



**MINUTES FROM THE
WORK SESSION OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Community Room
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
5:33 PM**

Members present: Ms. Fodness-Bondhus, Ms. Granlund, Ms. Houle, Ms. Medearis, Laura Palmer

Community Survey

Superintendent Stenvik and Director Hennekens presented on the community Survey performed by Morris Leatherman, Don Lifto. The purpose of the survey was to review spring tracking survey results on voter support for an operating levy; compare the district's levy/tax position to metro peers; evaluate levy structure, amount, and timing for a potential November 2026 ballot; and align on community engagement, governance steps, and legislative/advocacy follow-ups. Survey Findings: Initial support for the levy increase was 58.15. Informed support was 65.4%. The board will be asked to decide to move forward with putting a question on the ballot. The decision would need to be made in June in order to meet the November timeline.

Community Engagement/Legislative Action subcommittee

The letter-writing event was a big success with many community members participating. As the legislative session has concluded, the subcommittee's focus will shift to Community Engagement.

Other

- May 27th Family picnic Highland 5-7 PM
- May 30, District Powwow.
- June 25, 2026, Time Capsule opening, Craig Larson has AV equipment saved to view some contents of the capsule.
- June 26, 2026 Jamboree parade

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM

5/26/2026

Date minutes approved

Laura Palmer, Clerk, Board of Education.
Independent School District 13