

Superintendent Comments
Regular Board Meeting
September 22, 2026
5:00p.m.

1. Transportation Update
This is informational only and does not require board action. I will have information to present on the current status of the buses including student routing as well as timelines for updating existing routes into their final form. This will be public comment, so hopefully this will address some of the concerns.
2. Truth in Taxation Hearing Date
Each year any taxing entity including school districts must hold a Truth in Taxation meeting prior to approving the final levy later this year. **I recommend a motion to approve the TNT date as Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** This coincides with the board workshop and it cannot be held earlier than 6:00 p.m.
3. Approve Proposed Levy Certification
I recommend a motion to set the 2026 Pay 2027 Preliminary Levy at “maximum”. By doing so, districts retain flexibility as changes are made through the fall to the levy systems.
4. Approve Health Insurance Bid
The school district health insurance renewal is Jan. 1, 2027. We are required to call for bids for health insurance at least every two years. There were five carriers who submitted proposals. The Labor Management Council met multiple times and pared it down to two competing proposals. **The recommendation from that group is to accept the proposal from BCBS of MN.** BCBS has been our provider for the last six years. The first year has an increase of 6.7% and there is a 19% rate cap for year two.
5. Approve MSBA 2026 Legislative Policy Updates
I recommend a motion to approve the list of policies as presented.
6. Cell Phone Policy Review
The members of the agenda committee requested that we review the current Cell Phone Policy. There is an interest in examining the possibility of banning cell phones for students during the school day.
7. Strategic Plan Update
Emily Seefeldt will have a presentation. No action required.