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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting - June 23, 2025 - 5:30 PM
Creekside
16000 41st Ave N.
Plymouth, MN 55446

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In accordance with MN Statute 13D.01, some members may be attending via interactive technology.



Board of Education
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AGENDA SECTION: Call to Order

ITEM: Roll Call Attendance

COMMENTS BY: Milind Sohoni, Board Chair

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Heidi Kader	_____	_____
Sheila Prior	_____	_____
Sarah Johansen	_____	_____
Paras Bhende	_____	_____
Valentina Eyres	_____	_____
Dan Ginestra	_____	_____
Milind Sohoni	_____	_____
Chace Anderson, ex-officio	_____	_____



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AGENDA SECTION: Approval of Agenda Items

ITEM: Approval of Agenda Items

COMMENTS BY: Milind Sohoni, Board Chair

Recommended Action: Approve the full agenda as presented.

Motion by: _____

ROLL CALL

Passed: _____

Second by: _____

Failed: _____

Abstentions: _____



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AGENDA SECTION: Administrative Reports

ITEM: MDE Iowa Reauthorization Resolution

COMMENTS BY: Chace B. Anderson, Superintendent

The Minnesota Department of Education requires that school districts must annually designate an Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) to comply with the MNIT Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external user’s access to MDE secure systems for their local education agency (LEA). The Board recommends to authorize Chace Anderson to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for Wayzata Public School District 0284-01.

Recommended Action: Approve the attached resolution naming Chace Anderson to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for Wayzata Public School District.

Motion by: _____

ROLL CALL

Passed: _____

Second by: _____

Failed: _____

Abstentions: _____



District Administrative Offices

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Education Identity and Access Management Board Resolution

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board (PELSB), and Office of Higher Education (OHE) require annual designation of an Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for each local educational agency that uses the Education Identity and Access Management (EDIAM) system. The IOwA is responsible for authorizing, reviewing, and recertifying user access for their local educational agency in accordance with the State of Minnesota Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard, which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The IOwA will authorize user access to State of Minnesota Education secure systems in accordance with the user's assigned job duties, and will revoke that user's access when it is no longer needed to perform their job duties.

Your school board or equivalent governing board must designate an IOwA to authorize user access to State of Minnesota Education secure websites for your organization. This EDIAM board resolution must be completed and submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education annually, as well as any time there is a change in the assignment of the Identified Official with Authority.

It is strongly recommended that only one person at the local educational agency or organization (the superintendent or exec. director) is designated as the IOwA. The IOwA will grant the IOwA Proxy role(s).

Designation of the Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity and Access Management

Organization Name: _____

6-Digit or 9-Digit Organization Number (e.g. 1234-01 or 1234-01-000): _____

Superintendent or Exec. Director Name: Chace B. Anderson

Will act as the IOwA? Yes No

If no, identify below the individual who will act as the IOwA for your organization.

The Superintendent or Exec. Director recommends the Board authorize the below named individual(s) to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for this organization:

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Board Member Signature:

Name: _____

Date: _____



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AGENDA SECTION: Finance and Operations Recommendations

ITEM: Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Budget

COMMENTS BY: David Draskovich, Director of Finance

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Preliminary Budget

The District administration recommends the following revenue and expenditure budget, by fund, for the 2025-26 fiscal year:

2025-26 Preliminary Budgets (All Funds)			
	2024-25 Revised Budget	Change	2025-26 Preliminary Budget
Revenue			
General Fund (Fund 01)	\$221,253,035	\$10,469,077	\$231,722,112
Wayzata Cafes (Fund 02)	\$988,012	\$322,223	\$10,310,235
Community Ed (Fund 04)	\$15,425,638	\$1,487,914	\$16,913,552
Construction (Fund 06)	\$291,000	-\$291,000	\$0
Debt Service (Fund 07)	\$17,741,354	\$985,266	\$18,726,620
Total Revenues	\$264,699,039	\$12,973,480	\$277,672,519
Expenditures			
General Fund (Fund 01)	\$223,572,692	\$13,723,185	\$237,296,147
Wayzata Cafes (Fund 02)	\$9,908,581	\$1,679,942	\$11,588,523
Community Ed (Fund 04)	\$15,225,805	\$1,570,016	\$16,795,821
Construction (Fund 06)	\$4,500,000	-\$2,670,000	\$1,830,000
Debt Service (Fund 07)	\$17,511,400	\$900,625	\$18,412,075
Total Expenditures	\$270,718,748	\$15,203,818	\$285,922,566

Recommended Action: Approve the preliminary budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Motion by: _____

ROLL CALL

Passed:

Second by: _____

Failed:



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AGENDA SECTION: Other Board Action

ITEM: Even Year Elections

COMMENTS BY: Milind Sohoni, Board Chair

This item is brought forward to establish if the Wayzata School Board will be pursuing changing from odd-year to even-year elections. Should this initial vote pass, the School Board will vote on which of the two resolutions it plans to pursue. Should the vote on changing from odd-year to even-year elections not pass, there will not be a follow-on vote on the election resolutions.

Motion Statement: Approve moving Wayzata School Board Elections from odd-year to even-year elections.

Motion by: _____

ROLL CALL

Passed: _____

Second by: _____

Failed: _____

Abstentions: _____



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AGENDA SECTION: Other Board Action

ITEM: Even Year Elections- One (1) Year Extension Resolution

COMMENTS BY: Milind Sohoni, Board Chair

Resolution providing that School Board General Elections held after 2023 shall be held on the even-numbered years

In accordance with the attached resolution, the Wayzata Public Schools School Board shall extend the current director member terms by one (1) year. The term of office of school board members that would otherwise expire on the first Monday of January, 2026 shall be extended to expire on the first Monday in January 2027. The term of office of school board members that would otherwise expire on the first Monday of January, 2028 shall be extended to expire on the first Monday in January 2029.

The school board shall notify the county auditor of its determination to hold its general election in November of the even-numbered year in 2026 and thereafter.

Motion Statement: Adopt the resolution adding one (1) year to all current Wayzata School Board Members terms resulting in even-year elections henceforth.

Motion by: _____

ROLL CALL

Passed: _____

Second by: _____

Failed: _____

Abstentions: _____



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AGENDA SECTION: Other Board Action

ITEM: Even Year Elections- Three (3) Year Term Resolution

COMMENTS BY: Milind Sohoni, Board Chair

Resolution providing that School Board General Elections held in 2025 and 2027 shall be three-year terms and elections held after 2027 shall be held in the even-numbered years

In accordance with the attached resolution, the Wayzata Public Schools School Board shall transition from elections held in odd-numbered year to elections held in even-numbered years. The terms of office of school board members elected in 2025 and 2027 shall be for three years. The term of office of school board members elected in 2028 thereafter would be elected for four-year terms.

The school board shall notify the county auditor of its determination to hold its general election in November of the even-numbered year in 2028 and thereafter.

Motion Statement: Adopt the resolution establishing three-years terms for the school board members elected in 2025 and 2027, and four-year terms for school board members elected in 2028 and thereafter, resulting in even-year elections henceforth.

Motion by: _____

ROLL CALL

Passed: _____

Second by: _____

Failed: _____

Abstentions: _____

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING
OF SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ____
(_____
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a _____ meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. __ was held on the ____ day of _____, 20__, at _____ o'clock __.m.

The following Board members were present:

and the following were absent:

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT
SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL ELECTIONS HELD AFTER 2023
SHALL BE HELD IN THE EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS;
ESTABLISHING A TRANSITION PLAN

WHEREAS, the school board has previously determined that the school district should hold its general election in November of the odd-numbered year in 1999 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the school board now believes that voter participation would be greater and election administration easier if school district general elections were held in conjunction with state general elections in November of the even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, Laws 1994, Chapter 646, Section 26, Subdivision 1, provides that a political subdivision that initially chooses odd-numbered year elections and later determines to change to even-numbered year elections may do so by the adoption of a new resolution that contains an orderly plan for the transition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the school board of Independent School District No. __, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. School board general elections held after 2023 in Independent School District No. __ shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the even-numbered year.

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(_____
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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BE THREE-YEAR TERMS AND ELECTIONS HELD AFTER 2027
SHALL BE HELD IN THE EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS;
ESTABLISHING A TRANSITION PLAN

WHEREAS, the school board has previously determined that the school district should hold its general election in November of the odd-numbered year in 1999 and thereafter; and

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WHEREAS, Laws 1994, Chapter 646, Section 26, Subdivision 1, provides that a political subdivision that initially chooses odd-numbered year elections and later determines to change to even-numbered year elections may do so by the adoption of a new resolution that contains an orderly plan for the transition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the school board of Independent School District No. __, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. In order to establish an orderly transition from elections in the odd-numbered year to elections in the even-numbered year, the terms of office of school board members elected

in 2025 and 2027 shall be three years.

2. School board elections held after 2027 in Independent School District No. ____ shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the even-numbered year. Except as may be necessary to fill a vacancy, school board members elected in 2028 thereafter would be elected for four-year terms.

3. The school board shall notify the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part of its determination to hold its general election in November of the even-numbered year in 2028 and thereafter.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member _____, and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF _____)

I, the undersigned, being the fully qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. ____, State of Minnesota, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. ____, duly called and held on the date therein indicated, so far as such minutes relate to changing from odd-numbered year general elections to even-numbered year general election and that said resolution included therein is a full, true and correct copy of the original thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such Clerk this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Clerk
Independent School District No. ____ (_____)
State of Minnesota



WPS School Board Elections

March 3, 2025



Updated School Board Election Information

May 27, 2025

State Legislature Proposed Changes

- January 30, 2025: Elections Committee Bill introduced in the Senate and is likely to be approved. It would force the remaining 25 odd-year school districts into an even-year election cycle.
- They were mainly concerned at how election turnout in odd years was significantly lower - 10 percent to a high of 28 percent - compared to the 75 percent turnout in an even year.
- Senators Bahr and Cwodzinski introduced—
 - [S.F. No. 634](#): A bill for an act relating to elections; requiring city, town, and school district general elections to be conducted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an even-numbered year; permitting cities of the first class to choose to conduct a general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of either an odd-numbered or even-numbered year; requiring affected cities, towns, and school districts to adopt an orderly transition plan; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 205.07, subdivisions 1, 3; 205.075, subdivision 2; 205A.03, subdivisions 1, 2; 205A.04, subdivision 1; 205A.055, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 205A.04, subdivision 3.
- Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Odd-Year Election Districts

- Anoka-Hennepin
- Bloomington
- Duluth
- East Central (will likely move to even this week)
- Fridley
- Hinckley-Finlayson
- Holdingford
- Hopkins
- Minnetonka
- Mounds View
- Pine Point
- Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan
- Roseville
- Rothsay
- South Washington County
- Spring Lake Park (considering a move to even)
- St. Anthony-New Brighton (discussions)
- St. Louis Park
- St. Peter
- Wayzata
- Westonka (considering a move to even)

*21 of 331 districts in MN, three simultaneous to city elections (6.3%, 5.4% independently run by districts)

Odd-Year Election Districts Recently Moved to Even-Years

- Richfield moved to even year in 2025 (changing next two elections to 3-year terms)
- Mountain Lake moved to even year in 2025 (extended terms by 1-year)
- Rush City moved to even year in 2025 (extended terms by 1-year)
- Inver Grove Heights moved to even year in 2025 (extended terms by 1-year)
- Mountain Lake moved to even year in 2025 (extended terms by 1-year)
- Ogilvie moved to even years in February 2025 (extended terms by 1-year)
- West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan moved to even years in January 2025 (extended terms by 1-year)
- Edina moved to even year in 2024 (extended terms by 1-year)
- St. Paul moved to even year in 2024 (extended terms by 1-year)
- Hastings moved to even year in 2024 (extended terms by 1-year)
- Barnesville moved to even year in 2023

2023 Election Cost

	2023-24	2023-24
OBJ	Revised Budget	FYTD Activity
SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL	0	221.25
FICA	0	12.07
MEDICARE	0	2.82
PERA	0	0
TRA	0	19.36
CONSULTING FEE/FEES FOR SVCS	60,000.00	70,818.54
POSTAGE & EXPRESS	0	27.54
TRAVEL/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES	0	99
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS--NON-INSTR	0	9,314.49
FOOD	0	1,290.32
	60,000.00	81,805.39

Election Considerations to Take into Account

- School District/ Taxpayer Costs (Projected at over 100k for 2025)
- Voter Confusion
- Time
- Surrounding School Districts Changing to Even Years
- Election Clerk Duties:
 - Full responsibility for elections falls on one WPS employee
 - Legally responsible for election duties for which cities have 4-6 full time staff
 - Inability to focus on other district duties during elections
 - Hiring of staff to support elections
 - Strict hours of elections that must be held within our buildings
 - Legal repercussions

Even-Year Election Cost

Costs we would no longer incur:

- Hiring election judges
- Booking polling places
- Conducting training
- Leasing election equipment
- Staffing early voting
- Postage for voting locations

Neighboring districts pay ~\$5,700 for even year elections

Option 1:

- Pass a resolution changing the terms of the next two election cycles
- Two 3-year term elections
- 2025 and 2027 we would still run independent elections
- Elections will then take place in 2028 and 2030 with 4-year terms (elections run by the cities/county)

Option 2:

- Resolution extending current members terms
- Extend current terms by 1-year for all School Board members
- *if passed by July 1, 2025, there would not be an election held this year

Option 3:

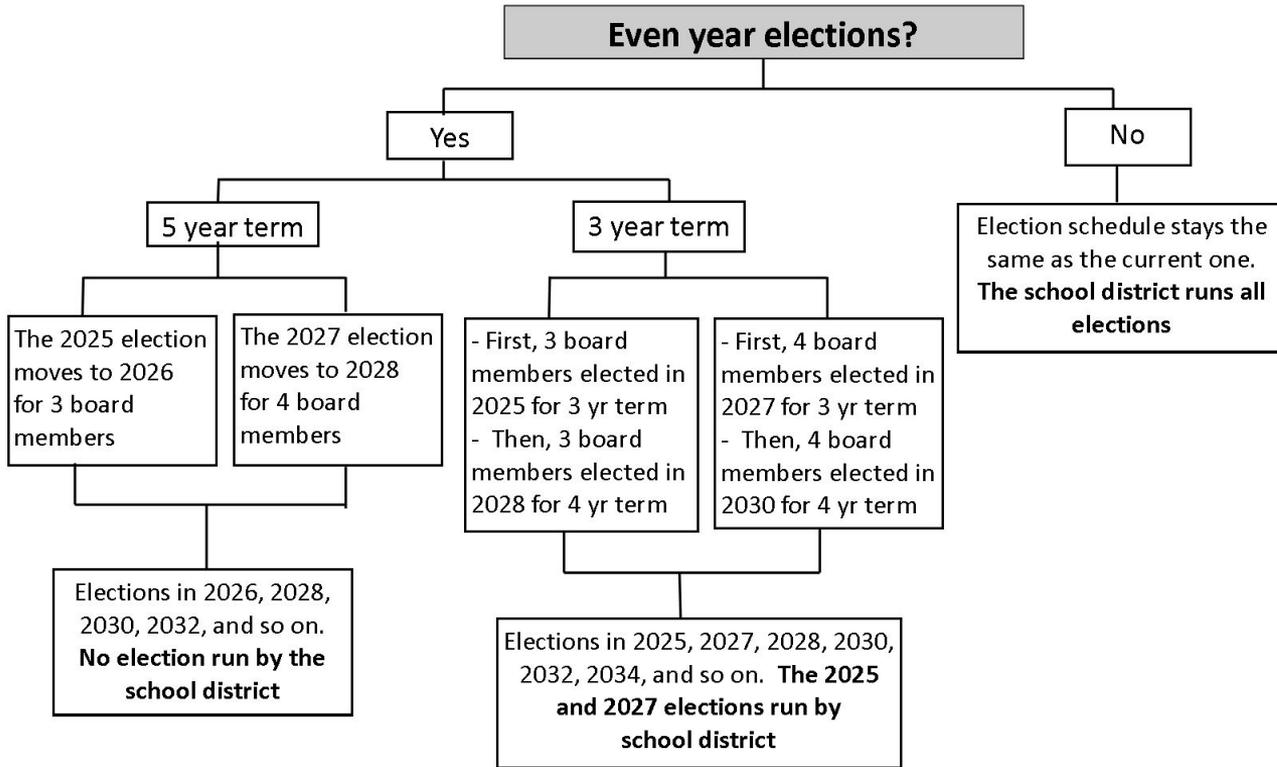
- Stay with odd-year elections
- If the state passes even year election legislation, we can be forced to comply with their recommendation and not make a choice on our own
- 2025 election would not be affected, but unknown for future elections

Timeline

- March 3, 2025
 - Initial School Board presentation and discussion
- March, April or May 2025 Work Sessions
 - Further School Board discussion after reviewing options
- June 9, 2025
 - Should the Board want to take action on moving to even year elections, resolution would need to be passed by this meeting

2015		
Votes cast	Registered Voters	% Turnout
1805	40737	4%
2017		
Votes cast	Registered Voters	% Turnout
6698	43465	15%
2019		
Votes cast	Registered Voters	% Turnout
2744	45897	6%

2021		
Votes cast	Registered Voters	% Turnout
12530	49433	25%
2022		
Votes cast	Registered Voters	% Turnout
34939	47861	73%
2023		
Votes cast	Registered Voters	% Turnout
10435	53370	20%



Open floor for discussion



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AGENDA SECTION: Adjourn

ITEM: Adjourn

COMMENTS BY: Milind Sohoni, Board Chair

This agenda item brings closure to the School Board meeting.

Recommended Action: Call the meeting to a close.

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Time of Adjournment: _____ 30 _____