

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

AGENDA  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Monday, April 20, 2026  
6:00pm – BAHS Community Room  
Greeter - A. Londgren

1. Regular meeting called to order by Chair. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Adopt Agenda.
3. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
  - b. Approve the March/April bills.
  - c. Review and accept the March 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. Food Service Report.
15. Review FY 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget.
16. Consider approval of snow removal contract.
17. Consider approval of extended trip.
18. Consider approval of RRSEC Joint Powers agreement.
19. Appoint three board members to hand out diplomas at graduation.
20. Second of three readings to policies #504 & #301a.
21. Consider cycle review of district policies for adoption.
22. Reminder of upcoming meetings.
23. Adjourn.

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

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Roll Call.

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2. **Adopt agenda.**

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3. **Consent Agenda:**

Ind. School District No. 314  
Isanti, Pine, Chisago & Kanabec Counties  
Braham, MN 55006

Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, March 16, 2026  
6:00 pm BAHS B100  
Greeter: Kayla Hagfors

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, C. Gelle, M. Eklund, D. Shockman, R. Dahlquist and Supt. Gagner. Absent: K. Hagfors.

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

Motion by C. Gelle, second by J. Swanson to approve the minutes of the February 23rd Regular Board meeting. Approve the February/March 2026 bills of \$227,043.70. The February 2026 Treasurer’s Report. The Board approved the following: 1) **Blake Olson** for the van driver position. He will be paid per the work agreement terms. Start date April 1, 2026. 2) **Tesa Strot** for the Elem. para position. She will be paid step 1 per the para contract. Start date March 9, 2026. 3) **Ellie Michaletz** for the JV Volleyball coach position. Start date will be August 2026. She will be paid lane 10, step 1 per the “C” schedule. 4.) **Ron German** as volunteer baseball coach for the 2026 season. The board accepted resignation from **Nick Lucht** effective March 18, 2026. Carried.

Open Forum: None.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by R. Dahlquist to approve the Expenditure/Revenue Fund summary report. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by M. Eklund to acknowledge the March 2026 Donations: \$2,000 to summer reading program & \$1,500 to Title 1 reading supplies, both from BAEF. \$500 ea. to 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades for field trips from BEPO. \$1,051 from players /coaches of 1975 girls basketball team for student tickets to the State tournament. \$470 anonymous donation for girls basketball fan bus for basketball playoffs. \$1,000 value of steel from Arrowtank. \$300 in gift cards for Angel fund from Braham Knights of Columbus. Carried.

Principal Eklund’s written report was reviewed. Fully staffed with paraprofessionals.

Principal/AD Kuhnke’s written report was reviewed. Spring Play is Charlotte’s Web.

Flight 707 Principal report was given. Multiple meetings, trainings to improve student outcomes.

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: Aitor Leniz, Shandell Harvey, Roxanne Kirby, Eddie Cease, Kyras Albers, Megan Karolevitz, Kim Halvorson, Brooke Hohn, Annie Johnson, Corey Sybrant, Chris Grote, Karen Leniz, Shawn Kuhnke, Alexa Denney, Rick Riccio, Kim Knudsen, Jake Andres, Matt Morgan, Jim Bremer, Izzy Shockman, Coaches: Zach Loy, Becky Swanson, Chris Grote, Tom Kingsland, Players: Sierra Lilly, ZoeAnn Claseman, Caelyn Rawls, Maddy Eklund, Avery Shockman, Marailey Miers, Emily Davis, Makenzie Golly, Morgan Rysdam, Bristol Lakeberg, Jenna Beck, Bridget Golly, Lauren Leniz, Avery Johnson, Ava Kuhnke, Grace Kuhnke, Coaches: Jeff Eklund, Kyras Albers, Troy Fredenburg, Cody Cottrell, Jacob Carlson. Managers: Blake Swanson & Enrique Chavez. Players: Eric Duvernay, Garrett Lidke, Waylon Pierson, Eli Benzen, Tyler Eklund, Matthew Blomdahl, Wyatt Eklund, Gage Lidke, JJ Rysdam, Soren Lilly, Isaac Eklund, Dominick Nahl,

Eliyah Belden, Juan Yslava, Marlin Schleicher, Bryan Johnson, HS Band & Choir.

Student Council report was reviewed. Continue with a weekly recycling project.

School board members attended various events and meetings including; jazz & band concerts, student listening sessions, MSBA Ai mtg., conferences, finance mtg., and winter sporting events.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by R. Dahlquist to approve the Golf team spring training trip. Trip will be March 24, 2027 through March 31, 2027, and will follow policy #610. Carried.

Motion by C. Gelle, second by D. Shockman to approve 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030 contract with the Braham Bus Company for district transportation services.

Motion by D. Shockman, second by C. Gelle to approve non-renewal of .10 EL Out of Field teacher Tom Kingsland at the conclusion of the 25/26 school year. Carried.

First of three readings to policies #504 - Student Dress & Appearance and #301a - School District Administration.

Motion by D. Shockman, second by M. Eklund to adopt the following reviewed policies: #204, #205, #612.1, #709, #907. Carried.

Reminder of upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday, March 31 Meet & Confer Committee @ 5:30 p.m. (Kayla, John, Mike)
- Wednesday, April 8 \*Date Changed Building & Grounds Committee @ 3:30 p.m. (David, Allison, John)
- Monday, April 20 Regular School Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 11 Working Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion by M. Eklund, second by R. Dahlquist, to adjourn the Regular School Board meeting. Chair Londgren adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Connie Gelle, Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Allison Londgren, Chair

- b. Approve the March/April bills.
- c. Review and accept the March Treasurer's report.

d. Enrollment Analysis

|                             | Sep        | Oct        | Nov        | Dec        | Jan        | Feb        | Mar        | Apr        |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                             | 10         | 13         | 12         | 10         | 21         | 18         | 11         | 15         |
| K                           | 53         | 54         | 53         | 54         | 53         | 52         | 52         | 52         |
| 1                           | 58         | 59         | 61         | 61         | 61         | 62         | 62         | 62         |
| 2                           | 61         | 61         | 61         | 62         | 63         | 64         | 64         | 64         |
| 3                           | 63         | 63         | 63         | 63         | 63         | 64         | 65         | 65         |
| 4                           | 64         | 65         | 65         | 65         | 64         | 64         | 64         | 66         |
| 5                           | 58         | 57         | 58         | 60         | 60         | 61         | 60         | 60         |
| 6                           | 61         | 63         | 63         | 63         | 63         | 63         | 62         | 61         |
| 7                           | 70         | 70         | 69         | 69         | 70         | 70         | 70         | 69         |
| 8                           | 59         | 59         | 61         | 62         | 62         | 61         | 60         | 60         |
| 9                           | 64         | 63         | 65         | 64         | 64         | 62         | 62         | 62         |
| 10                          | 70         | 69         | 69         | 68         | 68         | 68         | 66         | 66         |
| 11                          | 49         | 47         | 48         | 47         | 46         | 44         | 44         | 44         |
| 12                          | 61         | 60         | 60         | 59         | 59         | 59         | 58         | 57         |
| <b>Total K - 12</b>         | <b>791</b> | <b>790</b> | <b>796</b> | <b>797</b> | <b>796</b> | <b>794</b> | <b>789</b> | <b>788</b> |
| <b>ECSE</b>                 | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>18</b>  |
| <b>Total K-12 Plus ECSE</b> | <b>803</b> | <b>803</b> | <b>810</b> | <b>811</b> | <b>810</b> | <b>809</b> | <b>810</b> | <b>806</b> |
| <b>ADM</b>                  |            | <b>768</b> | <b>774</b> | <b>781</b> | <b>787</b> | <b>779</b> | <b>786</b> | <b>786</b> |

e. Personnel

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Tiffany Locker** has been recommended by AD/ Principal Kuhnke for the HS SpEd teacher position. Start date will be August 24, 2026. She will be paid lane 1, step 8.

**Annika Berg** has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the Elementary teacher position. Start date will be August 24, 2026. She will be paid lane 1, step 1.

**Jay Sparling** has been recommended by Supt. Gagner for the summer temporary maintenance position per the terms of the agreement (see addendums). Position starts April 20 and must end by Aug. 21, 2026.

**Neal Nelson** has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the Elem. SpEd teacher position. Start date will be August 24, 2026. He will be paid lane 1, step 4.

**Audra Carter** has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the .10 EC Family Advocate. Start date will be August 24, 2026. She will be paid her yearly lane & step.

**Bennett Nelson** has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the Elem. Phy. Ed. teacher position. Start date will be August 24, 2026. He will be paid lane 1, step 1.

**Dawn Olson** has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the LTS Kindergarten teacher position. Position is August 24, 2026 through November 30, 2026. She will be paid lane 1, step 1.

**Olivia Knowlton** has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the SpEd teacher position. Start date will be August 24, 2026. She will be paid her yearly lane & step.

**Rick Riccio** has been recommended by AD/Principal Kuhnke for the 1.0 MS Math/English teacher position. Start date will be August 24, 2026. He will be paid his yearly land & step.

**Jean Loerzel** has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the 4th grade LTS position for the 25/26 school year. Start date will be April 27 through May 29, 2026. She will be paid BA, step 1.

**Colton Schusted** has been recommended by AD/Principal Kuhnke for the 1.0 HS SpEd teacher position. Start date will be August 24, 2026. He will be paid his yearly lane & step.

**Cody Cottrell** has been recommended by AD/Principal Kuhnke for the .33 HS Science / .67 Social Studies position. Start date will be August 24, 2026. He will be paid his yearly lane & step.

**Doug Lind** has been recommended by AD/Principal Kuhnke for the Ag/Tech Teacher position. Start date will be August 24, 2026. He will be paid his yearly lane & step.

**RESIGNATION**

**Jacob Carlson**, Elem. Phy. Ed. teacher submitted his resignation effective end of the 2025/26 school year.

**Olivia Lindquist**, Elem. Para. submitted her resignation effective May 8, 2026.

**David Crowell**, LTS SpEd teacher, submitted resignation effective April 13, 2026.

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4. **Open Forum.**

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

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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                               |
|-----------------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Anonymous                   | Braham Schools                                      | \$907.25 | GBB Playoff - Fan bus             |
| BAEF                        | Jazz Band - Bryan Johnson                           | \$250    | Performing at BAEF Gala           |
| BAEF                        | Student Council - Tammi Johnson                     | \$250    | Serving at the BAEF Gala          |
| Jeremy & Katie Kunshier     | Theater Dept. - Tracy Fix                           | \$20     | Theater Dept. needs               |
| Anonymous                   | GBB Team  | \$731    | GBB team meal at State tournament |
| Marion Larson               | Band program  | \$100    | Band class needs                  |
| Diversified Bronze          | Prom Committee - Tina H.                            | \$250    | Prom expenses                     |
| Frandsen Bank & Trust       | Prom Committee - Tina H.                            | \$100    | Prom expenses                     |
| Brent & Dawn Vanhees        | Softball Team                                       | \$50     | Team expenses                     |
| Thomas & Judith Vanhees     | Softball Team                                       | \$35     | Team expenses                     |
| BEPO                        | 1st Gr. - Field Trip- Cease, Albers, Karolevitz     | \$387    | Field trip expenses               |
| BEPO                        | 2nd Gr. - Field Trip - Halvorson, Hohn, Johnson     | \$582.50 | Field trip expenses               |
| BEPO                        | 3rd Gr. - Field Trip - Sybrant, Grote, Leniz        | \$684.00 | Field trip expenses               |
| BEPO                        | 4th Gr. - Field Trip - Giffrow, Olson, Kipka        | \$935    | Field trip expenses               |
| Grandy Lions                | Guidance Office - Jonelle Klemz                     | \$2,000  | Bomber Bands                      |
| Grandy Lions - Hwy Clean Up | Phy. Ed. Dept. - Lang, Andres, Carlson              | \$250    | Phy. Ed. Dept. needs              |
| Grandy Lions                | Health Office - Abby Halseth                        | \$900    | Portable AED                      |
| BEPO                        | 6th Gr. - Field Trip - Mattson, Goldman, VanAlstine | \$1,460  | Field trip expenses               |
| BACK                        | Athletics Dept.                                     | \$1,000  | Hudl subscription                 |

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## 7. **Elementary Principal's report.**

Braham Area Elementary  
April 2026 Board Report

### 1. **Showcase Night**

- Wednesday, May 20
- 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Fire Department will be serving hot dogs
- Inflatables for the kids

### 2. **Staffing**

- We are currently fully staffed with paras!
- Next year's postings: Early Childhood Coordinator.

### 3. **Field Trips**

- 1st Grade - MN Zoo
- 2nd Grade - MN History Center
- 3rd Grade - Science Museum
- 4th Grade - MN Zoo
- 5th Grade - Conservation Day - Becklin Park
- 6th Grade - Science Museum

### 4. **MCA Testing**

- Reading is complete
- Math & 5th grade Science to go!

### 5. **NAFEPA Conference**

- March 15th-18th attended the NAFEPA conference in Washington DC.
- I am Minnesota's representative to NAFEPA.
- Attended sessions on AI, leadership, reading, family engagement, federal program updates, creating opportunities for kids.
- Funding is still in question.

### 6. **TEAM Award**

- Our TEAM Award winners this month are Kalyn Auth, Roxanne Kirby, Kelly Rud, Amie Shockman, Jake Andres, Ray Abraham, and Maggie Kipka. These teachers have taken time out of their busy schedules to help interview teacher and para candidates this spring. Thank you for helping us bring in some amazing new staff.
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8. **High School Principal/ Activities Director report.**

HS Principal / Activities Director  
 School Board Report  
 April 20, 2026

1. MCA/ACT Testing dates for grades 7-12:

- April 1-2 - Reading 10
- April 14 - ACT
- April 14-17 - Reading 7 & 8
- April 21-23 - Math 7, 8, & 11
- April 29-30 - Science 8 & 10

2. All Spring Activities are now up and running. Stay up-to-date with all of the activity and schedule changes at: <http://greatriverconference.org/public/genie/138/school/211/>

3. Spring Activities Participation Numbers 2017-Current:

| Activity                     | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 9-12 Baseball                | 23   | 22   | 22   | x    | 22   | 20   | 20   | 24   | 24   | 26   |
| 7 & 8 Baseball               | 24   | 14   | 12   | x    | 16   | 19   | 19   | 21   | 21   | 20   |
| 9-12 Softball                | 15   | 11   | 16   | x    | 21   | 19   | 14   | 21   | 25   | 19   |
| 7 & 8 Softball               | 15   | 26   | 13   | x    | 17   | 18   | 18   | 18   | 25   | 23   |
| 9-12 Track and Field         | 21   | 31   | 38   | x    | 17   | 16   | 23   | 17   | 24   | 34   |
| 7 & 8 Track and Field        | 32   | 14   | 11   | x    | 17   | 15   | 8    | 15   | 17   | 18   |
| 9-12 Golf                    | 12   | 14   | 11   | x    | 17   | 7    | 10   | 7    | 10   | 14   |
| 7 & 8 Golf                   | 8    | 4    | 6    | x    | 8    | 7    | 8    | 10   | 9    | 8    |
| Total of all 4 Spring Sports | 150  | 136  | 129  | x    | 135  | 121  | 120  | 133  | 155  | 162  |
| Spring Play                  | 19   | 49   | 49   | x    | 25   | 25   | 29   | 28   | 34   | 35   |
| Clay Target                  | 23   | 37   | 32   | x    | 33   | 33   | 35   | 39   | 39   | 42   |

4. Thank you to the Prom Committee and Tina Heidelberger for all of their work in getting prom ready for Saturday, April 18 at the Braham Event Center.

5. Concert Schedule:

- Sunday, April 12 - Big Band Extravaganza at the Braham Event Center - 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 4 - 7-12 Band Concert
- Monday, May 11 - 7-12 Choir Concert

6. I will be attending the Students of Excellence Banquet sponsored by Resource Training and Solutions on Wednesday, April 22. The students being recognized are: Bridget Golly, Addison Forslin-Ruppert, Emily Davis, and Brandon Lund.
7. “A” Honor-Roll Recognition Banquet for students in grades 7-12 will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m.
8. The Senior Awards and Recognition Program will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in C100.
9. Graduation will be held on Friday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Gym.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shawn Kuhnke

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## 9. **Flight 707 Principal’s Update**

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## 10. **Superintendent’s report.**

Braham Area Schools #314  
Superintendent Report  
April 20, 2026

1. ECMECC Operating Committee meeting update - March 13, 2026:
  - a. 2026 - 2027 preliminary budget was approved. The budget added an annual \$5,300 add-on fee (for five years) in addition to an expected 8% general increase for the Braham School District. The fee is due to rapidly increasing costs for the data center upgrade.
  - b. Discussion was held on a proposed new MSBA model policy for AI. The policy is lengthy (14 pages) and includes a 100+ page procedural manual. ECMECC is helping ‘tweak’ the manual before we adopt.
2. Schools Advocating for Fair Funding (SAFF) Capitol Visit - March 18, 2026:
  - a. Along with Superintendents from Mora and East Central, I met with Sen. Mark Koran, Rep. James Gordon, Rep. Ron Kresha, & Rep. Nathan Nelson to advocate on behalf of increasing the equalization formula. As you know, the primary function of SAFF is to work on behalf of districts with low property values (*which places additional burden on homeowners to fund school districts*). The state recognizes this issue but has not increased the equalization formula since 1991.
3. Braham Area Education Foundation meeting update - March 18, 2026:
  - a. Approximately \$580,000 in assets.
  - b. Planning continues for the 8th Annual Gala on May 2 @ 5:30.
4. Tusen Tack Personnel Committee meeting update - March 19, 2026:
  - a. The position of full time office assistant has been offered. [Now filled]
  - b. New bylaws were approved for the personnel committee.
5. Tusen Tack Programs Board Meeting update - March 24, 2026:
  - a. New officers: Ken Gagner President, Suzanne Begin Vice President
  - b. Jan./Feb. net profit is \$12,100 (down \$13,300 from FY ‘25), mainly due to some extraordinary expenses.

- c. Food Shelf usage was down in February: 32 households, 2,222 lbs of food
  - d. In the process of hiring a new office manager (40 hr per week position).
  - e. Made donations to several area organizations of approximately \$3,000, including \$1,500 to B.A.E.F.
6. RRSEC Executive Council meeting update - March 25, 2026:
- a. Extensive discussion was held on applying for an additional MTSS grant supporting RRSEC staff positions.
  - b. A new Associate Membership JPA was recommended for approval. Each member district must now vote.
  - c. FY '27 budget recommended for approval. Braham's anticipated increase will be \$2,703.
7. Grandy Lions Meeting update 7/6/26:
- a. Donations related to ISD #314:
    - i. Jonelle Klemz (Bomber Bands) \$2,000
    - ii. Lang, Carlson, Andres (PE Hwy 65 pick up) \$250
    - iii. Abby Halseth (portable AED) \$900
  - b. Pancake Feed to raise money for Braham Fire Dept. will be Sunday, May 3 @ 8-noon.
  - c. The next meeting is Monday, May 4 @ 6:00 p.m.
8. Braham Chamber of Commerce meeting update 4/14/26:
- a. Chamber leadership recently visited & welcomed two new members: **Venture North Studio** and **Shugren Leather Co.** - both located in downtown Braham.
  - b. North 65 Chamber Director Melissa Bettendorf and staff member Vanessa Hanzel presented on services the Chamber could provide (upon our request).
  - c. Program updates on City Wide Garage Sales (April 30-May 2) and Braham Appreciation Day (June 6).
  - d. Next Meeting - Tuesday, May 12 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Braham Event Center Library.
9. Other
- a. Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!
    - i. S&P Global S&P Global Ratings raised its underlying rating to 'A+' from 'A' on Braham Independent School District No. 314, Minn.'s general obligation (GO) debt outstanding. This lowers the cost of future borrowing costs for the district, keeping those dollars in the pockets of taxpayers.
    - ii. MDE recently released graduation data from 2025. Braham's rate was 93.8%, which is 8.9% above the state average and #1 among 12 area school districts.
  - b. Kindergarten Round-up was held March 25. Thanks to Connie, Kayla, Mike, & John for representing the board as well as to Mr. Eklund, Ms. Strohkirch, Ms. Auers, Alexis Denney, Chelsey White, and the Kindergarten staff. We had 28 preschool students and 9 others for a total of 37 (students) families in attendance.
  - c. Meet & Confer committee (with BEA) meeting highlights - March 3:
    - i. Challenges discussed included the short staffed building and grounds department, administrative follow through, the potential restructuring of several secretarial positions, and the state tournament process for student and staff absences.
    - ii. Celebrations included the recent Nurse and Payroll hires, contract changes allowing 3:00 p.m. leaves on days prior to holidays, the state tournament experience, and the leadership of B. Hohn, K. Auth, and R. Kirby in the efforts to align the new elem. reading curriculum.
    - iii. A general discussion occurred regarding the proposed revised dress code policy.
  - d. Building & Grounds/Transportation Committee meeting highlights - April 8:
    - i. 4-12 building: summer flooring in four classrooms, HS Band/Choir, and the cafeteria break room.
    - ii. Potential projects - additional study ongoing:
      - 1. SB and BB outfield fence repair and add Red Ball Lime to BB flex field
      - 2. 4-12 building science rooms - cabinet upgrades, flooring upgrades
    - iii. To do:
      - 1. 4-12 build: seal concrete (front), replace emergency lighting, seal cracks in N parking lot
      - 2. Submit a grant request to BACK to replace basketball hoops at elementary outdoor court
      - 3. Continue monitoring track condition and the roof seams between C100 and HS west gym.
      - 4. Purchase a ten passenger van. Potentially sell 2020 Explorer if not needed in '26-'27.
    - iv. Discussed upcoming roof projects ('27 & '30) and the best way to finance.

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

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| Jonelle Klemz, Bryan Johnson, Tammi Johnson, Tracy Fix, Tina Heidelberger, Sarah Lang, Jacob Andres, Jacob Carlson, Abby Halseth   | Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for volunteering your time and effort in securing funding for the school district. This is a great example of a SERVICE attitude in action and makes a significant impact on student learning.  |
| Jeff Eklund, Lori Auers, Alexis Denney, Chelsey White, Lauren Kiesz, Andrea DeRushia, Dawn Olson, Andy Olson, Connie Gelle, Kayla Hagfors, Mike Eklund, John Swanson, Jan Strohkirch | Braham Area School District #314 would like to express our appreciation for your participation in Kindergarten Round-Up 2026. Your efforts to promote and serve the district are shining examples of what it takes to be a school of excellence.   |
| Chris Grote, Korey Sybrant, Karen Leniz  | Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for your effort in making the 2026 3rd grade Wax Museum a success! Demonstrating learning in these types of events increases critical thinking skills, supporting our goal of school excellence.  |
| Tracy Fix, Tammi Johnson, Bryan Johnson, Darwin Nelson, Whitney Sikkink, Julie Anderson, Roberta Kopel, Andrea Downing, Nancy Vander Heyden, Chloe Long                              | Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for your contribution towards the 2026 production of 'Charlotte's Web'. Students involved in quality extracurricular programming have high rates of success beyond high school and your leadership and commitment to excellence makes a difference. |
| Olivia Kiesz, Kylie Muchow, Emily Blomdahl, Matthew Blomdahl, ZoeAnn Claseman, Lindsay Erickson, Adam Fix, Luke Fix, Isabelle Shockman, Sophia Wendorff                              | Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you on your 2026 induction into the National Honor Society. Your commitment to service, leadership, high character, and academic excellence is exemplary. Congratulations!  |
| Aaron Christensen  | Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for excellence in financial management practices resulting in an S & P credit rating increase to A+ status, thus lowering future borrowing costs for the district. Your efforts make a difference!  |
| Ray Abraham, Katrina Oliver, Kyrah Albers  | Braham Area School District #314 would like to congratulate you for being nominated as a candidate for the 2025-2026 ECMECC Educator of Excellence Award. Great Staff = Great School!  |
| Emily Giffrow, Eddie Cease   | Braham Area School District #314 would like to congratulate you for being selected as the 2025-2026 ECMECC Educator of Excellence Award Winner. Great Staff = Great School!  |
| Kitty Sward, Jim Sward   | Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for extra efforts in keeping our facilities well maintained during these challenging times of short staffing. This is a shining example of a SERVICE attitude in action!  |

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

BAHS Student Council  
School Board Report  
April 2026

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 last blood drive of the school year went well. We had many appointments scheduled and a lot of blood was donated.

Spring Gala: We had several student council members sign up for the Braham Education Foundation Gala, that'll be held on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026, at the Braham Event Center. Volunteers will be bussing tables, as well as cleaning, scraping, and washing dishes.

Feed My Starving Children: Recapping on March 25, we sent 2 buses down to Feed My Starving Children. We helped pack 210 boxes and fed 124 kids for a full year. This was such a fun and uplifting volunteer experience for all the kids!

Easter Egg Hunt: We had many volunteers stay after practice on Wednesday, April 1st to stuff candy in Easter eggs. We then hid them all around the school for everyone to find. It was a fun way to send all the kids home in high spirits for the holiday! Thank you to BACK for supplying the supplies for this event!

Spring Plans: We are currently planning for the last two months of the school year. We will do our spring ditch clean up for Adopt-A-Highway Minnesota as soon as the weather is suitable. We talked about having a spring fling week, but we were not completely decided on it. We have also been asked to assist with the ECE annual meeting, prom, and 3rd grade tours. It will be a busy end of the school year for us.

Braham Chamber of Commerce: We send a member to represent the Student Council at the Chamber meeting each 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,  
Emily Davis, Executive Council Member

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

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14. **Food Service Report.**

Food Service - School Board Report  
 April 15, 2026

- Another busy school year is flying by. Food service is currently vacant one position in the elementary kitchen. I will be posting for that 3.5 hour position in July 2026.
- USDA Commodity Foods completed and ordered for SY 26-27
- Just a reminder that all school meals will continue to be FREE next school year 26-27. We will need to continue with the Application of Educational Benefits (Free/Reduced meal form). This is for payments of the state and federal levels and MARRS data entry.

Regards,  
 Donna Bryant  
 Food Service Director

15. **Review FY 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget.** *Full budget with notes scanned in addendums.*

| Fund                                | FY 2027 Budget      |                     | FY 2026 Revised Budget |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                                     | Revenue             | Expenditures        | Revenue                | Expenditures        |
| General - 01                        | \$10,543,062        | \$9,871,553         | \$10,603,466           | \$9,107,584         |
| Transportation - 03                 | \$2,000             | \$766,996           | \$2,964                | \$771,188           |
| Capital - 05                        | \$435,000           | \$271,757           | \$465,495              | \$470,052           |
| Activities - 10                     | \$36,880            | \$589,709           | \$53,704               | \$576,554           |
| <b>Total General Fund</b>           | <b>\$11,016,942</b> | <b>\$11,500,015</b> | <b>\$11,125,629</b>    | <b>\$10,925,378</b> |
| Food Service - 02                   | \$734,250           | \$818,117           | \$764,400              | \$829,894           |
| Community Education - 04            | \$246,212           | \$413,879           | \$224,258              | \$361,888           |
| Building Construction - 06          | \$900,000           | \$1,000,000         | \$0                    | \$0                 |
| Debt Redemption - 07                | \$1,119,725         | \$1,119,725         | \$1,088,301            | \$1,088,301         |
| Trust - 08                          | \$25,000            | \$18,000            | \$25,000               | \$15,000            |
| Student Activities - 12             | \$42,200            | \$42,200            | \$60,111               | \$60,111            |
| Post - Empl. Irrevocable Trust - 45 | \$31,248            | \$35,688            | \$300                  | \$250               |
| <b>Total Budget</b>                 | <b>\$14,115,578</b> | <b>\$14,947,624</b> | <b>\$13,287,999</b>    | <b>\$13,280,822</b> |
| <b>(Deficit)/Income</b>             |                     | <b>(\$832,047)</b>  |                        | <b>\$7,177</b>      |

16. **Consider approval of snow removal contract.** \* scanned in addendums

Contract will be for 2026/27 and 2027/28 school years.

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17. **Consider approval of an extended trip.**

Football UMD Camp, June 15, 2026 - June 17, 2026.

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18. **Consider approval of the Joint Powers agreement with RRSEC.**

*Supporting documentation scanned in addendums.*

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT  
OF RUM RIVER SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE.

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19. **Appoint three board members to hand out diplomas at Graduation.**

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20. **Second of three readings to policies.** Review only, no action taken. *Policies scanned in addendums.*

- #504 - Student Dress & Appearance
- #301a - School District Administration.

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

- #405 Veteran’s Preference
- #407 Employee Right to know - Exposure to hazardous substances
- #420 Students and Employees with sexually transmitted infections and diseases and certain other communicable diseases and infectious conditions.

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22. **Reminder of Upcoming meetings:**

Regular School Board Meeting

- Monday, May 11 - Working Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 18 - Regular School Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

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23. **Adjourn.**

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