April 15, 2026

The School Board of District 261 met in regular session on April 15th, 2026 in the Media Center. Chair B. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with members Hovland, Johnson, Olson, Anderson, Rylander, and Stevens present. Absent: Susan Wing. Also present were Superintendent/HS Principal Jon Moore, Elem/MS Principal Megan Peterson, Jason Kuehn, Jane Schlotfeld, Hayley Stevens, and Marisa Baune.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda. (Stevens/Rylander MCU)

Recognition of visitors. Teacher representatives attending were Hayley Stevens and Marisa Baune.

Motion to approve the following consent agenda (Rylander/Stevens):

- Approval of March 18th, 2026 minutes.
- Financial Reports for March 2026
- Approval of bills: March Handpayables: $16,575.75, March Wire Payments: $146,582.60, and April bills: $105,924.80.
- Approval of personnel changes: Hiring of Melissa Peterson for K-12 Art. Approval of the contract for Megan Peterson, PreK-8 Principal for the 2026-28 school years.
- Acknowledge Donations: To the scoreboard project, Viking Bank $3,000.00 and Pederson Tripp Post #357 $9,000.00. To the Letterwinners for Corporate Sponsorships included Viking Bank $2,000.00 and Driggins Electric $1,500.00. To the Robotics Club donations from Aura Fabrication $250.00, TFC Poultry $3,600.00, and Second Chance Thrift/Destiny Church $1,800.00. Ashby Legacy Foundation $18,955.63 to School Grant Projects. Lake Region Healthcare $500.00 for CNA Health Class. To Supermileage Evansville Sports $50.00, Hansen Services $200.00, Image Auto Sales $100.00, Midwest Machinery $100.00, Beyer Body Shop $100.00, Vectors Windows $50.00, Farmers State Bank $100.00, Balgaard Services $150.00, Rylander Insurance $100.00, Johnson-Nelson Masonry $100.00, Aagard Group $250.00, E&H Enterprises $200.00, and SF Excavating $100.00. Pederson-Tripp Post #357 $5,000.00 for Audio-Visual Equipment. To the Band Club, H&R Construction Company $100.00, JC's General Store $50.00, and Olson Oil Company $150.00.

Leslie Anderson reported on Region1 staffing changes.

Elem/MS Principal's Report

Mrs. Peterson reported on the following:

- Positive Postcards for students
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- K-12 Art and 7-12 CTE Communication Technology Teacher positions
- Elementary Special Education interviews
- Long Term Substitute coverage for the 2026-27 school year.

Superintendent/HS Principal Report

Mr. Moore reported on the following:

- Licensed Staff
- Revamping of parking lots
- Roofing
- Sound and Lights Project in the auditorium

Hayley Stevens spoke on classes helping in the school's cafeteria and at the Thrift Store focusing on developing independent skills and communication.

Marisa Baune spoke about positive postcards sent to students and the results seen in the classroom. A selection of 5th grade students will be participating in the Math Masters Competition in Alexandria next Friday.

Discussion Items

None

Action Items

None

Motion to adjourn (Rylander/Stevens MCU). Johnson called the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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Leslie Anderson, Clerk