

Minutes
School Board Business Meeting
Fridley Independent School District 14
April 21, 2026

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Karnopp called the Business Meeting of the Fridley School Board to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Fridley Community Center. The following Board members were present in the room: Nikki Auna, Sara Jones, Jake Karnopp, Sara Schreiner and Pajjar Yang. Online: Avonna Starck. Absent: Avonna Starck and Student representatives Aiyanna Shobe & Malik Bah

Approval of the Agenda with Suggested Motions and Resolutions

Motion by Jones, seconded by Auna, to approve the agenda for April 21, 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

City of Fridley presented on Safe Routes to School Updates; Superintendent Lewis reported on the 61st Avenue Road Construction; Dr. Amy Cochran reported on Concurrent Enrollment, Get Ready and new Math Curriculum and on the MN Graduation rates at FPS; Superintendent Lewis announced the hiring of Cedric Fuller as FHS Principal and Norman Bell as VISTA Assistant Principal; Superintendent Lewis reviewed SOD Module 3 on Enrollment Analysis and gave a finance update on the audit; Assistant Superintendent Cox gave an update on Construction projects; Harold Scott gave a VISTA Update; Assistant Superintendent Cox reported on the upcoming insurance renewals and partnership with HealthPartners; Superintendent Lewis reported on U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar visit, testifying for the Ways and Means Committee, and the AMSD/MASA Day at the Capitol; Congratulations were given to our School Board Representative Aiyanna Shobe for her full scholarship to University of San Francisco; Superintendent Lewis received an award from Voices Magazine, School Board Members reported on their committee meetings. Vice Chair Jones reported on NE Metro 916, Board Treasurer Auna reported on NWSISD.

Business Action Items

A. **RESOLUTION Accepting Gifts**

Motion by Auna, seconded by Yang 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 FPS Health Insurance Bids for 2026-2027**

Motion by Auna, seconded by Schreiner to approve the FPS Health Insurance Bids for 2026-2027. Upon a roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

C. RESOLUTION approving Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District's Long Term Facility Maintenance program budget and authorizing the inclusion of a proportionate share of those projects in the district's application for fiscal year (FY) 2028 Long Term Facility Maintenance revenue.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Auna to approve the Resolution approving Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District's Long Term Facility Maintenance program budget and authorizing the inclusion of a proportionate share of those projects in the district's application for fiscal year (FY) 2028 Long Term Facility Maintenance revenue. Upon a roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

D. Motion: Approval of the agreement with Absolute Commercial Flooring for the FMS Flooring Project

Motion by Schreiner, seconded by Yang to approve agreement with Absolute Commercial Flooring for the FMS Flooring Project. Upon a roll call vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Auna, seconded by Schreiner to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the business meeting held on March 17; New Contracts, Amendments, Leaves of Absence, Resignations, Retirements, and Terminations; Change to the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar; Math Curriculum from McGraw-Hill; Overnight Field Trip for the Youth Leadership Summit to Washington D.C. July 19-22, 2026. Upon a vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Written Information

- A. First Reading of Policies
 - a. Policy 305 - Policy Implementation
 - b. Policy 306 - School Administrator Code of Ethics

Important Future School Board Dates

- 1. FHS Conferences
 - April 23, 2026 4-7:30 PM
 - Fridley High School
- 2. FHS Spring Play -*The Dining Room*
 - April 23, 24, 25 at 7:00PM
 - District Auditorium

3. Preschool Spring Conferences
April 28 and 30, 2026 3:45-7:45 PM
Fridley Community Center
4. Free Family Movie Night - *The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants*
May 1, 2026 7:00 PM
District Auditorium
5. Prom Grand March
May 2, 2026 4:00 PM
District Auditorium
6. School Board Meeting
May 5, 2026 5:30 PM
Fridley Community Center
7. Hayes Carnival
May 7, 2026 5:30-7:30 PM
Hayes Elementary School
8. FMS Band Concert
May 12, 2026
6th Grade 6:00 PM
7th Grade 7:00 PM
8th Grade 8:00 PM
District Auditorium
9. Scholastic Achievement Banquet
May 13, 2026
6:00 PM - Dinner at FHS Cafeteria
7:00 PM - Program at District Auditorium
10. Stevenson Carnival
May 14, 2026 5:00-7:00 PM
Stevenson Elementary School
11. 2nd Grade Concert, Glee Club & Art Show
May 14, 2025 6:00-6:45 PM
Hayes Elementary School
12. Fridley Public Schools School Board Meeting
May 19, 2026
Fridley Community Center
5:30 PM Work Session
7:00 PM Public Comment
7:30 PM Business Meeting

Adjournment

Motion by Schreiner, seconded by Auna to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. Upon a vote being taken all voted in favor, none against, none abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Jake Karnopp, Board Chair

Avonna Starck, Board Clerk