

**NRHEG PUBLIC SCHOOL ISD #2168**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, September 21, 2026, 6:30PM, Elementary Media Center**

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair, Rick Schultz. The School Board of Ind. School District #2168 met in regular session on September 21 at 6:30 PM.
3. Roll Call:  
Members present: Terri Engel, Amy Ihrke, Kelly Delacruz, Loren Schoenrock, Pat Theuer and Rick Schultz  
Members absent: Aaron Phillips
4. **Approve Agenda:** Moved by Kelly Delacruz, seconded by Pat Theuer to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried 6-0.
9. **Approve Consent Agenda Items:** Moved by Amy Ihrke, seconded by Loren Schoenrock to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

9. **Consent Agenda Items**

a. **Minutes of August 17, 2026** *(NRHEG Strategic Plan; Focus Area #5)*

b. **Finance** *(NRHEG Strategic Plan; Focus Area #6)*

1) **Board Bills of \$444,800.41**

2) **Donations**

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| Waseca County Farm Bureau            | FFA Children's Barnyard | \$200.00   |
| Waseca County Corn & Soybean Growers | FFA Children's Barnyard | \$450.00   |
| Sorenson's Appliance & TV            | Eagle Bluff             | \$40.00    |
| Main Street Dental Clinics           | Eagle Bluff             | \$50.00    |
| Arcadian Bank                        | Eagle Bluff             | \$150.00   |
| Sequoia Landscape Company            | Eagle Bluff             | \$150.00   |
| Ulland Brothers Inc                  | Eagle Bluff             | \$190.00   |
| Team Geneva                          | Eagle Bluff             | \$486.00   |
| L&D Ag Service                       | Eagle Bluff             | \$100.00   |
| NRHEG PTO                            | Eagle Bluff             | \$2,000.00 |
| TNT Body Shop                        | Eagle Bluff             | \$350.00   |
| MOHS Contracting                     | Eagle Bluff             | \$100.00   |
| NR Firemens Relief Assn              | Eagle Bluff             | \$1,500.00 |
| Ellendale Lions Club                 | Eagle Bluff             | \$500.00   |

**Total**    \$6,266.00  
**Total to Date**    \$14,719.99

- 3) **Purchase of Service Agreement for Vision, Audiology and Orientation and Mobility for FY27 with SCSC:**  
Service Agreement in the amount of \$19,807.71 for the 26-27 school year.

c. **Workforce** *(NRHEG Strategic Plan; Focus Area #4)*

1) **Employment**

- a) Anna Blakesley, Elementary Music Teacher
- b) Michelle Johnson, Custodian
- c) Joni Groth, Kitchen Staff

2) **Resignations**

- a) Larry Nydegger, Co-Head Track Coach
- b) Debbie Starman, Kitchen Staff

**3) Contract Services Agreement**

- a) Brooke Berg, Pre-K Teacher Long Term Substitute
- b) Leah Palomo, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher Long-Term Substitute
- c) Leah Palomo, Elementary Special Education Teacher Long-Term Substitute
- d) Sandy Tollefson, Elementary Special Education Teacher Long-Term Substitute

**4) Extra-Curricular Directors/Advisors Agreements**

- a) Cortney Klocek – Annual Advisor
- b) Philip Claussen – High School Band, Junior High Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band
- c) Anna Blakesley – Elementary School Band, Elementary School Choir
- d) Krista Reeder – High School Choir, Junior High Choir, DECA Advisor
- e) Barb Roesler – HS Student Council Advisor, Junior High Ambassador Advisor, Co-FFA Advisor
- f) Angie Aaseth – Technology Director
- g) Dan Stork – Activities Director
- h) Lara Chicos – SPED Coordinator
- i) Mandra Peterson – Teaching & Learning Coordinator
- j) Onika Peterson – Senior Class Advisor
- k) Jen Hatton – Senior Class Advisor
- l) Liz Stiernagle – National Honor Society Advisor
- m) Holly Pederson – Senior High Ambassador Advisor, Drama Club, Speech Team Coach
- n) Theresa Buendorf – Junior High Knowledge Bowl
- o) Angela Gehrke – ProStart Advisor
- p) Bailie Madden – Prom Advisor

**d. Statewide Enrollment Options:**

**10. Reports**

**11. Recommended Actions**

**a. Workforce**

- 1) **2026-2028 AFSCME Agreement:** Moved by Pat Theuer, seconded by Amy Ihrke to approve the 2026-2028 AFSCME Agreement as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**b. Student Achievement (*NRHEG Strategic Plan; Focus Area #1*)**

- 1) **Extended Field Trip: Australia & New Zealand, Theresa Buendorf:** Moved by Amy Ihrke, seconded by Loren Schoenrock to approve the Extended Field Trip to Australia & New Zealand in June 2028 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**c. Finance (*NRHEG Strategic Plan; Focus Area #6*)**

- 1) **Maximum Levy Authority for 2026 Payable 2027:** Moved by Kelly Delacruz, seconded by Pat Theuer to approve the Maximum Levy Authority for 2026 Payable 2027 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- 2) **Fiscal Compliance & Procedure Manual:** Moved by Kelly Delacruz, seconded by Pat Theuer to approve the Fiscal Compliance & Procedure Manual as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- 3) **Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Date of December 21, 2026, 6pm Secondary Media Center:** Moved by Amy Ihrke, seconded by Loren Schoenrock to approve the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Date of December 21, 2026, 6pm Secondary Media Center as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**d. Communication & Marketing (*NRHEG Strategic Plan; Focus Area #5*)**

- 1) **Participating School District Agreement, Adult Basic Education:** Moved by Pat Theuer, seconded by Amy Ihrke to approve the Participating School District Agreement for Adult Basic Education as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**e. Facilities (*NRHEG Strategic Plan; Focus Area #3*)**

- 1) **Purchase of Combi Oven:** Moved by Terri Engel, seconded by Loren Schoenrock to approve the purchase of two Combi Ovens not to exceed \$52,000.00 plus electrical expenses as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- 2) **Servicing of the New Richland Boilers:** Moved by Loren Schoenrock, seconded by Pat Theuer to approve the Servicing of the New Richland Boilers not to exceed \$95,000.00 giving authority to Michael Meihak, Superintendent, to accept the best bid for the product and the best bid for the labor to complete services as needed. Motion carried 6-0.

f. **Board Governance** *(NRHEG Strategic Plan; Focus Area #5)*

- 1) **Teacher Growth & Development Plan 2026-2027: Strengthening Trust & Confidence:** Moved by Amy Ihrke, seconded by Terri Engel to approve the Teacher Growth & Development Plan 2026-2027: Strengthening Trust & Confidence as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- 2) **Superintendent Evaluation Summary:** Moved by Loren Schoenrock, seconded by Pat Theuer to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Summary as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- 3) **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy 506 Student Discipline Updates Needed:** Moved by Amy Ihrke, seconded by Pat Theuer to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy 506 Student Discipline Updates. Motion carried 6-0.

**12. Adjournment:** Moved by Loren Schoenrock, seconded by Pat Theuer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Terri Engel