



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

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
5:30 PM

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

Chair Granlund requested an addition to the agenda: Youth Outreach Officer contract.

Insurance Renewal

Steve McAplin presented information on the district's annual property insurance renewal. The coverage includes a Property and Liability package, Business Auto, umbrella, boiler and machinery, and Cyber Liability.

Youth Outreach Officer

Discussion on moving the duration to a two-year term or keeping the contract at a one-year term. The contract will be an action item on the September 22 Board meeting.

2026 payable 2027 Preliminary Levy

Bryan Hennekens, Director of Finance and Operations, presented information on the 2026 payable 2027 Preliminary Levy. The Preliminary Levy will be an action item at the September 22 meeting.

Adult Meal Prices

Director Hennekens presented information on the cost increases to the adult meals from food service. The National School Lunch Program sets a minimum for meal prices. This year's minimums have increased; the new lunch minimum is \$5.30, and Breakfast is \$2.55. Meal prices will be part of the consent agenda at the September 22 meeting.

School Board Goals

The School Board discussed its goals for the 2026-2027 school year. The Board reviewed the goals from the 2025-2026 school year and made adjustments. The Board will continue work on creating goals for the school year.

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 comprehensive plan to communicate the facts of the Levy is in process, with assignments to visit community events and meetings.

Closed Session

In accordance with Minn. Stat. section 13D.03, for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 7:20 PM

Return to Open Session

Return to Open Session at 8:07 PM

Adjourn

Adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM.

September 22, 2026

Date minutes approved

Laura Palmer, Clerk, Board of Education.
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