July 15, 2026

The School Board of District 261 met in regular session on July 15th, 2026 in the Media Center. Chair B. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM with members Anderson (virtually), Hovland, Johnson, Olson, Rylander, and Wing present. Absent: Sean Stevens, Jason Kuehn. Also present were Superintendent/HS Principal Jon Moore, Elem/MS Principal Megan Peterson, Suzanna Ecker, Bonita Oestreich, Brooke Smith, and Ehlers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda. (Wing/Hovland MCU)

Recognition of visitors. Teacher representatives attending were Bonita Oestreich and Brooke Smith.

Motion to approve the following consent agenda (Rylander/Olson):

- Approval of June 17th, 2026 minutes.
- Financial Reports for June 2026
- Approval of bills: June Handpayables: $28,981.00, June Wire Payments: $187,524.04, and July bills: $77,665.12.
- Approval of personnel changes: Hiring of Deangelist Strozier, Head Girls Basketball Coach. Hiring of Jordan Folkestad as the Head Boys Basketball Coach.
- Acknowledge Donations: For Spring Grants, Ashby Legacy Fund $18,170.58. To the Summer Recreation Program, Second Chance Thrift $200.00, Spirit Isles $150.00, Pedersen Tripp Post #357 $1,000.00, Rylander Insurance $100.00, Lakeside Lumber $50.00, Johnson-Nelson Masonry $400.00. To the scoreboard project from Viking Bank, $3,00.00. Pedersen Tripp Post #357 $293.00 for 1st Grade t-shirts. Pedersen Tripp Post #357 to FFA Club $250.00. To Ashby Roots Club $300.00 from Ashby Equity. MN Association of Agricultural Educators to the Meat Cutting Grant $666.66.

Suzanne Wing reported on Lakes Country Service Coop.

<u>Elem/MS Principal's Report</u>
Mrs. Peterson reported on the following:

- New Staff Orientation
- Climate and Culture, K-12 Ren Team
- Pre-K
- Elementary
- Interventions
- Elementary PLC
- Staff Development
- Ashby Days Parade Float

Superintendent/HS Principal Report

Mr. Moore reported on the following:

- Special Ed Coop
- Student Handbook
- Paraprofessional Needs
- Math Curriculum
- Summer Building Maintenance
- Transportation

Brooke Smith spoke on College Biology course, Jostens meeting, and science licensure requirements.

Bonita Oestreich spoke on the FFA Spring Convention, Elementary Petting Zoo, and Drive Your Tractor to School Day. Classroom activities included the Horticulture class hydro tower gardens last spring, Advanced Floral class floral subscription program for fall, as well as the upcoming Manufacturing and Transportation class offering with Alex Tech. Mrs. Oestreich also gave an update on the greenhouse and hunger project.

Discussion Items

Activities Update

Long Term Planning

Action Items

Dairy Bid opening:

Cass Clay:	Esc.	Firm
½ pint 1% milk	0.3780	
½ pint skim milk	0.3680	
½ pint chocolate skim	0.389	

Wing made a motion to accept the escalating Dairy Bid from Cass Clay. Hovland seconded. MCU.

Vehicle Maintenance bid opening:

C & I Repair:	
Large busses maintenance	
Heavy Duty Oil	
Small vehicles maintenance	$85.00/hr.
Oil	$10.00 quart includes filter, labor $75.00
United T&T:	
Large busses maintenance	$135.00/hr.
Heavy Duty Oil	$16.00 gallon
Small vehicles maintenance	
Oil	
Mandt Truck and Trailer:	
Large busses maintenance	$160.00/hr.
Heavy Duty Oil	$19.00 gallon

Small vehicles maintenance	$160.00/hr.
Oil	$6.25 quart

Wing made a motion to award United T&T the bid for Large Busses, and C&I Repair the bid for Small Vehicles. Hovland seconded. MCU.

Vehicle fuel bid opening:

Ashby Equity:

Unleaded gasoline:	$0.08 discount
Diesel	$0.08 discount

Wing made a motion to award Ashby Equity the bid for Vehicle Fuel. Hovland seconded. MCU.

Rylander made a motion to set fees for 2026-27 as follows:

Admission Prices: Adults $6.00, Students $3.00, Ashby Students free, Seniors (60+) free, Staff and Spouse free

Season passes: Fall: Family $40, Adult $30, Student $20
Winter: Family $50, Adult $40, Student $20

Activity fees:
Students attending Ashby School:
Grades 9-12 $50.00/activity, Grades 6-8 $25.00/activity. Family maximum $200.00/year.
Non Ashby Enrolled Student:
Grades 9-12 $175.00/activity, Grades 6-8 $100.00/activity. No Family maximum.

Supply fee Grades PreK-4: $45.00

K-8 Art Supply fee: $10.00

Milk Break Grades 1-4: $70.00 per student/per school year

Meals:

Lunch:		Breakfast:	
Student Ala Carte item	$1.75	Adults	$2.50
Extra Milk	$0.50	Breakfast seconds	$1.00
Staff Adults	$5.50	Juice	$0.40
Adult Ala Carte	$2.50		
Guest Students & Adults	$5.50		

Drivers Ed: Classroom $125.00 Ashby School Students, $175.00 other Students; Behind the Wheel $300.00 Ashby School Students, $350.00 other Students

Device Insurance: $20.00 (Grades K-4), $30.00 (Grades 5-12)

Wing seconded. MCU.

Rylander made a motion to approve Resolution No. 27.01 Approving FY28 Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan (LTFM) and the General Obligation of Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2027A

LTFM 10-year Revenue Projection
LTFM 10-year Expenditure Application
Tax Impact
LTFM Statement of Assurances
Roofing LTFM Narrative

Olson seconded. Roll call vote: Hovland-yes, Johnson-yes, Olson-yes, Rylander-yes, Wing-yes. Absent: Anderson, Stevens. MCU

Rylander made a motion to approve Resolution No. 27.02 Calling for an Abatement Hearing to Consider a Proposed Property Tax Abatement. Olson seconded. Roll call vote: Hovland-yes, Johnson-yes, Olson-yes, Rylander-yes, Wing-yes. Absent: Anderson, Stevens. MCU

Rylander made a motion to approve Resolution No. 27.03 Membership for 2026-2027 in the Minnesota State High School League. Olson seconded. Roll call vote: Hovland-yes, Johnson-yes, Olson-yes, Rylander-yes, Wing-yes. Absent: Anderson, Stevens. MCU

Motion to adjourn (Wing/Olson MCU). Johnson called the meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.

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Leslie Anderson, Clerk