

Official Minutes

Monthly Business Meeting
July 08, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 227, Olmsted, Fillmore, and Winona Counties was held on Wednesday July 08, 2026. Vice Chair Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Clerk's Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Keefe, Harstad, Thompson, Johnsrud and Sovinski

Absent: Priebe

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Add/Remove

8. Consent Items (Approval)

c. New hires

i. High School Special Education Teacher — Name TBD

10. Annual Reading of District Policies (Approval)

a. 506 Student Discipline

b. 722 Public Data Requests

c. 806 Crisis Management Policy

14. Action Items (approval)

d. Approve 2026-2027 Activity Fund Fundraisers

e. Accept 2025-2026 Donations

Motion by Sovinski, second by Johnsrud to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Claims and Accounts

Treasurer Harstad indicated that the claims and accounts appeared to be in order. Motion to approve claims and accounts made by Harstad, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Tom Keefe (SB)

HVED is having an Open House in August – all are welcome to attend. Working with a committee regarding cell phone use in the classroom. At this point they are just gathering information.

Josh Thompson (SB)

Nothing to report

Jill Harstad (SB)

Nothing to Report

David Sovinski (SB)

Nothing to Report

Mark Johnsrud (SB)

Nothing to Report

Katie Priebe (SB Chair)

Absent

Student Senate

Absent

Shane McBroom (K-6 Principal)

Presented Submitted Report

Eric Nelson (7-12 Principal)

Presented Submitted Report

Ed Harris (Superintendent)

Presented submitted report

Consent Agenda

Motion by Thompson second by Harstad to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion carried 5-0.

Policy Review

1st Reading of District Policies (review)

2nd Reading of District Policies (approval)

- a. 620 Credit for learning – Member Sovinski made a motion to put this policy in to place fall of 2026. Member Harstad 2nd. Motion passed 5-0

Discussion Items

Superintendent Evaluation and goals.

Action Items

Motion by Harstad, Second by Johnsrud to Approve Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thompson, Second by Harstad to Approve Per Diem Increase. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Sovinski, Second by Keefe to Approve Deposit of VFW/Legion Donations into 14 Month CD at RRSB – Veteran's Memorial maintenance fund (3.45%). Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Johnsrud, Second by Harstad to Approve Elementary Solar Project Contract. Member Sovinski presented the board with concerns about this project. Included a report of his findings. Motion carried 4-1, with member Sovinski voting no.

Motion by Harstad, Second by Thompson to Approve 2026-2027 Activity Fund Fundraisers. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Thompson, Second by Harstad to Accept 2025-2026 Donations. Motion carried 5-0

Adjournment

Motion by Sovinski, second by Harstad to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

/s/  _____

Board Clerk