

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 622
NORTH ST. PAUL-MAPLEWOOD-OAKDALE SCHOOLS
ISD 622 EDUCATION CENTER

Regular Meeting
SCHOOL BOARD
JANUARY 26, 2026

Chair Yang called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM with the following present: Clerk Livingston, Treasurer Swor, Directors Nitardy, Yener, and Rosemark, Superintendent Tucci Osorio, and Student Board Representatives Orozco. Arriving at 6:09 PM PM Vice-Chair Anderson.

Others present were: Andrew Beaton, Assistant Superintendent; Tricia St. Michaels, Assistant Superintendent; Sara Guyette, Director of Operations; Amylee Yang, Director of Human Resources; Steph Goeken, 622 Online/AHS principal; Kevin Wolff, North principal; Bethany DeCent, Tartan principal; Heidi Leigh, Director of Teaching and Learning; Ibrahim Abukar, Multilingual Learners Supervisory; and May Her, Executive Assistant.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Achievement awards recognized North and Tartan students involved in athletics and activities: Matt Bono, Maya Forsberg, Anna Mishler, Frances Baldwin, Malik Hassan, and Harper Henry.

Director Swor was also recognized for her completion of MSBA school board courses.

(Anderson arrived during the Achievement awards)

Livingston moved and Yener seconded the following motion, which carried on a 6 – 0 vote:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

During the Public Comment portion, Yennifer Gomez, Veronica Green, Kristin Kayback, and Allison Olley addressed the Board regarding concerns about remote learning.

Yener moved and Swor seconded the following resolution, which carried on a 7 – 0 vote:
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 622 that the following Consent Agenda Items, V.A. through V.C and V.E through V.G., be approved as written, and a copy of the agenda items is attached to the minutes.

The Consent Agenda was considered. Swor requested that Item IV.D., Routine Personnel, be removed for discussion. Swor recognized Isabelle Davies and her work with Freedom Schools. Nitardy moved and Anderson seconded the following resolution, which carried on a 7 – 0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 622 that the following Consent Agenda Item, V.D., be approved as written, and a copy of the agenda items is attached to the minutes.

Tartan High Student Representative Rodriguez reported on the following: Rodriguez gave a sports update which included a boys volleyball tournament and swim meet this week, boys basketball, ranking first in the conference and junior Kevin Wilson Jr is the 11th player in Tartan history to reach 1000 points, boys hockey had a game this week, and dance completed their last competition for this season. This week Tartan kicked off with FUSE week, Fun Unity Support and Empowerment week, being celebrated with a pep fest and dress-up days. Student Council is hosting a food drive running through the end of this week. There was a student walk-out. Rodriguez wanted to thank the district for allowing students to participate in remote learning.

North High Student Representative Orozco reported on the following: Due to Orozco's absence, Rodriguez read Orozco's report. Orozco reported on sports and activities which included attending a boys basketball game against Tartan and a hockey game, Show Choir competed in their first competition, and the Debate Team competed at a MSHSL competition. Upcoming events include a talent show and the BSU Black History Month showcase.

Wolff, Goeken, DeCent reported on highlights at the high school level.

(Nitardy left during the high school presentation)

Abukar presented on a districtwide update on Multilingual Learners (MLs) in ISD 622, including how students are identified and exit, who our ML students are, the languages they speak, and service models across K-12. It also highlights enrollment trends, progress toward English language proficiency, staffing, and family engagements.

Tuccio Osorio gave an update on ICE responses.

Swor moved and C. Anderson seconded the following resolution, which carried on a 6 - 0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 622 that the School Board accept with appreciation the following contributions and permit their use as designated by the donors.

Donor	Item/Amount	Purpose
East Metro Stars Youth Hockey Association	\$750.00	North/Tartan Adapted Floor Hockey

Total fiscal year 2025-2026 monetary contributions: \$25,915.86

Livingston moved and Rosemark seconded the following resolution, which carried on a 6 - 0 roll call vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 622 that the 2025-2027 BIS Agreement be approved.

(Livingston momentarily left and missed the vote for policy revisions)

Swor moved and Anderson seconded the following resolution, which carried on a 5 – 0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District #622 hereby revises the following policies;

- 306 (Code of Ethics and Behaviors)
- 417 (Chemical Use & Abuse)
- 513 (Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design)
- 519 (Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies)
- 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals)
- 606 (Textbooks and Instructional Materials)
- 616 (School District System Accountability)
- 621 (Literacy and the READ Act)
- 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)
- 712 (Video & Electronic Surveillance Other Than On School Transportation Vehicles)
- 722 (Public Data Request)

Livingston moved and Swor seconded the following resolution, which carried on a 6 – 0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 622 that the two-year salary increases for non-unit hourly employees of North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale be approved.

(Livingston momentarily left and missed the BIS resolution and returned in time for the AHS resolution)

Anderson moved and Livingston seconded the following resolution, which carried on a 6 – 0 vote:

Approve the official naming of *622 Alternative High School* as Ascend High School (AHS), effective the 2026–2027 school year, and direct administration to complete all required Minnesota Department of Education processes and implementation steps.

Yang asked board members to set the agenda and location for the February 7, 2026 Board Retreat. Yener moved and Swor seconded the following motion, which carried on a 6 – 0 vote:

THAT the February 7, 2026 Board Retreat begin at 9:00 AM in the principal conference room at Skyview Middle School with the following agenda items:
1)Budget Planning 2)Teambulding; and 3)Superintendent Check-In.

During Board Communications, the following items were shared:

- Rosemark attended a Landfall community meeting where residents expressed concerns with immigration activity. Rosemark also attended the Richardson Hmong New Year celebration.
- Livingston wanted to remind people that precinct caucuses will be held on February 3.
- Anderson attended the Hmong New Year at Richardson. He enjoyed the conversations had with other volunteers and is proud of the diverse group of people who came out to the Hmong New Year.
- Yener thanked everyone who works in public education.
- Swor also attended the Hmong New Year at Richardson and just enrolled her son at Richardson. Swor was amazed by the show of support during the Hmong New Year. Swor thanked everyone for the great work they are doing.
- Yang shared in the sentiments expressed tonight by the rest of the Board.

Swor moved and Rosemark seconded the following motion, which carried:
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Clerk

Public notice for solicitation of bids, requests for quotes and requests for proposals are located on the ISD 622 website, www.isd622.org.