

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #656

Regular School Board Meeting
June 15, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
Faribault Public Schools
710 17th Street SW
Faribault, MN 55021

MINUTES

Members present: John Bellingham, Lynda Boudreau, Candace Knudson, Linda Moore, Jerry Robicheau, Casie Steeves, Chad Wolff, and Superintendent Jamie Bente.

Members absent: none. Others in attendance were administrators, staff, and members of the public.

I. Call to Order

- A. Determination of a Quorum Present
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Bellingham acknowledged the passing of Dr. Robert Stepaniak on June 13 and extended sincere condolences to the family on behalf of the school board.

II. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Knudson, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

III. Recognition, Awards, and Presentations - None

IV. Items of Information

- A. Reports by School Board Members Moore, Knudson, Steeves, and Bellingham
Jerry Robicheau arrived at 5:34 p.m.
- B. Report by Superintendent Jamie Bente

V. Public Comment - None

VI. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Wolff, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- A. Minutes - May 18, 2026, and June 1, 2026
- B. Employment
- C. Additional Assignments/Other
- D. Authorization of Payments, Transfers, and Investment Accounts

VII. District Advisory Committee - No report

VIII. Policy Committee

- A. Policy Committee Minutes report by Casie Steeves and Linda Moore
- B. First Reading of Policies
 - 1. Review of Policy 720: Vending Machine Policy
 - 2. Review of Policy 908: Capital Projects Policy
 - 3. Review of Policy 910: Energy Efficiency
 - 4. Revisions to Policy 410: Family and Medical Leave Policy

5. Change Policy 625: Use of and Reproduction of Copyrighted Materials to Policy 699
6. Revisions to Policy 721: Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources
7. Revisions to Policy 806: Crisis Management Policy

IX. Other Committees

- A. Finance Committee report by Lynda Boudreau
- B. Facilities Committee report by Linda Moore and Chad Wolff

X. Other Matters

- A. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to approve Gifts/Donations - Resolution 26-29. The motion passed by roll-call vote after discussion, 6-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).
- B. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Knudson, to consider approval of the Third Party Billing Contract for FY27. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 7-0.
- C. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to consider the adoption of Resolution 26-32: Certification of Updated District Population Estimate. The motion passed by roll-call vote after discussion, 7-0.
- D. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of the FY27 Proposed Budget. The motion passed after discussion, 6-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).
- E. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Bellingham, to consider approval of the Property and Casualty Renewal. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.
- F. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of the School Nutrition Program Joint Agreement Contracts for the FY 26-27 School Year. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 7-0.
 - Cannon Valley Special Education Co-op
 - Nerstrand Elementary Charter School
- G. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Wolff, to consider approval of the Vended Meals Agreements for the FY 26-27 School Year. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 7-0.
 - Surad Academy
 - Discovery Charter
 - Little Scholars
 - Head Start
- H. Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of a Food Service Coordinator position. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

I. Moved by Wolff, seconded by Steeves, to consider approval of a Four-Year Lease with Trafera for Student Devices. The motion passed after discussion, 6-1 (Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Robicheau, Steeves, and Wolff voted in favor; Moore voted against).

J. Moved by Moore, seconded by Knudson, to consider approval of Resolution 26-30 Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy for Election. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 7-0.

K. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Boudreau, to consider approval of Resolution 26-31 Calling the School District General Election. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

XI. Dates to Remember

- July 6, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. - Board Work Session
- July 19, 2026, at 7:45 a.m.- Facilities Committee
- July 13, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. - Finance Committee
- July 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

XII. Moved by Boudreau, seconded by Knudson, to move to a Closed Session at 7:09 p.m., as permitted by Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 3(a), for the Superintendent's Evaluation. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Attendance: Bellingham, Boudreau, Knudson, Moore, Robicheau, Steeves, Wolff, and Superintendent Bente.

Moved by Robicheau, seconded by Wolff, to reconvene the open meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

XIII. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Casie Steeves, Clerk
Approved: July 20, 2026