

MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ISD #414

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #414, Minneota Public Schools, was called to order by Chair Abby Thostenson on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.

Roll call was taken. Members present included Emily Coequyt, Martin Hennen, Abby Thostenson, Tom Skorczewski, and Julie Mead. Heather Anderson, Brandon Castor, Karen Dalager, and Superintendent Scott Monson also attended.

Motion by Mead, second by Hennen, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue Bagley, Food Service Director, shared a brief update and answered questions.

Superintendent Monson gave a presentation about Minnesota's Permanent School Fund and the vote for the Constitutional Amendment that will be taking place on November 3, 2026.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Hennen, to approve payment of bills and the check register as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with Mead abstaining.

Motion by Mead, second by Coequyt, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Monson reviewed activities and next steps related to the building bond project and answered questions.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Mead, to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the district's general obligation school building bonds; covenanting and obligating the district to be bound by and to use of the state credit enhancement program; and declaring the official intent of the district to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the district. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote, with all members voting yes.

Motion by Mead, second by Coequyt, to approve an agreement with Nexus Solutions, contingent on favorable review by legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Monson presented preliminary summaries of results from the 2025-2026 Achievement and Integration Plan and the 2025-2026 Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan.

Motion by Mead, second by Hennen, to approve the maximum preliminary 2026 payable 2027 levy limitation and certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Hennen, to establish the date for public discussion regarding the 2026 payable 2027 levy limitation and certification for Tuesday, December 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hennen, second by Mead, to recognize the preliminary 2026-2027 MEMO seniority list. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Mead, to approve the 2026-2027 assurances of compliance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Coequyt, to approve the snow removal quote from Tolk Graveling for 2026-2027. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board conducted a first reading of ten (10) policies currently in place, but no formal action was taken.

Motion by Mead, second by Hennen, to approve a resolution urging legislative action to strengthen accountability, transparency, and local oversight of supplemental online courses. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote, with all members voting yes.

Motion by Mead, second by Skorczewski, to approve a resolution for acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote, with all members voting yes.

Motion by Mead, second by Hennen, to approve the 2026-2028 agreement with AFSCME. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Coequyt, to approve an application for dissolution of a girls' hockey cooperative sponsorship with Marshall, Wabasso, and Lakeview. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Coequyt, second by Hennen, to approve an application for a girls' hockey cooperative sponsorship with Marshall and RTR. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mead, second by Skorczewski, to enter into closed session, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subdivision 3, to evaluate the performance of Superintendent Scott Monson. Motion carried unanimously. Closed session started at 7:04 pm.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Mead, to re-enter open session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board re-entered open session at 7:29 pm.

Motion by Mead, second by Skorczewski, to move the starting time for the Regular School Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 14 to 7:00 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Hennen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:312 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Hennen, Clerk