

AGENDA
Independent School District No. 77
Mankato, MN 56001

Monday, January 5, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.
Intergovernmental Center - Minnesota Valley Room

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (5:00 P.M.)
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (5:05 P.M.)
3. MAPS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT (5:05 P.M.)
4. MAPS STAFF SPOTLIGHT (5:15 P.M.)
5. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:25 P.M.)
6. ORGANIZATION OF 2026 SCHOOL BOARD (5:35 P.M.)
 - A. Election of Officers
 - B. Appointment of Deputy Clerk
 - C. Designation of Official Depositories
 - D. Naming of School Attorney
 - E. Naming of Official Newspaper
 - F. Approval of Expenses for School Board Meetings
 - G. Approval of School Board Compensation for 2026
 - H. Designation of Identified Official with Authority for Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Secure Website Access
 - I. Authorization to Execute and File Application for State- and Federally-Funded Programs
 - J. Approval of School Board Meeting Schedule for 2026
 - K. School Board Member Committee Assignments for 2026

7. CONSENT AGENDA (5:50 P.M.)
 - A. Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting
 - B. Personnel
 - C. Approval of Extended Trip - West Baseball
8. BUSINESS (5:55 P.M.)
 - A. Acceptance of Gifts and Grants
 - B. Approval of 2025-26 & 2026-27 Transportation Contract Extensions
 - C. Approval of Individual Transportation Contracts
 - D. Acceptance of Bids for Eagle Lake Day Care and IAQ Project
 - E. Approval of the 2026-27 & 2027-28 School Year Calendars
9. ADJOURNMENT (6:15 P.M.)



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- Each speaker is asked to provide his/her name and city for the record.
- Each speaker is allowed three (3) minutes to speak. The Board Chair will alert speakers when their time is up. Failure to stop speaking and blatantly ignore the cue, will result in an individual losing the ability to participate in Public Comment for the next two months.
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MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STRATEGIC ROADMAP

Mission Statement

our core purpose

Excellence, Equity, Empowerment. Every Student, Every Day.

Core Values



drivers of our words and actions

- **Courage:** We do and say what is needed to develop strength, resilience and character.
- **Student Centered:** Student success drives our decisions and actions, and we strive to provide each learner with what they need, when they need it.
- **Integrity:** We are honest, authentic and respectful in every interaction.
- **Accountable:** We know our desired outcomes, understand our individual responsibility for them, and collectively take accountability for results and continuous improvement.
- **Inclusive Practices:** We ensure ALL learners are welcomed and valued, have a sense of belonging and see themselves in their learning.

Vision



what we intend to create

MAPS inspires students to thrive through future focused learning experiences by:

- Pursuing their individual pathway
- Ensuring safe and secure schools
- Fostering inclusivity by understanding and appreciating diversity
- Engaging with families and caregivers
- Partnering with and contributing to our community

with high quality, dedicated and exceptionally trained staff.

Strategic Directions



focus of our improvement efforts

- A. Improving our professional practices so that each learner achieves at high levels in an inclusive educational model that is relevant and flexible
- B. Enhancing our student support structures to meet academic, social, behavioral, and mental health needs
- C. Recruiting, developing, and retaining staff to ensure positive learning experiences for students
- D. Strengthening our parent/caregiver partnerships and connections
- E. Ensuring safe, efficient and effective operations

Excellence, Equity, Empowerment. Every Student, Every Day.

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School Board Regular Meeting

6. A.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Election of Officers

Background:

All positions will be held until the organizational meeting for 2027.

Recommended Action:

Chair Shannon Sinning will accept nominations and conduct the election for the position of Chairperson.

Following the election of the Chairperson, the Chair will continue with the nomination and election for the offices of Vice-Chairperson, Clerk and Treasurer.

Attachments

School Board Regular Meeting

6. B.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Appointment of Deputy Clerk

Background:

Minnesota Statue 123.34, Subdivision 1, states in part, "The persons who perform the duties of Clerk and Treasurer need not be members of the Board, and the Board, by resolution, may combine the duties of Clerk and Treasurer in a single person in the office of Business Services." The day-to-day duties necessary for operation of the School District have been assigned by the School Board to District employees.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends Becky Bailey be assigned the responsibility of serving as the Board's Deputy Clerk. This appointment will be effective until the 2027 organizational meeting is held.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. C.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Amanda Heilman, Director of Business Services

Subject:

Designation of Official Depositories

Background:

Law requires that the School Board designate a bank, banks, or savings associations that will be used as depositories for District funds.

BE IT RESOLVED, US Bank Mankato, Old National Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., ProGrowth Bank, 1st National Bank, Frandsen Bank, MinnStar Bank, CCF Bank, Bank of Utah, MN Trust, Bremer Bank, Pioneer Bank and the Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund Plus, and are hereby designated as depositories of this School District with authority to accept or receive, at any time, deposits for the credit of this School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That checks, drafts, or other orders for payment with the depositories must be signed, actually or by use of a facsimile signature, by all three of the following officers of Independent School District No. 77:

_____, Clerk
_____, Chairperson
_____, Treasurer

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Paul Peterson or Amanda Heilman is authorized to transfer between depository accounts School District funds as they determine necessary in the normal operation of the School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Paul Peterson or Amanda Heilman is authorized to purchase Certificates of Deposit and Commercial Paper in name of Independent School District No. 77, Mankato, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Paul Peterson or Amanda Heilman is authorized to wire transfer funds to pay principal and interest payments due on school building bonds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall continue in force until express written notice of its rescision or modification has been furnished to and received by the depositories.

Recommended Action:

Recommend adoption of the resolution as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. D.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Naming of School Attorney

Background:

School Board Policy 216 reads as follows:

The school board, at its organizational meeting, shall appoint an attorney to represent the school district and to advise the school board. The attorney shall attend regular and special meetings of the school board when requested and be available for consultation as needed. The attorney shall be paid on a "time" or "retainer" basis as determined by the school board. The appointment of the attorney shall not be construed as a prohibition against seeking legal counsel from other sources when the Board deems it to be advisable.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that the following law firms be appointed as legal counsel for the Mankato Area Public Schools for 2026 and that they be paid on an hourly basis for services rendered.

Blethen Berens Law Firm
Knutson, Flynn and Deans, P.A.
Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A.
Kennedy and Graven Chartered
Dorsey & Whitney LLP

School Board Regular Meeting

6. E.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Naming of Official Newspaper

Background:

None

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that The Free Press (Mankato) be named as the official newspaper for publishing legal school proceedings and notices effective until the organizational meeting for 2027.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. F.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Approval of Expenses for School Board Meetings

Background:

It has been the practice of the School Board to provide coffee for visitors, presenters and themselves at Board meetings. Further, it has been the practice to provide meals on special occasions.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 77 that:

1. WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the School District to occasionally invite members of the public, members of other public boards and bodies, and members of the school staff to School Board meetings, and
2. WHEREAS, at many School Board meetings, good public relations make it advisable to provide coffee and meals on special occasions as determined by the School Board, to persons attending such meetings in the interest of the District,
3. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District pay the cost of meals when occasionally furnished to members of the School Board and others who attend meetings held in the interest of the School District and that the School District do likewise provide, at the expense of the District, coffee for all persons attending said meetings in the interest of good public relations for the benefit of the School District and the students served thereby.

Recommended Action:

To conform with legal requirements, the administration recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. G.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Approval of School Board Compensation for 2026

Background:

In December 2025 the School Board changed Policy 218, modifying the language that specified school board member compensation. The revised language directs board members to set stipends at the January Organizational Meeting.

School district administration has shared with the Executive Committee comparisons from the Big 9 athletic conference, similar sized school districts and the other regional centers in Minnesota. Based on these, compensation for Mankato Area Public Schools board members in 2026 is recommended as follows:

- Director - \$5,000
- Clerk - \$5,400
- Treasurer - \$5,400
- Vice-Chair - \$5,600
- Chair - \$6,200

Board members receive a \$400 stipend/year for serving on a negotiations team. If more than eight (8) negotiation sessions are needed, board members receive \$50 for each additional meeting.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends the School Board compensation for 2026 as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. H.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Designation of Identified Official with Authority for Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Secure Website Access

Background:

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts annually designate an Identified Official with Authority to comply with the MNIT Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external user's access to MDE secure systems for their local education agency LEA.

Recommended Action:

The Board recommends to authorize Paul Peterson to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) and Becky Bailey to act as the IOwA to add and remove names only for Mankato Area Public School District 0077-01 effective until the 2027 organizational meeting.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. I.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Amanda Heilman, Director of Business Services

Subject:

Authorization to Execute and File Application for State- and Federally-Funded Programs

Background:

Most state- and federally-funded programs require that the School Board, in official session, authorize an agent to execute and file funding applications for the School District and act as its official representatives in those state- and federally-funded programs.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that as of January 1, 2026, Superintendent Paul Peterson or designee be designated as the agent in filing applications for and representing the District in state- and federally-funded programs.

School Board Regular Meeting**6. J.****Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Subject:**

Approval of School Board Meeting Schedule for 2026

Background:

The School Board meeting schedule was approved during the June 16, 2025 School Board meeting. It is the practice of the Board to review the schedule and make any revisions during the January organizational meeting.

All meetings are held at 10 Civic Center Plaza - see rooms below.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Monday, January 5, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Minnesota Valley Room	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 • Regular Meeting & Work Session	Minnesota River Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, February 2, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 • Regular Meeting & Work Session	Minnesota River Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 2, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 16, 2026 • Regular Meeting & Work Session	Minnesota River Room	5:00 p.m.
Monday, April 6, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 20, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 4, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 18, 2026 • Regular Meeting & Work Session	Minnesota River Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, June 15, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:00 p.m.
Monday, July 20, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 17, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, September 21, 2026 • Regular Meeting • Work Session	Mankato Room Minnesota River Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 5, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 19, 2026 • Regular Meeting & Work Session	Minnesota River Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 2, 2026 (Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness Mtg at 5 pm) • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 16, 2026 • Regular Meeting & Work Session	Minnesota River Room	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8, 2026 • Regular Meeting	Mankato Room	5:30 p.m.
Monday, December 21, 2026 • Regular Meeting • Work Session	Mankato Room Minnesota River Room	5:30 p.m.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends confirmation of the meeting schedule for 2026.

School Board Regular Meeting

6. K.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

School Board Member Committee Assignments for 2026

Background:

School Board committee assignments for 2026 are recommended as follows:

Patrick Baker

- Bond Oversight Committee
- Communication Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Finance Committee
- Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) Advisory Committee
- Principal Negotiations

Elizabeth Hanke

- Community Education Advisory Council
- Legislative Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Wellness Committee
- Food Service Negotiation

Christopher Kind

- Bond Oversight Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) Advisory Committee
- Meet and Confer Committee
- Sick Leave Bank
- Transportation Committee
- Custodian Negotiations

Kari Pratt

- Executive Committee
- Policy Committee
- Sustainability Committee
- Student - Community Safety Advisory Council
- Teacher Negotiations

Liz Ratcliff

- Communication Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Meet and Confer Committee

- Student Advisory Council Facilitator
- Sustainability Committee
- Secretaries Negotiations

Erin Roberts

- DEI Committee
- Policy Committee
- Special Education Parent Advisory Council
- Student Advisory Council Facilitator
- Student-Community Safety Advisory Council
- Para Negotiations

Shannon Sinning

- DEI Committee
- Energy Committee
- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Minnesota State High School League Representative

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of the committee assignments for 2026 and school assignments through June 30, 2026.

School Board Regular Meeting

7. A.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting

Background:

See attachment.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the minutes and proceedings as attached.

Attachments

Minutes - December 15, 2025

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 77
Mankato, Minnesota

December 15, 2025

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, December 15, in the Minnesota Valley Room at the Intergovernmental Center. Chair Sinning called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present at roll call: Patrick Baker, Elizabeth Hanke, Christopher Kind, Kari Pratt, Liz Ratcliff, and Shannon Sinning. Absent: Erin Roberts.

Mrs. Pratt made a motion, and Mrs. Ratcliff seconded, approval of the agenda together with a Personnel Addendum. The motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment: Two people wished to speak.

Information Reports: 2024-25 Audit Report presented by Auditor Mary Reedy from Clifton Larson Allen LLP.

The consent agenda items outlined below were approved on a motion by Mrs. Pratt, seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff, and carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of the December 2, 2025, regular Board meeting.

Approval of December Bills totaling \$11,512,369.32.

Approval of Non-Affiliated salaries and benefits for 2025-26 and 2026-27.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Amanda Furth - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning for 2 hours per day/3 days per week (M-W) beginning December 8, 2025. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association. This is in addition to her Substitute Teacher assignment.

Ruthie Gyasi - ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/2 days per week beginning January 5, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.00 per hour.

Zoe Lienemann - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 22, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Kelsey Risk - Special Education Paraeducator at Roosevelt Elementary School for 5.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning December 8, 2025. She will be placed at classification B22, step

1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Carlese Ronning - Non-classroom Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 2.167 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) beginning December 3, 2025. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Amalia Sanchez - Early Learning Classroom Aide at MAPS Center for Learning for 6.5 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) and 6 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) beginning December 3, 2025. She will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Sabrina Van Denburgh - Special Education Paraeducator at West High School for 5.25 hours per day/3 days per week (M/T/TH) and 6.75 hours per day/1 day per week (W) beginning January 12, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Danica Kenning - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Associate Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning December 2, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Allison Lashinski - Adjust start date to September 2, 2025, as Early Learning Classroom Aide at MAPS Center for Learning.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Alyson Green - Extend Board-approved leave, returning to work on March 2, 2026.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Hannah Bratlien - ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 12, 2025.

Hayley Dahmes - 8-hour Floating Evening Custodian with the District, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 30, 2025.

Anna Downs - Special Education Paraeducator at Monroe Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 5, 2025.

Brooklyn Gossen - ACES Student Support Assistant and ACES Site Lead at Eagle Lake Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 4, 2025.

Emeri Meger - Rescind Acceptance as ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School.

Ciera Ruzek - ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 3, 2025.

Sydney Wallace - ACES Student Support Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 5, 2025.

Madalynn Wulkan - ACES Child Care Assistant assignment at Jefferson Elementary School and ACES Site Lead Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 23, 2025.

Personnel – Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Mitchel Pomije - Part-time (0.50 FTE) Contract Substitute Teacher at East High School beginning January 20, 2026, and continuing through the end of the 2025-26 school year. He will be placed at step 2 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule. This is in addition to his Substitute Teacher assignment.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Allyson Gotz - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Monroe Elementary School for 7.83 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 2, 2026. Training date December 19, 2025. She will be placed at classification B22.5, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Izaac Kehler - Early Learning Classroom Aide at MAPS Center for Learning for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning December 15, 2025. He will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Yurub Kulmie - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 5, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22.5, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Madilyn Bodle - Adjust start date to December 11, 2025, as Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Leah Burdick - Change in assignment from Kitchen Float Cook Helper at West High School to Cook Helper at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning December 15, 2025.

Joselyn Ellis - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School from 6.67 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) to 6.67 hours per day/5 days per week beginning December 15, 2025.

Owen Finch - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Monroe Elementary School from 3 hours per day/3 days per week (M/T/TH) and 4.75 hours per day/2 days per week (W/F) to 3 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) and 4.75 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) beginning December 15, 2025. This is in addition to his Non-classroom Paraeducator assignment at Bridges Community School.

Megan Herkenhoff - Increase hourly rate to \$15.75 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning January 1, 2026.

Reese Hilsenbeck - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant to ACES Student Support Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School beginning December 16, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.00 per hour.

Tessa Holland - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Associate Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning January 6, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Olivia Kaser - Increase hourly rate to \$15.25 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning January 16, 2026.

Sienna McConville - Increase hourly rate to \$15.50 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning January 1, 2026.

Kamyra Porter - Increase hourly rate to \$15.25 as ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute beginning January 1, 2026.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Hannah Meyer - Extend Board-approved leave, returning to work March 4, 2026.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Hamdi Abdilahi - 4-hour Evening Custodian at Bridges Community School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 5, 2024.

Dorbell Anthony - Early Learning Secretary at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 23, 2025.

Ava Bassett - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 8, 2025.

Samantha Maruska - Second Cook at Eagle Lake Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 12, 2025.

Audrey Wertish - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 12, 2025.

Megan Worms - ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary and Washington Elementary Schools, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 10, 2025.

TERMINATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Narissa Gran - Cook Helper at Dakota Meadows Middle School, effective December 12, 2025.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ratcliff and seconded by Mr. Kind to certify the tax levy for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$40,482,667.07. The motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pratt and seconded by Mrs. Ratcliff to accept the 2024-25 Audit Report as presented during the informational portion of the meeting. The motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

The following policies were presented for second reading and approval:

218 - School Board Member Compensation

407 - Employee Right to Know - Exposure to Hazardous Substances

445 - Teacher Obligations With Regard to Substitutes

The revised policies were approved on a motion by Mrs. Ratcliff, second by Mrs. Pratt, and carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

As part of the 2023 bond referendum, the school district committed to helping address child care space needs in Eagle Lake. Over the past two years, district staff have worked with the City of Eagle Lake, local providers, First Children's Finance and the Eagle Lake EDA to refine a plan that is both responsive to community needs and viable for operators. The proposed project renovates two classrooms at Eagle Lake Elementary into dedicated child care suites, each with a kitchenette, bathroom, storage, direct exterior access and adjacent fenced outdoor space. A recent review by the Facilities Committee confirmed the design direction and additional feedback from providers and committee members will be incorporated into final documents. The construction estimate is \$1.18 million, which is \$561,386 below the original bond budget. Mr. Baker made a motion to proceed with the Eagle Lake child care renovation plan as recommended and Mrs. Ratcliff seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

On November 4th at 2:00pm and Combined Mechanical work scope re-bid on November 25th, 2025 at 2:00pm, ninety (90) bids were received for the Mankato Area Public Schools 2026 IAQ/HVAC Project at Kennedy Elementary School (see page ____). The administrative team Kraus Anderson, our Construction Manager, recommend that the bids as submitted by multiple contractors in the amount of \$8,594,719.00 for the base bid, along with Alternate #1 (skylight replacement) for \$171,480.00 for a total of \$8,766,199.00, be accepted by the School Board. IAQ LTFM and Bond revenue will be used to fund this project, and this project will be part of the FY26/FY27 budget. Mrs. Hanke made a motion to accept the bid as recommended and Mrs. Pratt seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

On November 18th at 2:00pm, seventy five (75) bids were received for the Mankato Area Public Schools 2026 IAQ/HVAC Project at Hoover Elementary School (see page ____). The administrative team and Kraus Anderson, our Construction Manager, recommend that the bids as submitted by multiple contractors in the amount of \$8,581,010.00 for the base bid, along with Alternate #1 (skylight replacement) for \$232,712.00 for a total of \$8,813,722.00, be accepted by the School Board. IAQ LTFM and Bond revenue will be used to fund this project, and this project will be part of the FY26/FY27 budget. Mr. Kind made a motion to accept the bid as recommended and Mrs. Ratcliff seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

There being no further business to consider, Mrs. Hanke moved and Mrs. Ratcliff seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:35 p.m., on a 6-0 voice vote.

Attest: Clerk _____

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 77
Mankato, Minnesota

December 15, 2025

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, December 15, in the Minnesota Valley Room at the Intergovernmental Center. Chair Sinning called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present at roll call: Patrick Baker, Elizabeth Hanke, Christopher Kind, Kari Pratt, Liz Ratcliff, and Shannon Sinning. Absent: Erin Roberts.

1. Pratt/Ratcliff approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 6-0
2. Public Comment: Two wished to speak.
3. Information: 2024-25 Audit Report
4. Pratt/Ratcliff approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the December 2, 2025, regular meeting; Approval of December Bills; Approval of Non-Affiliated Contracts for 2025-27; Personnel. 6-0
5. Ratcliff/Kind certify tax levy for 2026-2027. 6-0
6. Pratt/Ratcliff acceptance of 2024-25 Audit Report. 6-0
7. Ratcliff/Pratt approval of revised policies. 6-0
8. Baker/Ratcliff approval of Eagle Lake Day Care Construction Project. 6-0
9. Hanke/Pratt approval of 2026 IAQ/HVAC Project at Kennedy Elementary School. 6-0
10. Kind/Ratcliff approval of 2026 IAQ/HVAC Project at Hoover Elementary School. 6-0
11. Hanke/Ratcliff adjournment at 6:35 p.m. 6-0

Independent School District No. 77
Mankato, Minnesota
By: Erin Roberts

The complete minutes and all documents relating to this meeting are on file and available for review in the Superintendent's Office, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 2 and on-line at www.isd77.org.



November 12, 2025

Mr. Scott Kaminski
Mankato Area Public Schools
10 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 56002

RE: **MAPS Kennedy Elementary School**
Contract Award Letter

Dear Mr. Kaminski:

This letter is concerning the contract awards for the above referenced project that was bid on November 4, 2025 with a rebid of the Combined Mechanical work scope on November 25, 2025.

Kraus-Anderson has verified bidders and we submit the following lowest responsible bidders and their total bid amount:

<i>Work Scope</i>	<i>Contractor, City, State</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
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WS 01-J	Final Cleaning	SPAR LLC Minneapolis, MN	Base Bid: Alternate #1: Total Contract:	\$35,000.00 \$750.00 \$35,750.00
WS 03-A	Concrete	Evenson Concrete Systems Mankato, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$78,000.00 \$78,000.00
WS 04-A	Masonry	Kingdom Builders Masonry LLC Fairmont, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$143,800.00 \$143,800.00
WS 05-A	Structural Steel Material	Noble-X, Inc. Amery, WI	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$50,908.00 \$50,908.00
WS 05-B	Structural Steel Erection	Spartan Steel Erectors, Inc. Mound, MN	Base Bid: Alternate #1: Total Contract:	\$48,100.00 \$10,500.00 \$58,600.00
WS 06-A	Carpentry & Selective Demolition	Robert W. Carlstrom Co., Inc. Mankato, MN	Base Bid: Alternate #1: Total Contract:	\$435,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$440,000.00
WS 07-F	Metal Panel	Schwickert's Tecta America, LLC Mankato, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$19,785.00 \$19,785.00
WS 07-H	Roofing	Kato Roofing, Inc. Mankato, MN	Base Bid: Alternate #1: Total Contract:	\$192,398.00 \$155,230.00 \$347,628.00

Work Scope**Contractor, City, State****Bid Amount**

WS 08-A	Doors, Frames, & Hardware – Material Only	Kendell Doors & Hardware LLC Mendota Heights, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$19,868.00 \$19,868.00
WS 08-F	Exterior Glass & Glazing	United Glass, Inc. Brooklyn Park, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$131,730.00 \$131,730.00
WS 09-A	Drywall	Pietsch Construction Inc. Madelia, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$159,700.00 \$159,700.00
WS 09-B	Tile	Grazzini Brothers & Company Eagan, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$29,480.00 \$29,480.00
WS 09-C	Ceiling & Acoustical Treatment	Palmer-Soderberg, Inc. Rochester, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$324,800.00 \$324,800.00
WS 09-D	Flooring – Resilient & Carpet	Rickway Carpet North Mankato, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$28,375.00 \$28,375.00
WS 09-K	Painting	Mulcahy Nickolaus LLC Oakdale, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$57,905.00 \$57,905.00
WS 12-C	Manufactured Casework	Northern Woodwork, Inc. Thief River Falls, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$57,825.00 \$57,825.00
WS 21-A	Fire Suppression	Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection LLC St. Joseph, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$236,880.00 \$236,880.00
WS 23-B	Combined Mechanical	Chappell Central, Inc. Willmar, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$5,360,000.00 \$5,360,000.00
WS 26-A	Electrical	BLK Electric, Inc. North Mankato, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$1,037,665.00 \$1,037,665.00
WS 31-A	Site Clearing & Earthwork	Steve James Excavating, Inc. Owatonna, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$105,000.00 \$105,000.00

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Work Scope	Contractor, City, State	Bid Amount
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WS 32-A	Asphalt Paving	Nielsen Blacktopping, Inc. Kasota, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$15,000.00 \$15,000.00
WS 32-B	Concrete Paving	Evenson Concrete Systems Mankato, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$27,500.00 \$27,500.00

Total Base Bid: \$ 8,594,719.00
Total Alternate #1: \$ 171,480.00
Contract Total: \$ 8,766,199.00

We have enclosed the Bid Tabulation sheets that reflect the bids received.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 612.290.6313.

Very truly yours,

KRAUS-ANDERSON® CONSTRUCTION COMPANY



Rob Gemelke
Senior Project Manager



November 26, 2025

Mr. Scott Kaminski
Mankato Area Public Schools
10 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 56002

RE: **MAPS Hoover Elementary School**
Contract Award Letter

Dear Mr. Kaminski:

This letter is concerning the contract awards for the above referenced project that was bid on November 18, 2025.

Kraus-Anderson has verified bidders and we submit the following lowest responsible bidders and their total bid amount:

<i>Work Scope</i>	<i>Contractor, City, State</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
WS 01-J	Final Cleaning Cleaniacs LLC Buffalo, MN	Base Bid: \$34,350.00 Total Contract: \$34,350.00
WS 03-A	Concrete Evenson Concrete Systems Mankato, MN	Base Bid: \$67,000.00 Total Contract: \$67,000.00
WS 04-A	Masonry Kingdom Builders Masonry LLC Fairmont, MN	Base Bid: \$156,600.00 Total Contract: \$156,600.00
WS 05-A	Structural Steel Material Noble-X, Inc. Amery, WI	Base Bid: \$75,603.00 Total Contract: \$75,603.00
WS 05-B	Structural Steel Erection Hursh Metal Erectors, Inc. Forest Lake, MN	Base Bid: \$55,527.00 Total Contract: \$55,527.00
WS 06-A	Carpentry & Selective Demolition JD Driver LTD Rose Creek, MN	Base Bid: \$412,500.00 Alternate #1: \$17,000.00 Total Contract: \$429,500.00
WS 07-F	Metal Panel Schwickert's Tecta America, LLC Mankato, MN	Base Bid: \$19,925.00 Total Contract: \$19,925.00
WS 07-H	Roofing Schwickert's Tecta America Mankato, MN	Base Bid: \$266,911.00 Alternate #1: \$208,127.00 Total Contract: \$475,038.00

Work Scope**Contractor, City, State****Bid Amount**

WS 08-A	Doors, Frames, & Hardware – Material Only	Kendell Doors & Hardware LLC Mendota Heights, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$22,683.00 \$22,683.00
WS 08-F	Exterior Glass & Glazing	United Glass, Inc. Brooklyn Park, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$127,777.00 \$127,777.00
WS 09-A	Drywall	RTL Construction, Inc. Shakopee, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$166,939.00 \$166,939.00
WS 09-B	Tile	MCI Carpet One Waite Park, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$28,700.00 \$28,700.00
WS 09-C	Ceiling & Acoustical Treatment	Twin City Acoustics Inc. Minneapolis, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$309,160.00 \$309,160.00
WS 09-D	Flooring – Resilient & Carpet	Commercial Flooring Services LLC Eagan, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$40,065.00 \$40,065.00
WS 09-K	Painting	High Performance Coatings, Inc. Buffalo, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$85,834.00 \$85,834.00
WS 12-C	Manufactured Casework	Northwest Cabinets Bemidji, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$91,931.00 \$91,931.00
WS 21-A	Fire Suppression	Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection LLC St. Joseph, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$236,880.00 \$236,880.00
WS 23-B	Combined Mechanical	Bauernfeind Goedtel Faribault, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$4,955,000.00 \$4,955,000.00
WS 26-A	Electrical	BLK Electric, Inc. North Mankato, MN	Base Bid: Alternate #1: Total Contract:	\$1,259,625.00 \$7,585.00 \$1,267,210.00
WS 31-A	Site Clearing & Earthwork	Steve James Excavating, Inc. Owatonna, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$130,000.00 \$130,000.00



Work Scope	Contractor, City, State	Bid Amount
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WS 32-A	Asphalt Paving	Nielsen Blacktopping, Inc. Kasota, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$18,500.00 \$18,500.00
WS 32-B	Concrete Paving	Evenson Concrete Systems Mankato, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$19,500.00 \$19,500.00

Total Base Bid: \$ 8,581,010.00
Total Alternate #1:\$ 232,712.00
Contract Total: \$ 8,813,722.00

We have enclosed the Bid Tabulation sheets that reflect the bids received.

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Very truly yours,

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Rob Gemelke
Senior Project Manager

School Board Regular Meeting

7. B.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services

Subject:

Personnel

Background:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jacob Dolter - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Contract Substitute Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning January 15 and ending May 22, 2026. He will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Mitchel Pomije - Adjust salary placement from B to B+30 as Contract Substitute Teacher at East High School beginning January 20, 2026.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Bryn Hacker - ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning December 15, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$18.75 per hour. This is in addition to her ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute and Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School assignments.

Hailey Hoppe - Teacher in Residence at Rosa Parks Elementary School for 7.33 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 12 and ending April 29, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$23.00 per hour.

Addison Houn - ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 5, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Kayla Hunter - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Prairie Winds Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning December 22, 2025. She will be placed at classification B22.5, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Andrew Luepke - Special Education Paraeducator at Roosevelt Elementary School for 1 hour per day/5 days per week beginning January 21, and ending May 21, 2026. He will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association. This is in addition to his ACES Site Lead Substitute and ACES Child Care Assistant assignments at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Maryam Mahamud - ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Program at Lincoln Community Center for 1.75 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) beginning September 2, 2025. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.35 per hour. This is in addition to her Home School Liaison assignment with the Adult Basic Education Program and Paraeducator Substitute assignment at MAPS Center for Learning.

Kendal Rekow - ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School for 3-4 hours per day/4 days per week beginning January 5, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

MD Abdur Razzak Sarker - Early Learning Classroom Aide at MAPS Center for Learning for 3.5 hours per day/2 days per week (M/TH) and 4 hours per day/1 day per week (T) beginning January 12, 2026. He will be placed at classification B21, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Lacey Schreurs - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Futures for 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning December 19, 2025. She will be placed at classification B22.5, step 4, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Tiana Wilkinson - Special Education Paraeducator at Hoover Elementary School for 6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning December 18, 2025. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Siham Abdulla Ali - Increase in assignment as ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Program from 4.75 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/TH) and 7 hours per day/1 day per week (T) to 4.75 hours per day/2 days per week (W/TH), 7 hours per day/1 days per week (T) and 7.5 hours per day/1 day per week (M) beginning January 12, 2026.

Owen Finch - Temporary increase in assignment as a Special Education Paraeducator at Monroe Elementary School from 3 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) and 4.75 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) to 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning December 15, 2025, and ending January 9, 2026.

Carley Fischer - Increase hourly rate to \$15.25 as ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary beginning January 16, 2026. This is in addition to her ACES Site Lead Substitute assignment.

Adella Maisuk - Increase in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Monroe Elementary School from 6.75 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) and 2.5 hours per day/2 days per week (M/F) to 6.75 hours per day/3 days per week (T-TH) beginning December 15, 2025.

Lindsey Rockvam - Increase in assignment as Health & Wellness Paraeducator at SUN from 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning December 17, 2025.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Hailey Hoppe - Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has requested unpaid leave in order to accept the Teacher in Residence assignment beginning January 12, and returning on April 30, 2026.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Chastity Cheeseman - Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 23, 2025.

Aubrey Dye - Cook Helper at East High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be December 19, 2025.

Recommended Action:

The Administration recommends the approval of the personnel items.

School Board Regular Meeting**7. C.****Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Approval of Extended Trip - West Baseball

Background:

The Mankato West Baseball program requested school board approval of an extended trip and out-of-state travel March 26-30, 2026 for the purpose of spring practice and scrimmages.

Under Minnesota State High School League bylaw 411.00 Travel For Out-of-State Practice and Scrimmages, if a member school's League-sponsored athletic team requests out-of-state travel for a practice or scrimmage for the varsity, junior varsity, or "B" squad teams, the school board must complete the following steps prior to any travel by the team:

1. Review a complete copy of the itinerary planned for the school team.
2. Review the financial aspect of the trip including the funds to be received from and expended by the school team.
3. Identify the manner in which the school board will comply with the Title IX relative to travel opportunities for each gender.
4. Approve travel for the school team at a regularly scheduled school board meeting.

This request also received prior approval by Principal Blasing and is in alignment with District Policy 610 Field Trips for school sponsored extended supplemental trips that are considered to be a part of the school's program.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that the School Board approve the extended trip, per MSHSL requirement.

Attachments

School Board Regular Meeting

8. A.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Subject:

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Background:

Optimists of MN Valley donated \$500 for East High DECA Program

Mary Ann Christensen donated \$119,036.65 for MAPS FFA Program, Career Pathways Program & Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Education

Lake Washington Improvement Association donated \$3,000 for West High Girls Hockey Program

Scheels donated \$100 for West High Girls Swim & Dive Program

Dennis K & Vivian D Siemer Foundation Inc donated \$14,000 for East & West High Schools Government Trip

Matthew E Wolff donated \$2,500 for Wolff Family Jumpstart Scholarship Program

Jeanne Ternes donated \$50 for Eagle Lake Elementary School

Eagle Lake American Legion Post 617 donated \$300 for Eagle Lake Elementary School

Crust & Crumb Cottage donated Sourdough Loaves (\$1,053 value) for Community Education ABE/ESL/GED Programs

Mankato West High Orchesis Program received the following donations:

- \$100 from Skogen Mechanical, LLC
- \$250 from Midwest Fitness Centers - Fit for 10
- \$500 from River Valley Sprinklers, LLC
- \$500 from Minnesota Home Tours LLC

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends Board acceptance of these generous gifts and grants.

Attachments

Resolution

The following resolution was moved by _____ and seconded by _____.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education."; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full."; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Mankato Area Public Schools, ISD77, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

- Optimists of MN Valley donated \$500 for East High DECA Program
- Mary Ann Christensen donated \$119,036.65 for MAPS FFA Program, Career Pathways Program & Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Education
- Lake Washington Improvement Association donated \$3,000 for West High Girls Hockey Program
- Scheels donated \$100 for West High Girls Swim & Dive Program
- Dennis K & Vivian D Siemer Foundation Inc donated \$14,000 for East & West High Schools Government Trip
- Matthew E Wolff donated \$2,500 for Wolff Family Jumpstart Scholarship Program
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- Mankato West High Orchestras Program received the following donations:
 - \$100 from Skogen Mechanical, LLC
 - \$250 from Midwest Fitness Centers - Fit for 10
 - \$500 from River Valley Sprinklers, LLC
 - \$500 from Minnesota Home Tours LLC

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

By: _____
Chair

By: _____
Clerk

School Board Regular Meeting

8. B.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2026

Prepared By: Amanda Heilman, Director of Business Services

Subject:

Approval of 2025-26 & 2026-27 Transportation Contract Extensions

Background:

The Mankato Area Public Schools and our current bus operators have come to a mutual agreement for transportation services for the 2025-26 & 2026-27 school years.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that a two-year extension 2025-26 & 2026-27 be approved as per monthly rates listed in the attachment.

Attachments

Transportation Monthly Rates

RATES PER STUDENT PER MONTH

YEAR	OPERATOR	CITY	RURAL	SP.ED.	TAPP – AREA 5
2025-2026	Palmer	\$63.60	\$102.31	\$459.58	\$459.58
2025-2026	Yaeger	\$63.60	\$102.31		
2026-2027	Palmer	\$65.51	\$105.38	\$473.36	\$473.36
2026-2027	Yaeger	\$65.51	\$105.38		

School Board Regular Meeting**8. C.****Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026**Prepared By:** Amanda Heilman, Director of Business Services

Subject:

Approval of Individual Transportation Contracts

Background:

The state law requires school districts to enter contracts with all individuals or companies who transport students. There are a number of individuals with whom we must reach an agreement with each fall.

There are various situations in the school district for which a special arrangement for transportation has been made with either the parent or a private contractor for example: There are situations where the bus is unable to travel on a road because of location and condition. The bus routes are too long for some students that have very special needs or are medically fragile. Some are just not able to make arrangements suitable for the child's specific needs and therefore enter into a contract with the parent or guardian. The district has a number of students that participate in a work program and are being transported to and from their work experience sites on a daily basis.

Recommended Action:

At this time, the administration has currently reached an agreement in each of these cases with the parent or contractor and the administration recommends the approval of the individual contracts as stated in the memorandum which is attached. Moreover, the administration may reach further such agreements throughout the year as needs arise. The administration recommends board approval.

School Board Regular Meeting**8. D.****Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026**Prepared By:** Amanda Heilman, Director of Business Services

Subject:

Acceptance of Bids for Eagle Lake Day Care and IAQ Project

Background:

On December 17th, forty-eight (48) bids were received for the Mankato Area Public Schools Eagle Lake Day Care and IAQ Project.

Recommended Action:

The administrative team and Kraus Anderson, our Construction Manager, recommend that the bids as submitted by multiple contractors in the amount of \$4,095,070.00 be accepted by the School Board. IAQ LTFM and Bond revenue will be used to fund this project, and this project will be part of the FY26/FY27 budget. A summary of the bids received is attached.

Attachments

Letter of Recommendation

Bid Summary



December 29, 2025

Mr. Scott Kaminski
Mankato Area Public Schools
10 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 56002

RE: **MAPS Eagle Lake Elementary
Contract Award Letter**

Dear Mr. Kaminski:

This letter is concerning the contract awards for the above referenced project that was bid on December 17, 2025.

Kraus-Anderson has verified bidders and we submit the following lowest responsible bidders and their total bid amount:

<i>Work Scope</i>	<i>Contractor, City, State</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
WS 01-J	Final Cleaning Everest Cleaning Systems LLC Saint Paul, MN	Base Bid: \$31,134.00 Total Contract: \$31,134.00
WS 03-A	Concrete Robert W. Carlstrom Co., Inc. Mankato, MN	Base Bid: \$43,046.00 Total Contract: \$43,046.00
WS 07-H	Roofing Kato Roofing, Inc. Mankato, MN	Base Bid: \$107,905.00 Total Contract: \$107,905.00
WS 08-F	Exterior Glass & Glazing United Glass, Inc. Brooklyn Park, MN	Base Bid: \$10,950.00 Total Contract: \$10,950.00
WS 09-A	Drywall Pietsch Construction Inc. Madelia, MN	Base Bid: \$159,000.00 Total Contract: \$159,000.00
WS 09-B	Tile Commercial Flooring Services, LLC Eagan, MN	Base Bid: \$15,224.00 Total Contract: \$15,224.00
WS 09-C	Ceiling & Acoustical Treatment Palmer-Soderberg, Inc. Rochester, MN	Base Bid: \$182,400.00 Total Contract: \$182,400.00
WS 09-D	Flooring – Resilient & Carpet Rickway Carpet North Mankato, MN	Base Bid: \$25,000.00 Total Contract: \$25,000.00

Work Scope	Contractor, City, State	Bid Amount
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WS 09-K	Painting	Mulcahy Nickolaus LLC Oakdale, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$46,875.00 \$46,875.00
WS 21-A	Fire Suppression	J.F. Ahern Co. Menomonie, WI	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$67,069.00 \$67,069.00
WS 23-B	Combined Mechanical	Malterer Mechanical, Inc. Mankato, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$2,618,760.00 \$2,618,760.00
WS 26-A	Electrical	Wolf River Electric Isanti, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$733,707.00 \$733,707.00
WS 31-A	Site Clearing & Earthwork	Steve James Excavating, Inc. Owatonna, MN	Base Bid: Total Contract:	\$54,000.00 \$54,000.00

Total Base Bid: \$ 4,095,070.00
Contract Total: \$ 4,095,070.00

Work scope not included: 06A Carpentry & Demolition
Approximate amount: \$287,000.00

We have enclosed the Bid Tabulation sheets that reflect the bids received.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 507.649.7491.

Very truly yours,

KRAUS-ANDERSON® CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Mike Hayes

Mike Hayes
Assistant Project Manager



ARCHITECT: ISG

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WS 01J - Final Cleaning

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WS 03A - Concrete

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WS 06A - Carpentry + Demolition

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WS 07H - Roofing

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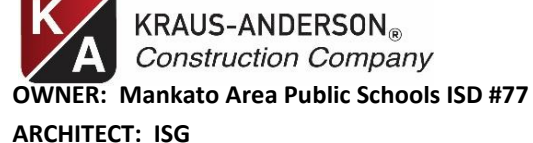
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WS 09A - Drywall

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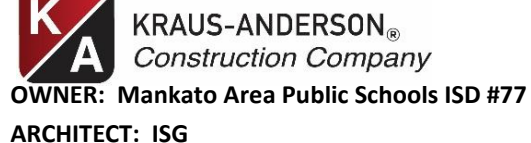
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WS 09C - Ceilings and Acoustical Treatments

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WS 09D - Flooring

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WS 09K - Painting & Wall Covering

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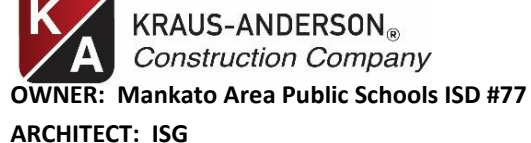
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WS 21A - Fire Suppression

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WS 23B - Combined Mechanical

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WS 26A - Electrical

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WS 31A - Site Clearing & Earthwork

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School Board Regular Meeting**8. E.****Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026**Prepared By:** Travis Olson, Director of Teaching & Learning

Subject:

Approval of the 2026-27 & 2027-28 School Year Calendars

Background:

A calendar committee made up of teachers and administrators developed draft calendars based on state statute, employee contracts and past input from students, staff and families. These drafts were shared with the MAPS community for input which was collected via an online survey. The committee considered this feedback in developing the calendars submitted for your consideration.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the calendar for 2026-27 & 2027-28 school years.

Attachments

2027-2028 - Student Calendar - Draft

2026-2027 Student Calendar - Draft



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2027-2028 Student Calendar - Draft

July

July 2027						
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January 2028						
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January

- 12 2hr Early Out
- 17 No School K-12 MLK Jr. Day
- 21 End of Quarter 2
- 24 No School K-12

August

August 2027						
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February

- 9 2hr Early Out
- 28 No School K-12 Eid

September

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March 2028						
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March

- 3 No School K-5
- 8 2hr Early Out
- 27 End of Quarter 3
- 27 No School K-8
- 29 No School K-12
- 29 No School K-12
- 30 No School K-12
- 31 No School K-12

October

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April

- 12 2hr Early Out
- 14 No School K-12 Good Friday

November

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May

- 10 2hr Early Out
- 29 No School K-12 Memorial Day
- 31 Central Graduation 5pm at Lincoln Community Center

December

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June

- 1 End of Quarter 4
- 1 Classes End Grades K-12
- 1 East/West HS Graduation
- Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
- East HS - 5:30PM
- West HS - 8PM

- 8 2hr Early Out
- 23 No School K-12
- 24 No School K-12 Christmas Day (Observed on)
- 27 No School K-12
- 28 No School K-12
- 29 No School K-12
- 30 No School K-12
- 31 No School K-12 New Year's Day (Observed on)



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January

- 1 No School K-12 New Year's Day
- 13 2hr Early Out
- 18 No School K-12 MLK Jr. Day
- 28 End of Quarter 2
- 29 No School K-12

August

August 2026						
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February

- 10 2hr Early Out

September

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March

- 9 No School K-5
- 10 No School K-12 Eid
- 11 No School K-12
- 12 No School K-12
- 17 2hr Early Out
- 26 No School K-12 Good Friday

October

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April

- 8 No School K-8
- 8 End of Quarter 3
- 9 No School K-12
- 14 Early Out

November

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June

- 9 Central Graduation 5pm at Lincoln Community Center
- 10 End of Quarter 4
- 10 Classes End Grades K-12
- 10 East/West HS Graduation
- Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
- East HS - 5:30PM
- West HS - 8PM

- 8 Classes Begin 9th Grade
- 8 No School K-8 (Conf)
- 9 Classes Begin 6th, 10-12
- 9 No School K-5, 7 & 8 (Conf)
- 10 Classes Begin K-5, 7 & 8
- 16 2hr Early Out

- 7 2hr Early Out
- 12 No School K-12 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 15 No School K-12- MEA Break
- 16 No School K-12- MEA Break

- 11 2hr Early Out
- 12 End of Quarter 1
- 13 No School K-12
- 24 No School K-5
- 25 No School K-12
- 26 No School K-12
- Thanksgiving Day
- 27 No School K-12

- 9 2hr Early Out
- 23 No School K-12
- 24 No School K-12
- 25 No School K-12 Christmas Day
- 28 No School K-12
- 29 No School K-12
- 30 No School K-12
- 31 No School K-12

