

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT 917
Organizational and Regular School Board Meeting

A School Board Meeting of the Intermediate School District 917 was held in the 917 Board Room at Dakota County Technical College on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:10 PM.

Members Present: Lesley Chester, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, and ex officio member Dr. Michael Favor.

Members Absent: Kyle Christensen, Kim Baker

Also Present: Mark Johns, Melissa Schaller, Brooke Peterson, Kate Hulse, Melissa Torres, Nicole Flesner, and Dr. Frank Herman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Chair Cindy Nordstrom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in the work session prior to this meeting.

1. Motion by Lesley Chester, seconded by Dawn Steigauf, to approve the agenda. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, and Byron Schwab. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Byron Schwab, seconded by Lisa Ehleringer to approve the consent items, as presented. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, and Byron Schwab. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.

- **Minutes:** April 7, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting

Personnel:

NEW HIRES:

Tigist Kifle, Education Support Professional, effective April 13, 2026.

Jean Lourdmy, School Nurse, effective March 30, 2026.

Toni Melville, Education Support Specialist, effective April 20, 2026.

RE-HIRES:

CHANGE IN STATUS:

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

RESIGNATION & TERMINATIONS:

Bailey Bahnsen, Education Support Specialist, effective April 10, 2026.

Emma Buchanon, Teacher, effective June 11, 2026.

RETIREMENT:

Michelle Dodge, Interpreter, effective June 3, 2026.

Debra Merritt, Accounts Payable, effective May 22, 2026.

3. Motion by Lesley Chester, seconded by Lisa Ehleringer to approve the following policies on a first and final reading: 202 School Board Officers, 408 Subpoena of a School District, 412 Expense Reimbursement, 415 Mandated Reporting, 47 Chemical Use and Abuse Policy, 560 Student Gender Inclusion. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, and Byron Schwab. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Monica Weber, seconded by Byron Schwab, to approve the bills from March 28, 2026, through April 24, 2026, Investment Report, Direct Deposits, and Wire transfers as presented by the Director of

Finance. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, and Byron Schwab. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.

Mark Johns presented on the Preliminary Budget for FY27 to be presented to the board in June 2026 and the Levy Allocations for 2026 payable 2027-2028..

5. Motion by Byron Schwab, seconded by Mark Zuzek, to approve the Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan and Resolution as presented by Mark Johns. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, and Byron Schwab. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Mark Zuzek, seconded by Lesley Chester, to approve the DCALS MAPP Star Field Trip as presented by Dr. Frank Herman. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, and Byron Schwab. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Lisa Ehleringer, seconded by Mark Zuzek, to approve the Resolution for Licensed Staff and Interpreters as presented by Dr. Favor Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, and Byron Schwab. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Lesley Chester, seconded by Byron Schwab, to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Lisa Ehleringer, Mark Zuzek, Dawn Steigauf, Monica Weber, Cindy Nordstrom, and Byron Schwab. Voting naye: none. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM

The next regular School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 5:45 PM.

Clerk