MINNETONKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #276
District Service Center
5621 County Road 101
Minnetonka, Minnesota

Minutes of September 24, 2026 Special School Board Meeting

The School Board of Minnetonka Independent School District #276 met in special session at 7:55 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026 in the Community Room at the District Service Center, 5621 County Road 101, Minnetonka, Minnesota. Chairperson Kemerie Foss presided. Other Board members present were Sally Browne, Karen Jordan, Taunya Kolbinger, Dan Olson, Mike Remucal, Meghan Selinger and Superintendent David Law, ex officio. Student School Board representatives Aneeqa Sameer and Drew Errickson were also present. The meeting was also livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel.

Chairperson Foss called the special meeting to order and asked that everyone stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. **AGENDA**

   Selinger moved, Olson seconded, that the School Board approve the agenda as presented. Upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

2. **APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH MINNETONKA ASSOCIATION OF PRINCIPALS (MAP) EMPLOYEES**

   General Counsel and Executive Director of Human Resources Anjie Flowers presented this item to the Board. She noted that district representatives and the Minnetonka Association of Principals (MAP) met and negotiated on the terms and conditions of employment for the 2026-2028 collective bargaining agreement. Principals voted on the parameters of the contract on September 17, 2026.

   Principals will receive any eligible step movement in both years and a 3.15% salary schedule increase in year one and a 3.00% salary schedule increase in year two, in addition to increases to insurance fringe benefit allocations.

   We would like to acknowledge the work of both teams. The MAP team members included Jeff Erickson, Andrew Gilbertson, and Gina Magnuson. The District team members included Anjie Flowers, Amy Hillstrom (administrative support), Robyn Klinker, Dr. Amy LaDue, and Ash Muni.

   Remucal moved, Jordan seconded, that the Board approve the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Minnetonka Association of Principals (MAP) employees as presented. Upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

3. **CERTIFICATION OF 2026 PAY 2027 PRELIMINARY LEVY**

Executive Director of Finance and Operations Paul Bourgeois presented this item to the Board. He explained that Minnesota Statutes require that each school district certify a preliminary property tax levy by September 30 of the calendar year.

The property tax levy set at the preliminary is the maximum amount that the school district can levy when it certifies its final levy in December of the calendar year. Adjustments to the preliminary levy amount can only be made downward after the preliminary levy is certified. School Districts must work with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to calculate the levies allowed under the various statutes utilizing the MDE computerized levy system. The Certified Preliminary Levy must be physically received by the home county auditor no later than September 30, 2026.

The total levy is made up of several dozen individual levy amounts that are calculated based on formulas set in Minnesota Statute by the Legislature. Many of the levies are levies that provide partial revenue for a particular program with the remaining amount coming as a match from the State of Minnesota, and it is a requirement for the full local share to be levied in order to receive the State contribution. A reduction in those levies will result in a proportional reduction in State aid. Other levies including the Operating Referendum and Technology Levies are voter approved and determined based on the number of enrolled pupils or the value of property in the District. Finally, debt service levies are required to be calculated at 105% of debt service in order to ensure that District bond payments are met even if there are some property tax delinquencies.

The dollar amount of the Certified Preliminary Levy approved by the School Board prior to September 30 of each year becomes the highest amount of the levy - the final levy approved in December can be no greater that the preliminary amount certified by September 30. The only exception to this rule is if an Operating Referendum or Capital Projects Referendum is approved by the voters of the School District at the November election.

As of today, the 2026 Pay 2027 Preliminary Levy is $73,937,711.89 which is an increase of $201,598.53 or 0.27% over the 2025 Pay 2026 Levy of $73,736,113.36.

Mr. Bourgeois presented on various levy categories, including the Operating Referendum Revenue, Local Optional Revenue, Technology Referendum Revenue, Equity, Q Comp, Operating Capital, Instructional Facilities, Debt Service, and OPEB levies. He also shared the estimated tax impact on a $300,000, $500,000, $700,000 and $900,000 home.

Jordan moved, Remucal seconded, that the Board approve the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Minnetonka Independent School District 276 does hereby certify the Preliminary 2026 Payable 2027 Property Tax Levy

at the maximum amount authorized by statute, which as of September 24, 2026, totals $73,937,711.89 and authorizes administration to file the Certified 2026 Pay 2027 Preliminary Levy with the Hennepin County Auditor no later than September 30, 2026.

Upon vote being taken on the foregoing motion, the motion carried unanimously.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Olson moved, Jordan seconded, adjournment at 8:05 p.m. Upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.



Michael Remucal, Clerk