



COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Independent School District 13
Columbia Heights, Minnesota
MINUTES FROM THE WORK SESSION OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Community Room

Tuesday, August 18, 2026
5:30 PM

Members present: Ms. Granlund, Ms. Houle, Ms. Medearis, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Pettway, Ms. Fodness Bondhus, Superintendent Stenvik

Youth Outreach Officer

Police Chief Markham, Director Hennekens, and Superintendent Stenvik provided an update on the Youth Outreach Officer program. This year's incident rates have declined. The Board will discuss the contract for this position at the September meetings, and approval is required for the Youth Outreach Officer to continue in the school facilities.

Levy Timeline

Superintendent Stenvik and Director Hennekens presented information on the special election levy timeline. Reminder: Levy Vote Yes materials/Information cannot come from school computers, email, or flyers in the building. A list of community events to help spread the word to community members is part of the plan to communicate the facts of the Levy.

Closed Session

In accordance with Minn. Stat. section 13D.03, for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 6:22 PM

Return to Open Session

Return to Open Session at 6:55 PM

Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Stenvik presented her 2026-2027 goals

Goal 1: aligned to MSBA Standard 4: School District Operations: To review school district operations including facilities, transportation, food service, technology and maintenance, to determine areas for improvement and create an action plan where needed.

Goal 2: aligned to MSBA Standard 5 Human Resources: To successfully onboard and support two (2) new first-year principals by strengthening and clarifying district systems, expectations, and leadership practices. Establish a consistent onboarding process that provides new principals with the knowledge, resources, relationships, and ongoing coaching needed to lead their schools effectively and build confidence in their first year.

Note: This goal, targeted to new principals, is anticipated to also have positive impacts on our new Director of Teaching and Learning, New Assistant Superintendent, 2nd-year Principal, and other leaders, thereby benefiting the entire district.

Other

Art and Information Fair is from 4-7 PM on August 19, 2026

Adjourn

Adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM.

September 8, 2026

Date minutes approved

Laura Palmer, Clerk, Board of Education.
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