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Joint Powers Meeting

April 14, 2026

7:30 – 9:00 AM

Tilden, Room 117

Attendees:

Dr. Wehrkamp Herman, LynDee Humble, Jen Seubert, Carrie Tate, Phil Beirmaier, Melissa Millner, Kari Gorr (remote), Dan Wietcha, Chris Jenkins, DawnMarie Vihrachoff, Mya Beck, Tim Lawrence

Meeting Summary

1. Joint Maintenance Facility Lease & M&O Agreement

Both parties reviewed the contract in detail and agreed to revise language to ensure clarity, consistency, and long-term usability.

Key discussion points:

- **Section 9:** Discrepancy identified regarding payment timelines in the event of contract termination.
- **Section 10:** Written notifications must be provided to both the Superintendent and the Business Manager.
- **Section 16:** Consideration of removing the term “property”; legal counsel will be consulted.
- **Definitions:** Clarification needed for “property” and “facility,” including whether these terms encompass structures such as parking lots, fencing, concrete surfaces, storage bins, and gate systems.
- **Sections 6 & 19:** Minor grammatical revisions required.
- **Section 20:** Unresolved issues will escalate first to the Joint Powers Committee, and if still unresolved, to the full City and School District boards.
- **Sections 23 & 29:** Redundant language identified. Section 29 will be removed, and Section 30 renumbered accordingly.

2. Capital Projects & Major Maintenance: Planning and Coordination

Joint Maintenance Facility:

- Roof replacement anticipated within the next few years; contractors are evaluating replacement options.
- Additional costs expected for removal and reinstallation of rooftop equipment.
- The **Make-Up Air Unit** requires replacement due to malfunction (currently not activating when CO₂ levels rise).
- **Eurothane caulking** is needed at the joints of the tilt-up concrete wall panels.
- Estimated total cost: **\$772,000**, with a proposed **45/55 cost split (District/City)**.

Varsity Hockey Locker Rooms – Civic Arena:

- City Administrator Dan Wietecha reported that the air handling system and roof section above the locker rooms require replacement.
- Current estimate: **\$245,000** (based on an outdated quote; actual costs likely higher).
- Tentative project timeline: **2027**, with some flexibility.
- The City maintains that the School District is responsible for these costs based on a prior agreement.
- The District clarified that it cannot legally fund capital improvements for a facility it does not own.
- The City indicated that, if costs are not directly covered, they may be addressed through an increase in the lease agreement.

3. Community & Regional Partnerships

The School Board emphasized the importance of strengthening communication not only with the City (via the Joint Powers Committee), but also with surrounding towns and townships served by the District.

Suggested focus areas:

- Tax-related communication
- Road construction coordination
- Transportation/bussing considerations
- Other shared community priorities

4. City & School District Updates

- Mr. Wietecha reported on a joint meeting with MnDOT regarding adjustments to the East Todd Field wall. The wall will be moved inward to accommodate proper turn-lane design as part of the Highway 61 project.
- MnDOT will replace and assume ownership of the wall. Any additional aesthetic enhancements would be at the District's expense.
- The **Highway 61 project** is currently scheduled for **Spring–November 2028**.

Next Meeting

July 14, 2026
7:30 – 9:00 AM
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