

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026 5:15 PM Central

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

1. Approve agenda as presented.

Motion by _____, second by _____. Motion carried / failed.

Open Forum

1. CESO FY 2025/26 Revised Budget Presentation & Monthly Financial Reports Introduction
- Lauren Syrup; Business Manager

2. Elk's Student's of the Month: March - Pablo Christianson and Emma Willett. April - Olivia Spry and Camden Deedrick

3. Public Open Forum

4. Krazy Thompson: Purple Pride Fish Fry

Committee and Administrative Reports

1. MSBA (Per MDE Guidance) Presentation:
2. Emmitt Olson, Student Representative:
3. Melissa Tate, Secondary Principal:
4. Lisa West, Elementary Principal:
5. Molly Larson, Community Education Director:
6. Beth Shermoen, Superintendent:
7. Policy Committee:
8. Athletic Committee:
9. Legislative Committee:

Consent Agenda

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by _____, second by _____. Motion carried / failed.

1. Approve payroll in the amount of \$733,657.90 for pay periods 3/20/2026, 4/3/2026 (Regular & Retro pay per new FY26 Para Contract), and 4/17/2026.
2. Approve current accounts payable due in the amount of \$1,880,546.27.
3. Approve past meeting minutes for the regular special school board meeting on 4/7/2026 and regular school board meeting on 3/16/2026.
4. Approve the non-renewal of the Rainy Lake Medical Center Services for Occupational Therapy, effective July 1, 2026.
5. Approve the reduction of 4 paraprofessionals positions at the end of the 25/26 school year.
6. Approve the reduction of a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) 1.0 fte. position to a .50 fte position for the 26/27 School Year, effective the last day of the 25/26 school year contract agreement.
7. Approve the resignation of Stacey Leseman, paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2026.
8. Approve the hire of Emily Groom for Science Teacher at Falls High School for the 26/27 school year.
9. Approve the hire of Andrea Kappelman as the Art Teacher at Falls High School for the 26/27 school year.
10. Approve the hire of a .80fte School-Based Occupational Therapist for the 26/27 school year.
11. Approve the hire of Jennifer McBride as the Girls Swimming and Diving Head Coach for the 2026-2027 Season.
12. Accept the resignation of Bryan Kershaw as Assistant Softball Coach, effective immediately.

13. Accept the resignation of Bryan Kershaw as Head JV Softball Coach, effective immediately.

14. Accept the resignation of TJ Coulombe as Junior High Softball Coach, effective immediately.

15. Approve the hire of Michelle Koenig as JV Softball Coach for the remainder of the 2025-2026 season.

16. Approve the hire of Emily Groom as Junior High Softball Coach, for the 2025-2026 season.

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.

Motion by _____, second by _____. Motion carried / failed.

1.b. Approve the ISD 361 2025/26 Revised Budget as Presented by CESO.

Motion by _____, second by _____. Motion carried / failed.

1.c. Approve the Independent School District 361 Contract Agreement with Americans Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees (AFSCME); Local 510 for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

Motion by _____, second by _____. Motion carried / failed.

1.d. Approve the Independent School District No. 361 International Falls, Minnesota and Falls Principals' Association Contract Agreement for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

Motion by _____, second by _____. Motion carried / failed.

1.e. Approve Friday, May 28, 2027 Graduation Date

Motion by _____, second by _____. Motion carried / failed.

1.f. Approve acceptance of the Northland Foundation grant in the amount of \$10,000 to support the American Indian Education Quiz Bowl Award.

Motion by _____, second by _____. Motion carried / failed.

1.g. Approve acceptance of the MDE Native Language Revitalization Competitive Grant in the amount of \$214,941.78 to support expanding instruction in Dakota, Anishinaabe and other Indigenous languages. Funding initiatives that increase student reach, strengthen cultural heritage and improve language proficiency through curriculum development, staff recruitment and materials.

Motion by _____, second by _____. Motion carried / failed.

1.h. Approve the new proposed Summer 2026 Bronco Arena rental rate of \$100.00 per hour.

Motion by _____, second by _____. Motion carried / failed.

Adjournment

1. Motion by _____, second by _____ to adjourn meeting at _____ p.m.
Motion carried / failed.