

The Work Session of the Board of Education was called to order by President Erin Nowak at 6:00 PM.

Present: Amanda Allen, Julia Awe, Linda Baker, Ross Daniels, Erin Nowak, Elizabeth Ogreen, Melissa Patch

Absent: None

Administration Present: Nikki Nash, Brian Leonard, Mandi Zaborowski, Kerrie Bass

Pledge of Allegiance: President Nowak led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda: President Nowak proposed amending this evening's agenda by removing Item 6.a - Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Update; this update will be presented at a later date. Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Patch, to approve the agenda as amended. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch
Absent: NONE

Public Comment: Public Comment was offered.

Discussion/
Presentation:

October Budget Report & Summer Tax Resolution

Mandi Zaborowski, Director of Finance & Business, provided the Board with a review of the budget as of October 2026. The Board Members were also provided a brief overview of the Summer Tax Resolution which is being voted on this evening. Board comments and questions were received.

Fall Data Report on Reading and Math Testing

Nikki Nash, Superintendent, provided the Board with a review of the 2026 Fall Benchmark Data Report and outlined areas of success and areas where improvement is needed. This report also included an overview of the NWEA Fall to Fall growth as well as the Spring 2026 State Assessments for M-STEP, PSAT and SAT. Board comments and questions were received and answered.

Section 31aa Update

Nikki Nash, Superintendent, provided the Board with an update on Section 31aa Funding. Since the last update in November 2025, the Legislature revised Section 31aa for the 2026/27 State Fiscal Year into two separate components: (1) a mental health portion, through which eligible schools may receive up to \$73.53 per pupil for student mental health activities, and (2) a student safety portion, through which eligible schools may receive up to \$147.06 per pupil for student safety activities. The investigation and privilege-waiver requirements apply only to the student safety funding, not the mental health funding. Schools may opt in to receive the mental health funding without accepting the statutory conditions. Schools who opt in to receive the student safety funding will, however, be subject to the statutory privilege waiver. Board comments and questions were received. The action item regarding this (Item 9.b) will be tabled this evening and moved to the November 2, 2026 meeting to give the Board time to thoroughly review and ask any questions needed to make an informed decision.

Work Session: **Policy Committee - Fall 2026 Policy Update**

Superintendent Nash provided the Board with a review of the regular bi-annual policy updates, Vol. 41, No. 1 - September 2026, which are up for first reading this evening.

Policy Update - First Reading: The Board was presented with the First Reading of the following Policies:

- **Vol. 41, No. 1 - September 2026**
 - po0100 - DEFINITIONS (Revised)
 - po0154 - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ACTIONS (Replacement)
 - po0164.1 - MEETINGS (Revised)
 - po0164.2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS (Rescind)
 - po0164.3 - EMERGENCY MEETINGS (Rescind)
 - po0165.1 - REGULAR MEETINGS (Rescind)
 - po0165.2 - CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETINGS (Rescind)
 - po0165.3 - SPECIAL MEETINGS (Rescind)
 - po0165.4 - EMERGENCY MEETINGS (Rescind)
 - po0165.5 - RECESS (Rescind)
 - po0165.6 - CANCELLATION (Rescind)
 - po2370.02 - VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION DAYS (New)
 - po2623 - STUDENT ASSESSMENT (Revised)
 - po3310 - FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN NON-OFFICIAL DUTY SETTINGS (Revised)
 - po4310 - FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN NON-OFFICIAL DUTY SETTINGS (Revised)
 - po5111.01 - HOMELESS STUDENTS (Revised)
 - po5330.01 - EPINEPHRINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS (Revised)
 - po5460 - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (Revised)
 - po5830 - STUDENT FUNDRAISING (Revised)
 - po6605 - CROWDFUNDING (Revised)
 - po6700 - FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA) (Revised)
 - po7230 - GIFTS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS (Revised)
 - po7540.03 - STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY (Revised)
 - po7540.04 - STAFF TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY (Revised)
 - po7540.09 - ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ("AI") (Revised)
 - po8310 - PUBLIC RECORDS (Revised)
 - po8320 - PERSONNEL FILES (Revised)
 - po8321 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SECURITY (NON-CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY) (Revised)
 - po8330 - STUDENT RECORDS (Revised)
 - po8420 - EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AT SCHOOLS (Revised)
 - po8510 - WELLNESS (Revised)
 - po9211 - DISTRICT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS (Rescind)
 - po9215 - SCHOOL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS (SSOs) (Renumbered/Replacement)

Summer Tax Resolution: Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the Summer Tax Resolution as presented. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch
Absent: NONE

Consent Agenda: Motion by Member Daniels, with support from Member Awe, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch
Absent: NONE

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. Approval of the September 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the October 5, 2026 Work Session Minutes.
2. Approval of the Payroll Change Register for September 2026.
3. Approval of the September 1 - 30, 2026 Accounts Payable Check Register totaling \$1,564,436.24
4. Approval of Bond Invoice Payment Report totaling \$808,648.64
5. Employee Appointments: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following new employee appointments:
 - Jenny DeRosia- 4th grade teacher, Park Elementary

Board Calendar: President Nowak reviewed upcoming events with the Board.

Board Comment: Board comment was offered and received.

Adjournment: Motion by Member Patch, with support from Member Daniels, to adjourn the meeting. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch
Absent: NONE

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Patch, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary