

OFFICIAL MINUTES: AUSTIN SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

Independent School District No. 492

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 4:00 pm

District Office Conference Room

401 Third Avenue NW, Austin, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Carolyn Dube	Carol McAlister
	Robert Hartman (4:12 pm)	Peggy Young
	Cece Kroc	Dan Zielke
	Don Leathers (4:12 pm)	Superintendent Dr. Joey Page

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEETING CALLED

TO ORDER: Chairperson Dube called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room at Austin High School.

AGENDA APPROVED: A motion was made by Young, seconded by McAlister and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

OVERVIEW OF 2026-27 STUDENT HANDBOOK:

Principals provided an overview of the updates being made to next year’s student handbook. The proposed revisions will be brought forward for approval at the regular June meeting.

KELLY SERVICES

CONTRACT APPROVED: Following an overview of the substitute staffing services provided by Kelly Services by Human Resources Director Sue Stark, a motion was made by Young, seconded by McAlister and carried unanimously to approve the contract with Kelly Services. Implementation will begin this summer.

FY26 REVISED BUDGET APPROVED:

A motion was made by Leathers, seconded by Kroc and carried unanimously to approve the FY26 revised budget as presented by Executive Director of Finance and Operations Todd Lechtenberg. The FY26 revised budget reflects a 12.9% fund balance.

(A COPY OF THE REVISED BUDGET IS ATTACHED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK.)

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS ADVISOR

CONTRACT APPROVED: Kroc made a motion, seconded by Hartman and carried unanimously to award the Construction Manager as Advisor (CMaA) contract to Knutson Construction to support potential referendum planning and future district facility improvements.

ZIELKE LEFT MEETING AT 5:13 PM

SUBMISSION OF REVIEW AND COMMENT

APPROVED: Following another review of facility needs and financing options by ISG and PTMA representatives, Superintendent Dr. Joey Page, and Executive Director of Finance and Operations Todd Lechtenberg, a motion was made by Kroc, seconded by Leathers and carried unanimously to proceed with the submission of a Review and Comment document to the Minnesota

Department of Education and continue to explore the option of a \$24.9 bond referendum in November.

**GRADUATION
PARTICIPATION:**

School board members reviewed diploma distribution procedures for the upcoming graduation ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Young, seconded by Hartman, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 5:31 pm.

Daniel Zielke, Clerk