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Joint Powers Meeting Summary

Date: August 3, 2026

Time: 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Location: Conference Room A, District Office

Attendees

Dr. Wehrkamp Herman; Carrie Tate; Melissa Millner; Jen Seubert; LynDee Humble; and Phillip Biermaier by video conference.

Purpose

Review the Hastings Civic Arena locker room agreement dated June 14, 2001 as well as memorandums dated January 15, 1999; March 11, 1999; April 1, 1999; April 15, 1999; September 13–15, 1999; and discuss responsibilities related to the District's use of the facility.

Discussion Summary

Joint Powers discussions with the City of Hastings have included the City's request that the District participate in funding capital improvements at the Hastings Civic Arena, including roof replacement to the high school locker room area, as well as a potential HVAC system for the locker room and East rink board replacement projects.

The District's legal counsel had previously confirmed that, under Minnesota law, the District is prohibited from funding capital improvements to facilities it does not own. This statutory limitation has been discussed with the City during previous projects.

The District's legal counsel reviewed the historical agreements and advised that the documents do not clearly assign responsibility for repairs or capital improvements. Members discussed the importance of revisiting the agreement to better define each party's responsibilities moving forward.

Several potential options were discussed, including:

- Revising the use of the dedicated locker room space so it could serve all arena users rather than remaining exclusive to the District's high school hockey program.
- Evaluating the financial impact of any future increases from the City to the District's already increased ice rental fees over what all other users pay. (The District already pays a \$55 premium per hour above all other users of the arena)
- Exploring alternative ice rental locations and comparing regional rental rates.
 - An extreme example - the Tria rink rates range from \$190 - 255 per hour versus our \$325 per hour base ice fee at the Hasting Civic Arena (this fee does not include what we pay for the locker room exclusive use rental fee and cleaning fees after games)
- Considering future facility planning opportunities, including potential partnerships, private donations, or inclusion in a future bond referendum for a combined hockey and gymnastics facility and other District facility needs.

Next Steps

The committee will continue gathering information before making any recommendations, including:

- Consulting with the Athletic Director.
- Collecting and comparing ice rental rates from nearby facilities.
- Discuss with full school board about meeting with hockey parents/boosters to inform them of the what is happening and cost impacts.
- Utilizing the UHL rink when we can.
- Reviewing additional information and options presented by City representatives at the next Joint Powers meeting.

Next Joint Powers Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.