

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Independent School District 728

Elk River, Minnesota

July 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Steinbrecher at 6:00 p.m. at the School District Office.

Members Present: Shane Steinbrecher, John Anderson, Mindy Freiberg, Sarah Hamlin, Sara Weis, Monica Madsen, Andy Almos

Members Absent: Mike Nordos

Approval of Agenda

26-01 Anderson moved and Weis seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the School Board, along with the topic descriptions listed on the submitted requests:

- Elle Wright - Legislative agenda

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Almos reported on the following, as [linked](#).

School Board Member Reports

Committees

- Facilities - Director Weis reported the meeting was July 13. Discussed expanded areas of FAQ's on our website, as well as Let's Chat and community outreach plan.
- Policy - Director Anderson reported the next meeting will be July 20 at 4:15.
- Superintendent Evaluation - Vice Chair Steinbrecher reported the link was sent for the Superintendent evaluation. Return the evaluation by July 16, then results will be compiled.

Appointments

- NWSISD - Director Hamlin reported no update. Aug. 19 is the next meeting which will be a work session.
- Minnesota State High School League - No update.
- Association of Metropolitan School Districts - Director Hamlin reported some new laws were passed recently. One is using an anonymous reporting system, which we already have. The next meeting is Aug. 7.
- District Advisory Committee (Curriculum) - Director Freiberg reported there will be a meeting this September. No update as of yet on Schoology.

Governance

Faculty and Staff

- 26-02 Weis moved and Anderson seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the School Board Committee to deny the April 6, 2026, grievance heard on June 22, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

Operations

Resolution Calling Special Election

- 26-03 Weis moved and Hamlin seconded the motion to approve the resolution calling a special election to authorize the issuance of school building bonds and to approve a capital project levy authorization, as [attached](#).

Superintendent Almos presented the culmination of discussions with Ehlers in the ballot language. The language will all be in one question as the legal terminology is required. More information will be shared at a later date.

On vote being taken for the motion, the following voted in favor: Anderson, Madsen, Steinbrecher, Weis, Hamlin; against: Freiberg. The motion was declared passed 5-1.

Consent Agenda

- 26-04 Weis moved and Hamlin seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2026, as [linked](#).
 - June Check Register as [linked](#).
 - Resignations, terminations, layoffs, leaves of absence, certified staff appointments, athletic and activity appointments, and classified staff appointments as [linked](#).
 - Authorize the following individuals to obtain district purchase cards: Lydia Liljenquist, American Indian Education Specialist, Handle Family Center; and Alissa Ostroot, Administrative Assistant, Rogers High School.
 - Recommend the School Board approve the [March 2026](#), [April 2026](#), [May 2026](#), and [June 2026](#) Purchase Card Reports.
 - Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 14, 2026, at 6 p.m., at the School District Office as part of the Regular School Board Meeting.
 - Rescind the portion of Motion #25-115 from the Regular Business Meeting of May 26, 2026, in which the Board adopted the resolution to terminate the probationary contract of Kaitlin R. Ballantine, Dayna C. Jerome and Sara R. Yarand.
 - Financial reports for [April 2026](#) as linked and [May 2026](#) as linked.
 - The 2026-2027 membership in the Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) in the amount of \$11,893.00.
 - The 2026-2027 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of Elk River, Rogers, and Zimmerman High schools located in the State of Minnesota delegates the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic activities and athletics (referred to in MN

Statutes, Section 128C.01) to the Minnesota State High School League, and so hereby certifies to the State Commissioner of Education as provided for by Minnesota Statutes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school listed is authorized by this, the Governing Board of said school district or school to renew its membership in the Minnesota State High School League; and to participate in the approved interscholastic activities and athletics sponsored by said League and its various subdivisions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Governing Board or Entity hereby adopts the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations of said League and all amendments thereto as the same as are published in the latest edition of the League's Official Handbook, on file at the office of the school district or school, or as appears on the League's website, as the minimum standards governing participation in said League-sponsored activities and athletics. Further, the administration and responsibility for determining student eligibility and for the supervision of such activities and athletics are assigned to the official representatives identified by this Governing Board or Entity.

The motion passed unanimously.

26-05 Weis moved and Madsen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Jody Martin
MINDY FREIBERG, SCHOOL BOARD CLERK