

School Board Minutes
Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2026

The Special Meeting started off with a work session to go over more budget recommendations.

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:45 pm, Tuesday, May 5, 2026 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow, Zastrow and Superintendent Ludvigson. Other members present were: Kelsey Paurus, Brad Evenson, Patti Larsen, Melissa Meagher, Carissa Bitz, Kyle Lamb, Kari Lamb, Vanessa Wielenberg, Abigail Russ, Chris Johnson, Renee Kreemer, Audrey Morrill, Beth Gustafson, Jessica Rosenow, Sherri Evenson, Cindy Dalton and Daniella Chavez.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

A motion was made by Gohman and seconded by Zastrow to direct administration to implement the following staffing and program adjustments for the 2026-27 school year.

1. Eliminate the Instructional Coach assignment and add one Elementary Special Education teaching position, with reassignment of affected staff as appropriate.
2. Reduce three program paraprofessional positions and one WIN teaching position, and add one Elementary ESL position and one Secondary ESL position, with reassignment of affected staff as appropriate.
3. Direct administration to identify and implement reductions in Junior High and Junior Varsity athletic schedules for the purpose of budget reduction.

A roll call vote was taken with members Zastrow, Zahnow, Hollenkamp, Wolf and Gohman voting "yes", members Levin and Wright voting "no". Motion carried 5/2.

A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to approve the two SLPA contracts and the Superintendent contract. Motion unanimously carried. The Food Service Director contract was held to give all the board members a chance to review it.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to accept the resignation of Secondary Principal Barton Rud. A special thanks was given for all his years of service here at LPGE and all the stuff he has done for the school. We wish him well on his future endeavors. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on how to proceed with looking for a new Secondary Principal. The timeline for application deadlines and interviews was discussed. Wolf stated that we should check with Freshwater as they are going through the same process right now.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm by Chairman Gohman.

Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk