OFFICIAL MINUTES: AUSTIN SCHOOL BOARD **SPECIAL MEETING**

Independent School District No. 492
Monday, July 27, 2026 4:00 pm
District Office Conference Room
401 Third Avenue NW, Austin, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carolyn Dube, Robert Hartman, Cece Kroc, Carol McAlister, Peggy Young, Superintendent Dr. Joey Page

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Leathers and Dan Zielke

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.

YOUNG APPOINTED CLERK: Chair Dube appointed Peggy Young to serve as clerk for this meeting in Dan Zielke's absence.

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

OVERVIEW OF REVIEW AND COMMENT: Superintendent Dr. Joey Page provided an overview of the positive Review and Comment from the MN Department of Education for the district's proposed capital improvement plan.

SPECIAL ELECTION RESOLUTION APPROVED: A motion was made by Hartman, seconded by Kroc and carried unanimously to approve the resolution relating to the approval of issuing general obligation bonds and calling a special election on November 3, 2026, with the amount not to exceed $24,900,000.

(A copy of the complete resolution is attached in the official minute book.)

FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICIES: The following policies were presented for first reading:

Policy 208 – Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies
Policy 402 – Disability Nondiscrimination Policy
Policy 423 – Employee-Student Relationships
Policy 509 – Enrollment of Nonresident Students
Policy 521 – Student Disability Nondiscrimination
Policy 524 – Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
Policy 613 – Graduation Requirements
Policy 621 – Literacy and The Read Act
Policy 709 – Student Transportation Safety Policy
Policy 721 – Procurement Policy
Policy 722 – Public Data and Data Subject Requests

Additional edits will be made to policy 423 and brought back for second reading at future meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS AND 3 YEAR GOVERNANCE PLAN REVIEWED: Discussion was held on 2026-27 school board goals and the updated 3-year governance plan. These items will be brought forward for approval at the regular August meeting.

BOARD TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Kroc, seconded by Young and carried unanimously to enter closed session at 4:49 pm for the purpose of conducting Superintendent Page's evaluation. Five board members and Dr. Page were present for the closed session.

BOARD TO ENTER OPEN SESSION: Hartman made a motion, seconded by Young and carried unanimously to enter open session at 5:21 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Young, seconded by Kroc, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 5:21 pm.

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Peggy Young, Acting Clerk