

Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, May 18, 2026 5:15 PM

FHS Library and YouTube Live Stream  
1515 11th Street  
International Falls, Minnesota 56649

Jessica Crosby: Present  
Dale Johnson: Present  
Toni Korpi: Present  
Tina Sather: Present  
Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Present  
JoAnn Smith: Present  
Present: 6

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### **Call to Order**

1. Roll Call:

Jessica Crosby, Vice Board Chair  
 Dale Johnson, Director  
 Toni Korpi, Clerk  
 Tina Sather, Treasurer  
 Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch, Director  
 JoAnn Smith, Board Chair

Non-Voting Members:

Beth Shermoen, Superintendent  
 Emmitt Olson, Student Representative  
Emmitt Olson not in attendance

2. Pledge of Allegiance

### **Approval of Agenda**

1. Approve agenda as presented.

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Tina Sather, then second by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch.  
2 additional ads by Superintendent Shermoen - Consent Agenda #'s 9 & 10 and 1 Action  
Items 3b.

Motion carried.

Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Tina Sather: Yea, Roxanne  
Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joanne Smith: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### **Open Forum**

1. Elk's Student's of the Month: May - Tiffany Norby and Ava Werner  
Principal Tate presented Ava Werner with May Student of the Month  
\*Tiffany Norby not in attendance

2. Public Open Forum
  - 1) Superintendent Shermoen introduced CESO Financial Manager, Lauren Syrup

### **Committee and Administrative Reports**

1. Melissa Tate, Secondary Principal:  
FHS/ALC - 447 attendees (-10 from April)  
Career Fair  
Spring Sports Week/Pepfest  
End of the Year Celebration
2. Lisa West, Elementary Principal:  
Principal Tate gave report for Principal West (not in attendance)  
FES/WEE - 505 (-1)  
End of the Year Celebration
3. Molly Larson, Community Education Director:  
Activity Review & upcoming events  
Grant Submission & Award  
Arux Software
4. Timm Ringhofer, Activities Director:  
No report (not in attendance)
5. Beth Shermoen, Superintendent:  
Overview of Referendum Construction and updates
6. Policy Committee:  
First and Second readings being added to monthly agendas
7. Athletic Committee:  
Co-ops and Renaming Fields
8. Legislative Committee:  
Updates given

### **Consent Agenda**

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Approve Consent Agenda. Motion by Jessica Crosby, then second by Tina Sather (with additions of #'s 9 & 10 and removal of # 18. Board Member Korpi needed clarification on second readings of policies - #18 will be pulled for further action). Motion carried.

Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Tina Sather: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joanne Smith: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

1. Approve payroll in the amount of \$671,390.49 for pay periods 5/1/26 (Regular and Retro Pay for new L510 contract), and 5/15/26 (Regular and Q-comp payroll).
2. Approve current accounts payable due in the amount of \$2,140,087.14.
3. Approve past meeting minutes for the regular school board meeting on 4/20/2026.
4. Approve Monthly Financial Reports for April 2026
5. Approve the resignation of Justin True as a 5-12 Band Director effective June 30, 2026.
6. Approve the resignation of Trista Haberle as a Paraprofessional effective May 21, 2026.
7. Approve the resignation of Karla Line as the advisor of Minnesota Honor Society effective June 30, 2026.
8. Approve the new position of a 1.0 fte. Full-Service Community School Site Coordinator.
9. Approve the hire of Julian Wilson as the ISD 361 Technology Director beginning June 15, 2026.
10. Approve the hire of Justin Carney as a 1.0 fte. Special Education Teacher for the 26/27 school year.
11. Approve use of the high school track by Voyageurs National Park to conduct their annual Wildland Firefighter Work Capacity Test on 5/13, 5/20, and 5/28, 2026.
12. Approve use of the field by the City of International's for July 4th fireworks.
13. Approve the FHS PBIS fundraiser - Kona Ice Days at FHS on May 15th, 2026.
14. Approve the Bronco Golf Team Booster Fundraiser - Monday Night Golf Range
15. Second Reading of School Board Policy 404FM: Sample Informed Consent Form
16. Second Reading of School Board Policy 406FM: Sample Consent to Release Data Form.
17. Second Reading of School Board Policy 413FM: Harassment and Violence Report Form.
18. Second Reading of School Board Policy 414FM: Confidential Student Maltreatment Reporting Form.
19. Second Reading of School Board Policy 416FM: Form Related to Drug, Alcohol, and Cannabis Testing Policy.
20. Second Reading of School Board Policy 418FM: Drug - Free Workplace Acknowledgment Form.
21. Second Reading of School Board Policy Form: Discipline Complaint Form
22. Second Reading of School Board Policy Form: Participation Guide and Refusal Information Form.
23. Second Reading of School Board Policy Form 530: Immunization Form
24. Second Reading of School Board Policy Form: Medical Authorization From

25. Second Reading of School Board Policy Form: Medical Statement Form
26. Second Reading of School Board Policy 210: Conflict of Interest—School Board.
27. Second Reading of School Board Policy 423: Employee-Student Relationships.
28. Second Reading of School Board Policy 501: School Weapons Policy.
29. Second Reading of School Board Policy 502: Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person.
30. Second Reading of School Board Policy 503: Student Attendance.
31. Second Reading of School Board Policy 504: Student Dress and Appearance.
32. Second Reading of School Board Policy 505: Distribution of Non-School-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees.
33. Second Reading of School Board Policy 506 : Student Discipline.
34. Second Reading of School Board Policy 507: Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint.
35. Second Reading of School Board Policy 508: Extended School Year For Certain Students With Individualized Education Programs (IEPS).
36. Second Reading of School Board Policy 509: Enrollment of Nonresident Students.
37. Second Reading of School Board Policy 510: School Activities.
38. Second Reading of School Board Policy 511: School Fundraising.
39. Second Reading of School Board Policy 512: School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities.
40. Second Reading of School Board Policy 513: Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design.
41. Second Reading of School Board Policy 514: Bullying Prohibition Policy.
42. Second Reading of School Board Policy 515: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records.
43. Second Reading of School Board Policy 516: Student Medication and Telehealth.
44. Second Reading of School Board Policy 516.5: Guidelines for Administration of Student Medication.
45. Second Reading of School Board Policy 517: Student Recruiting.
46. Second Reading of School Board Policy 518: DNR-DNI Orders.
47. Second Reading of School Board Policy 519: Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies.
48. Second Reading of School Board Policy 520: Student Surveys.
49. Second Reading of School Board Policy 521: Student Disability Nondiscrimination.
50. Second Reading of School Board Policy 522: Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process.

51. Second Reading of School Board Policy 523: Policies Incorporated by Reference.
52. Second Reading of School Board Policy 524: Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy.
53. Second Reading of School Board Policy 525: Violence Prevention.
54. Second Reading of School Board Policy 526: Hazing Prohibition.
55. Second Reading of School Board Policy 527: Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches.
56. Second Reading of School Board Policy 528: Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Nondiscrimination.
57. Second Reading of School Board Policy 529: Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students.
58. Second Reading of School Board Policy 530: Immunization Requirements.
59. Second Reading of School Board Policy 531: The Pledge of Allegiance.
60. Second Reading of School Board Policy 532: Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEP's From School Grounds.
61. Second Reading of School Board Policy 533: Wellness.
62. Second Reading of School Board Policy 534: School Meals Policy.
63. Second Reading of School Board Policy 535: Service Animals in Schools.
64. Second Reading of School Board Policy 608: Instructional Services — Special Education.
65. Second Reading of School Board Policy 611: Home Schooling.
66. Second Reading of School Board Policy 613: Graduation Requirements.
67. Second Reading of School Board Policy 614: School District Testing & Procedure.
68. Second Reading of School Board Policy 617: School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards.
69. Second Reading of School Board Policy 618: Assessment of Standard Achievement.
70. Second Reading of School Board Policy 619: Staff Development.
71. Second Reading of School Board Policy 621 - Literacy and the Read Act.
72. Second Reading of School Board Policy 624: Online Instruction.

### **Action Items**

1. Improving systems and structures to create a culture where all are welcome and supported.
  - 1.a. Resolution Acceptance of Gifts and Donations.  
Resolution Acceptance of Donations. Motion by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch, second by Tina Sather. Motion carried.

Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Tina Sather: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joanne Smith: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

1.b. Approve acceptance of the award for the MN DNR Grant (No Child Left Inside) supporting the Icebox Explorers in the amount of \$19,292.50.

Motion by Jessica Crosby, second by Dale Johnson. Motion carried.

Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Tina Sather: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joanne Smith: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

1.c. Approve acceptance of the Marshall N. Knudson Family Community Fund grant in the amount of \$5,000 to support the purchase of 250 individual calming kits for students.

Motion by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch, second by Toni Korpi. Motion carried.

Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Tina Sather: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joanne Smith: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

1.d. Approve acceptance of the Marshall N. Knudson Family Community Fund grant in the amount of \$3,700 to support the 2026 PALS Program at ISD 361 Community Education.

Motion by Tina Sather, second by Jessica Crosby. Motion carried.

Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Tina Sather: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joanne Smith: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

2. Maintain our facilities to be welcoming, safe and efficient for use by students and the community.

2.a. Approve the closure of the school district buildings Falls Elementary School and Falls High School to the general public from June 2, 2026, through August 2, 2026, for internal construction completion.

Motion by Tina Sather, second by Jessica Crosby. Motion carried.

Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Tina Sather: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joanne Smith: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. Increasing family and community engagement in student learning and school experiences through improved communication and collaboration.

3.a. Approve the Community Education and Child Care software system Arux.

Motion by Dale Johnson, second by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch. Motion carried.

Jessica Crosby: Yea, Dale Johnson: Yea, Toni Korpi: Yea, Tina Sather: Yea, Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch: Yea, Joanne Smith: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

