

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, Minnesota
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

July 16, 2026

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake MN, was called to order by Chair Rebelein at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at the Forest Lake Area School District Offices. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present: Tessa Antonsen, Jill Christenson, Julie Corcoran, Mark Kasel, Curt Rebelein Jr., Gail Theisen and Superintendent JP Jacobson ex officio, vacant seat open.

MEETING AGENDA

Member Rebelein moved, 2nd by Member Christenson to approve the School Board Agenda as presented for July 16, 2026. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

SCHEDULED / UNSCHEDULED VISITORS

- Green Card - none

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Rebelein moved to approve the consent agenda, Member Theisen moved to pull 5.2. Member Rebelein moved to approve 5.1 and 5.3, 2nd by Member Corcoran to approve agenda items 5.1 and 5.3 as presented. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

5.2 Member Theisen publicly thanked Joy Mouch for her years of service to the district. Member Rebelein moved to approve 5.2, 2nd by Member Corcoran, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

5.1 Approve the bills as of July 16, 2026

5.2 Classified Personnel

Authorization of Transfer

- Bowker, Jordyn - from Special Education Teacher to Behavior Intervention Specialist at Forest Lake Area Middle School, 37.5 hours per week and 177 days per year, effective August 17, 2026
- Hoff, Amy - from Substitute Teacher District Wide to Behavior Intervention Specialist at Forest Lake Area Middle School, 37.5 hours per week and 177 days per year, effective August 17, 2026

End of Employment/Termination

- Employee A - Behavior Intervention Specialist at Lino Lakes Elementary, effective June 4, 2026

Recommendation of Employment

- Bedell, Laura - Long Hour Cook Helper at Forest Lake Area Middle School, 25 hours per week and 178 days per year, effective August 19, 2026

- Denniston, Rebecca - Administrative Assistant IV at Forest Lake Area Middle School, 40 hours per week and 210 days per year, effective August 4, 2026
- Kolehmainen, Logan - Community Education Athletics Planner at the Education Center, 40 hours per week and 260 days per year, effective June 17, 2026
- Kurtz, Emily - SAC Program Aide at Linwood Elementary, 22.5 hours per week and 200 days per year, effective July 6, 2026
- Sergot, Emily - Long Hour Cook Helper at Forest Lake Area High School, 20 hours per week and 178 days per year, effective August 19, 2026

Resignation

- Bakker, Michael - Lead Custodian at Forest Lake Area High School, effective July 9, 2026
- Davis, Samantha - Noon Duty at Wyoming Elementary, effective June 4, 2026
- Dickey, Bella- Special Education Paraprofessional at Columbus Elementary, effective June 4, 2026
- Gooder, Christopher - Behavior Intervention Specialist at Forest Lake Area Middle School, effective June 4, 2026
- Madsen, Linda - CTC Coordinator District Wide, effective June 30, 2026
- Mouch, Joy - Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at the District Office, effective July 10, 2026
- Ritter, Benjamin - Custodian/Weekend Coordinator at Forest Lake Area High School, effective July 3, 2026
- VanBeusekom, Cassandra - ECFE Teaching Assistant II at Linwood Elementary, effective June 3, 2026

5.3 Approve Licensed Personnel

Recommendation of Employment

- Beckman, Amanda: 1.0 FTE effective 26/27 SY (pending satisfactory background check)
- Hultgren, Robert: 0.5 FTE Achievement Specialist
- Hushagen, Bonnie: .81 FTE effective 26/27 SY
- Kessler, Kelly: 1.0 FTE effective 26/27 SY
- Katchmark, Sara: .80 FTE effective 26/27 SY
- Metzger, Donald: .66 FTE effective 26/27 SY
- Sonderman, Sydney: 1.0 FTE effective 26/27 SY
- Swenson, Josie: 1.0 FTE effective 26/27 SY

Resignation

- Sawyer, Justin: Effective end of 25/26 SY

ACTION ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 First Reading – 2027-2028 Academic Calendar

Superintendent Jacobson presented the first reading of the 2027-2028 Academic Calendar. The district calendar committee endeavors to publish the schedule twelve months in advance, incorporating feedback from district staff and families. Due to a late Labor Day in 2027, the proposed 2027-2028 calendar designates the commencement of the school year for August

30, featuring a four-day instructional week that concludes prior to Labor Day, with classes resuming thereafter. The final day of instruction is projected for Thursday, June 1. Member Corcoran expressed support for the Friday closure during the inaugural week, noting it provides families with an extended final summer weekend. Superintendent Jacobson noted that this schedule also grants high school students an additional week for college credit courses. Member Theisen requested clarification regarding the results of the Spring 2025 survey, which indicated divided preferences between an earlier or later start. In response, Member Rebelein proposed distributing an additional survey to families in the spring of 2026. Member Kasel suggested establishing a standard protocol for instances when Labor Day occurs later in the month, thereby setting clear expectations for families and minimizing recurring deliberations. Superintendent Jacobson confirmed that established benchmarks exist, citing the scheduling of Spring Break within the first two weeks of March. Member Rebelein concluded by proposing that further community feedback be gathered.

As there was no further business, Member Rebelein moved, 2nd by Member Kasel, to adjourn. All members voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 5:15p.m.

Curt Rebelein, Jr., Chair

Tessa Antonsen, Clerk

Approved Date: 8/06/2026