

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Board Chair Deb Ulm on the **5th day of May 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the District Center Board Room.

Roll Call: Members Present: Deb Ulm, Dawn Bourdeaux, Jennifer Super, Eric Minks, Melissa Lynch, and Eric Strandberg. Members Absent: Scott Bowman.

Others present: Superintendent Pat Devine, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, Director of Human Resources Jason Senne, Student Council Representative Camila Sanchez.

Student Showcase: Art teachers presented student artwork.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: One citizen expressed concern about the cutting of the science specialist class at Princeton Primary. One citizen shared safety concerns in regards to a recent fire evacuation at Princeton High School, and an incident on the bus.

REPORTS **Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board member attended.**

Eric Strandberg None

Dawn Bourdeaux Agenda Planning; Student Board Rep Interviews

Eric Strandberg None

Melissa Lynch Student Board Rep Interviews; Referendum Communications Meeting; Tiger Community Connections; Public Engagement Meeting

Jen Super Phase IV Training

Deb Ulm Referendum Communications Meeting; Agenda Planning; Public Engagement Meeting

Student Council Report: The run, walk and roll 5K is coming up to support the Inclusive Playground. The Intermediate School is looking for volunteers for their end of year party. Next week is the MS presidential awards and the

senior awards at the HS

Superintendent Report:

There are many events happening at the end of the school year. Election day is next week so everyone is encouraged to vote. Recently met with Mille Lacs county about various programs or services to help with student attendance and mental health. Early Childhood fair had great attendance and was a busy day for early voting.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Eric Strandberg, **to approve the agenda as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS and ACT on PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Jen Super, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to approve the April 21st work session minutes as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Eric Strandberg, **to approve the consent agenda as presented.** Motion passed unanimously. Personnel, bills, and were approved.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Motion made by Jen Super, seconded by Eric Minks, **to accept the following donations or gifts as identified in the resolution as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION

The board started their information session at 6:42 p.m. The items discussed were:

- Budget Adjustments

ACTION

Resolution for Placement of a Contract Teacher onto Unrequested Leave of Absence

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Eric Strandberg, **to accept the resolution placement of a contract teacher onto an unrequested leave of absence as presented.** Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Jen Super, Melissa Lynch, Eric Minks, Deb Ulm, Dawn Bourdeaux, and Eric Strandberg. Opposed: none. Motion passed 6:0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA- None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Rum River Executive Meeting - May 7, 8:30AM
Election Day - May 12 7AM-8PM
Agenda Planning - May 14, 3:15PM
Finance Committee - May 19, 4:30PM
Special Election Canvassing - May 19, 6:00PM
Work Session - May 19, 6:00PM

ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Minks, seconded by Eric Strandberg, ***to adjourn the meeting.***
Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Deb Ulm

Melissa Lynch

Recorder- Emily McKinnon