

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831  
Forest Lake, Minnesota  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2026

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The special meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake MN, was called to order by Chair Rebelein at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at the Forest Lake Area School District Offices. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present: Tessa Antonsen, Jill Christenson, Julie Corcoran, Mark Kasel, Curt Rebelein Jr., Gail Theisen, vacant seat open.

#### MEETING AGENDA

Member Kasel moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Antonsen to approve the School Board Agenda as presented for April 8, 2026. All members present voted aye, the motion carried.

#### SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE SEMI-FINALIST INTERVIEWS

- The Forest Lake Area Schools' School Board is conducting public interviews for the five finalists selected for the district's superintendent position. The finalists were chosen from a pool of applicants based on criteria established through listening sessions, as well as survey input from staff, students, families, and the public.
- Direction is given from Dr. Dan Bittman from Ray & Assoc. regarding procedures and decorum to be upheld during the interview process.

4.1 Interview: Joshua Anderson (scheduled: 5:30 – 6:30 pm); (actual: 5:30 - 5:26 pm)

- Recess is taken from 6:27 – 6:36 pm. Upon return, roll is called with all members present.

4.2 Interview: Dr. Jim Wagner (scheduled: 6:45 – 7:45 pm); (actual: 6:37 – 7:36 pm)

- Recess is taken from 7:37 – 7:50 pm. Upon return, roll is called with all members present.

4.3 Interview: Tim Schochenmaier (scheduled: 8:00 – 9:00 pm); (actual: 7:52 – 8:47 pm)

#### RECESS MEETING

As there was no further business for this portion, Chair Rebelein called a recess at 8:47 pm. with meeting scheduled to reconvene at 5:30 pm on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

#### RECONVENE RECESSED MEETING

The special meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake MN, was reconvened by Chair Rebelein at 5:31 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at the Forest Lake Area School District Offices. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present: Tessa Antonsen, Jill Christenson, Julie Corcoran, Mark Kasel, Curt Rebelein Jr., Gail Theisen, vacant seat open.

## CONTINUANCE OF CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

The Forest Lake Area Schools School Board is continuing public interviews for the remaining two finalists selected for the district's superintendent position.

8.1 Interview: Rebecca Brodeur (scheduled: 5:30 – 6:30 pm); (actual: 5:32 – 6:26 pm)

- Recess is taken from 6:26 – 6:38 pm. Upon return, roll is called with all members present.

8.2 Interview: John Paul Jacobson (scheduled: 6:45 – 7:45 pm); (actual: 6:39 – 7:39 pm)

## BOARD DELIBERATION

Direction is given to the board by Dr. Dan Bittman of Ray & Assoc. regarding next steps to review materials and to fill out the points matrix completely before turning into him for calculating the ranking of candidates. Only the top three candidates were disclosed, and reported in the order that they interviewed: Dr. Jim Wagner, Mr. Tim Schochenmaier and Mr. JP Jacobson.

## SELECTION OF 2-3 FINALIST CANDIDATES

Chair Rebelein moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Kasel to approve the list of finalist candidates for the position of Superintendent of Schools for Forest Lake Area Schools. Via roll call all members voted aye and the motion passed. The top three finalists going forward for the position of Forest Lake Area School Superintendent are (in the order they were interviewed): Dr. Jim Wagner, Mr. Tim Schochenmaier and Mr. JP Jacobson.

Final interviews will be held on April 20 and April 22, both at 5:15 pm in the FLAS Boardroom and are open to the public. Final interviews will be recorded but not aired online until after all interviews are completed.

As there was no further business, Member Kasel moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Antonsen to adjourn. All members present voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Curt Rebelein, Jr., Chair

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Tessa Antonsen, Clerk

Approved Date: 5/07/2026