Act MOU.** *MOU was scanned in addendums.*

18. **Recognize Paraprofessionals week.**

The board would like to recognize all our Paraprofessionals as part of Paraprofessional Recognition Week January 20 ~ January 23. We want to thank these employees for their service to the district.

19. **Consider cycle review of district policies for adoption.**

#601 SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION GOALS
#603 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

20. **Reminder of Upcoming meetings:**

Monday, February 9 Budget Advisory Committee @ 3:30 p.m. (Hagfors, Swanson, Dahlquist)
Thursday, February 19 School Board Working Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
Monday, February 23 Regular School Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

21. **Adjourn.**
