

**Minutes**  
**School Board Business Meeting**  
**Fridley Independent School District 14**  
**February 17, 2026**

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Chair Karnopp called the Business Meeting of the Fridley School Board to order at 7:40 PM on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the Fridley Community Center. The following Board members were present in the room: Nikki Auna, Sara Jones, Jake Karnopp, Sara Schreiner, Avonna Starck, and Pajjar Yang. Absent: Student representatives Aiyanna Shobe & Malik Bah

**Approval of the Agenda with Suggested Motions and Resolutions**

Motion by Starck, seconded by Jones, to approve the agenda for February 17, 2026. Upon a vote being taken, all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

**Superintendent and Staff Reports**

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Lewis reviewed the monthly financial status, the Statutory Operating Debt handout and module 1: Statutory Operating Debt: Understanding our current situation and path forward. Advisor for Youth in Government (YIG), Steve Holt introduced students: Eleanor Auna, Amera Husein, and Sophia Good who presented on Fridley's group of YIG students and the recent convention at the Capitol. Josh Callahan, Natasha Spry, and Jayna Gunderson presented on the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee, its goals, and the concurrent vote. Aloda Sims presented on Black History Month and African American Parent Involvement Day. Superintendent Lewis thanked the many donors for contributing to our efforts to provide funds, supplies for families and students affected by the ICE raids in MN. Superintendent Lewis thanked our School Counselors for their work with our students and families. Superintendent Lewis presented a proposed legislation that would allow districts to continue to count students in ADM if they were enrolled as of Jan 1, 2026 and did not enroll in another district. Superintendent Lewis shared she would be testifying on the House Education Policy Committee about Prohibiting ICE Agents from Schools; for the House Education Finance Committee on the impact of ICE on schools; and on the Senate Education Finance Committee on the impact of ICE on schools. Superintendent Lewis gave an overview of the AMSD Legislative Preview. Board Vice Chair Jones gave an update on the recent NE Metro 916 Board Meetings. Board Treasurer Auna gave an update on the NWSISD Board Meeting.

**Business Action Items**

A. RESOLUTION Accepting Gifts

Motion by Schreiner, seconded by Auna to accept the gifts and thank the donors for their contributions. Upon a roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

**B. Motion: Approval of the FCC Basement Project Bids**

Motion by Jones, seconded by Yang to award the bid for the FCC Basement Project to CM Construction. Upon a vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Starck, seconded by Schreiner to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the business meeting held on January 20 and the special meeting held on February 6; New Contracts, Amendments, Leaves of Absence, Resignations and Terminations; Overnight Field Trip for Robotics to the Northern Lights Regional FIRST robotics competition March 4-7, 2026 in Duluth and to the Iowa Regional FIRST robotics competition March 25-29, 2026 in Cedar Falls, Iowa; American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) Vote of Concurrence and Annual Compliance Submission (2025–26); Iowa recertification for Superintendent Brenda Lewis. Upon a vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

**Important Future School Board Dates**

- a. FHS Adapted Bowling Begins  
February 23, 2026
- b. Preschool Welcome Night  
February 24, 2026 5-6:30 PM  
Fridley Community Center
- c. FMS Winter Band & Choir Concert  
February 24, 2026 7:00 PM  
FMS Gym
- d. 2nd Grade Choir Concert  
February 26, 2026 5:30 PM  
Stevenson Elementary
- e. FHS Open Mic Night  
February 26, 2026 7:00 PM  
District Auditorium
- f. FHS Badminton Begins  
March 2, 2026
- g. IB Silver Platter Breakfast  
March 2, 2026 7:30 AM  
Fridley High School
- h. FHS and FMS Jazz Band Concert  
March 2, 2026 7:00 PM  
FMS Cafeteria

- i. Spring Conferences  
March 3, 2026 4-7:20 PM  
Stevenson Elementary
- j. VISTA Family Night  
March 11, 2026 5-7 PM  
VISTA Elementary
- k. FMS Musical "Addams Family Jr"  
March 11 and March 14, 2026 7:00 PM  
District Auditorium
- l. FMS Musical "Addams Family Jr"  
March 15, 2026 2:00 PM  
District Auditorium
- m. FHS Boys Volleyball, Baseball and Boys/Girls Golf begins  
March 16, 2026
- n. Fridley Public Schools School Board Meeting  
March 17, 2026  
Fridley Community Center  
7:00 PM Public Forum  
7:30 PM Business Meeting

**Adjournment**

Motion by Auna, seconded by Starck to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Upon a vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

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Jake Karnopp, Board Chair

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Avonna Starck, Board Clerk