

Regular School Board Meeting, February 23, 2026

The Board of Independent School District 308 met on Monday, February 23, 2026, in the Media Center and via Zoom. Chair Dave McGee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ben Hass, Andy Lindow, Karrin Lidow, Dave McGee, Jennifer McNamee, Aimee Plumley and student representatives Adeline Bjorklund.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Karrin Lindow to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Andy Lindow to approve the financial reports as presented by Tom Haldeman, Accounts Payable Clerk, with a cash balance at the end of January of \$1,943,467.33. The Payment Register and payment of claims were approved in the amount of \$163,531.45. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Jen McNamee to approve the following consent agenda items: donations as follows -

Robotics

Hackensack Lions Club	\$1,000.00
Team Industries	3,000.00

Hallway Poster Grant (Casey Swenson)

Carlton County	700.00
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for a total of \$4,700.00; minutes of the regular school board meeting held January 26, 2026; minutes of the school board work session held February 17, 2026; minutes of special school board meeting held February 17, 2026; work agreement with Tim Coy, regular route bus driver effective February 17, 2026; K-12 Academic and Early Childhood calendars for school year 2026-2027; overnight field trip requests for Robotics Team 3102 to travel to Duluth March 4-7, 2026 and Sevierville, Tennessee March 16-22, 2026 for regional competitions; overnight field trip request for Math League State Competition in Minneapolis March 15-16; acknowledgment of annual compliance / vote of concurrence by the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC); retirement of Thomas Ahrendt, 7-12 mathematics teacher, effective May 27, 2026; and first and final readings of School Board Policies 211, 401, 404, 405, 418, 420, 427, and 520 reflecting updates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Jen McNamee to approve a contract with Shawn Klimek as interim elementary principal, effective January 20, 2026 through May 26, 2026, with compensation of \$6,300.00 to be paid in six equal payments over the balance of the school year. On a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Aimee Plumley to approve the revised budget for FY2026 with revenue in the amount of \$10,176,429.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$9,998,065.00.

On a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Student representative Adeline Bjorklund reported Snow Days was held February 2-7 with the week beginning with the coronation of Taylor Monroe as queen and Robert Lindow as king. There were dress up days throughout the week and an afternoon of activities for students in grades 6-12 which included Ultimate Elimination and BINGO. The week ended with semi-formal dances for students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 on Saturday night, February 7. The varsity girls basketball team is currently 11-10 and ranked 4th in the west bracket of the section. Playoffs for the girls begin February 26. The varsity boys basketball team's current record is 21-3 and ranked 1st in the west bracket of the section. Playoffs for the boys begin March 5. The co-op teams of wrestling, hockey and gymnastics have ended their seasons with no Nevis athletes advancing. Vocal and instrumental ensemble contest was held in Bagley February 25 with two vocal groups, a flute trio, and jazz band performing.

Board members reported attending committee meetings for PAWN, Up North Learning Center, Wellness and Building. Chair McGee and Jen McNamee represented the Board in a listening session held prior to the meeting where a group of parents expressed their concerns regarding the availability of gym space.

Certified staff representative Hannah DeLaHunt reported the first grade classes completed their 'Heart Around the World' project receiving correspondence from 48 states and numerous countries. Read Across America activities will be held March 2-6 for students grades K-5 with a theme of *Read Around the World*. Second grade students have been sending Flat Stanley out to friends and family. Mr. Franck's science classes are working on topographical mapping projects. Tenth grade students in Mrs. Buckholtz's and Ms. Mowder's English classes will be going to the Guthrie Theater to see *Macbeth* March 4. Junior high band students - Alex Norton, Tatum Torma, and Will Wroblewski will be attending Honor Band at Minnesota State University Moorhead February 26. And, Mrs. Carrier's 7th/8th grade book club will be hosting Margi Preus, the author of their latest read, *Enchantment Lake*.

Superintendent Seykora reported the 2nd Bag Breakfast has started for students in grades 9-12. This program allows students to pick up a sack breakfast at the end of first period. The program is free if students have not eaten a breakfast that day, or for a \$3.00 charge if they had already had a breakfast. Appreciation Day for bus driver's will feature a breakfast served to them after their routes February 24. And the CAIT meeting will be held February 24 with the focus on literacy. Design concepts have been received from ICS for the proposed building project. Superintendent Seykora has met with small

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groups of staff including teachers, kitchen staff, bus drivers, educational assistants, and custodians to review the plan and gain feedback.

Motion by Ben Hass, second by Karrin Lindow to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Plumley, Clerk