



AGENDA
Independent School District No. 77
Mankato, MN 56001

Monday, June 15, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.
Intergovernmental Center - Mankato Room

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (5:00 P.M.)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (5:00 P.M.)

3. MAPS STAFF SPOTLIGHT (5:05 P.M.)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:15 P.M.)

5. INFORMATION (5:25 P.M.)

A. 2026 Educare Grants

B. Focus Schools Report

C. First Reading of Revised Policies

D. Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports

6. PUBLIC HEARING (6:10 P.M.)

A. Language Access Plan

7. CONSENT AGENDA (6:15 P.M.)

A. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2026, Regular Meeting

B. Approval of June Bills

C. Personnel

- D. Approval of School Board Meeting Dates for 2027
 - E. Renewal of Membership in the Minnesota State High School League
 - F. Renewal of Membership in the Minnesota School Boards Association
 - G. Approval of the 2026-27 Hourly Rates for Part-Time, Temporary and Substitute Employees, and Miscellaneous Rates of Pay
 - H. Approval of 2026-2027 Rates of Pay for Community Education Department Part-Time and Seasonal Personnel
8. BUSINESS (6:20 P.M.)
- A. Acceptance of Gifts and Grants
 - B. Adoption of Resolution Calling the School District General Election
 - C. Approval of Language Access Plan
 - D. Ratification of 2026-28 Agreement with the MESA, representing the District 77 Secretarial and Clerical Employees
 - E. Adoption of Preliminary Budget 2026-2027
9. ADJOURNMENT (6:45 P.M.)



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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

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School Board Regular Meeting

5. A.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: Travis Olson, Director of Teaching & Learning

Item Type:

Subject:

2026 Educare Grants

Background:

Kari Juni, Educare Foundation Grant Chair, will present the grants that were approved by the Educare Foundation this spring.

Initiative Grants: Total Granted: \$36,743

- \$12,862 -Visiting Artist Residency - Pottery, Hoover Elementary School, Ariana Bealey, Grades K-5
- \$14,746 - Planetarium Laser System - East High School, Dave Burgess, Grades K-12
- \$1,200 - Social Emotional Learning Library - Futures Program, Jessica Villery, Grades K-21
- \$7,935 - Cameras for Photography Courses - West High School, Nicole Youell, Grades 10-12

Ed Waltman Mini Grants: Total Granted: \$23,417.21

Total Gant Dollars Approved: \$60,159

Recommended Action:

None

Attachments

2026 Educare Initiative Grants



Educare Initiative Grant

Applications

**Hoover Elementary • Mankato East High School • Futures Program •
Mankato West High School**

A collection of innovative, student-centered grant proposals submitted spanning visual arts, technology, social-emotional learning, and photography. Each project expands access, builds real-world skills, and strengthens our school community.





Educare Initiative Grant Application · Hoover Elementary

Pottery Wheel Visiting Artist Residency for K-5 Students

Submitted by **Ariana Bealey**, Visual Arts Instructor · Hoover Elementary, North Mankato

Students Impacted

500 students across Kindergarten–5th grade in 19 classes at Hoover Elementary

Residency Structure

15 weeks · 3 days/week · Small group sessions for 50 minutes each providing individualized guidance and learning

Teaching Artist

Professional ceramic artist **Hannah Peterson** leads wheel-throwing instruction alongside the visual arts teacher in small-group rotations

Curriculum Focus

Centering, forming, and shaping clay; finishing and glazing; history and cultural significance of ceramics



The PTO will partner on live pottery demonstrations during family nights, extending learning into the broader school community.

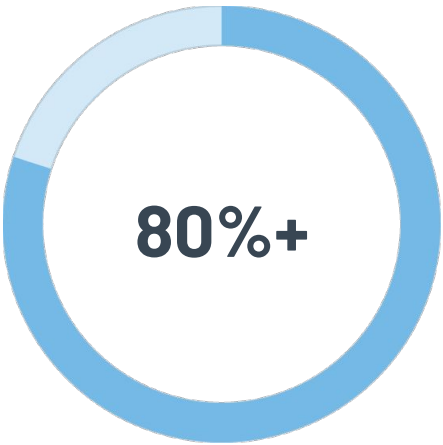
Pottery Residency: Rationale, Outcomes & Budget

This residency provides **equitable access** to an authentic ceramics experience that fosters creativity, confidence, and skill development — building on recently acquired pottery wheels funded by Educare and the school community art fundraiser.



Wheel Sessions Completed

All students across 19 classes complete at least one small-group session and create a finished ceramic piece



Confidence & Engagement

Tracked through teacher and artist observations throughout the residency



All Students

Demonstrate foundational ceramics vocabulary and identify at least one historical or cultural use of pottery

Total Budget: \$12,862.50

- Teaching time: 352.5 hrs × \$35/hr = **\$12,337.50**
- Training & prep: 6 hrs × \$35/hr = **\$210**
- Background check: **\$15**
- Tools & supplies: **\$300**

Sustainability & Replication

Lesson plans, scheduling models, and instructional strategies developed during the residency can be continued in future years and adapted by other schools seeking to incorporate pottery wheels or community partnerships — ensuring lasting impact well beyond the grant period.

Planetarium Laser System

The Mankato East HS Planetarium Club proposes installing a cutting-edge laser show system for the 2026–2027 school year. This project will engage math, science, and art classes — impacting **100+ students** — while enhancing K–8 district shows, area school visits, and public programming that draws **10,000–15,000 visitors annually**. Teacher: **David Burgess** | Mankato East High School

Vision & Rationale

Use technology to teach light, physics, art/music color principles, and geometry in an engaging cross-curricular way — directly aligning with Educare's goals of technology-driven, high-expectation learning that prepares students for the future.

Curriculum Standards

Aligned to MN Science Standards: covering physics and light across multiple grade levels.



Objectives

Grow K–12 programming, increase community visits, and develop student-produced laser shows. Supports cross-curricular and future-readiness skill development.

Project Partners

Partner	Contribution
Mankato East Planetarium Club	\$1,400
Mankato East Booster Club	\$500
District 77	TBD
Mankato Foundation	TBD



Laser System: Budget & Equipment

The itemized equipment below represents a professional-grade installation designed for longevity and multi-curricular use.

Itemized Equipment – Pangolin Laser Systems

Item	Qty	Total
ELITE 5 PRO FB4 Laser Unit	4	\$11,556.00
BEYOND Essentials Software (lifetime)	1	\$1,024.00
Tour Hazer II 'S' PHENOL 120V	1	\$1,795.00
Tour Hazer Fog 5-Ltr Can	2	\$154.00
FedEx Ground Shipping	1	\$217.00
Laser System Total		\$14,746.00

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Estimated Total Project Cost

Additional Hardware: Asus G814JZR-IH99 computer (~\$2,499.99, Best Buy) Mounting hardware cost TBD based on optimal laser placement.

Sustainability

The laser system carries a **lifetime support guarantee** and can generate revenue through public shows to fund ongoing planetarium upkeep.

Social Emotional Learning Library

Project Overview

- **Teacher:** Jessica Villery, OTD, OTR/L
- **Building:** Futures Program
- **Grades:** K–21
- **Students Impacted:** ~40–45

Why Play-Based Learning?

Futures students don't always learn through traditional means. Evidence strongly supports play-based strategies as effective for building social skills and increasing student buy-in — meeting learners where they are.

The Vision

Create a lending library of SEL tools on a rolling cart that staff and students can access to support self-regulation and social skill development through play. Materials will be labeled with Minnesota SEL/CASEL standards and Boystown skills, with a reference binder and digital guide for staff.

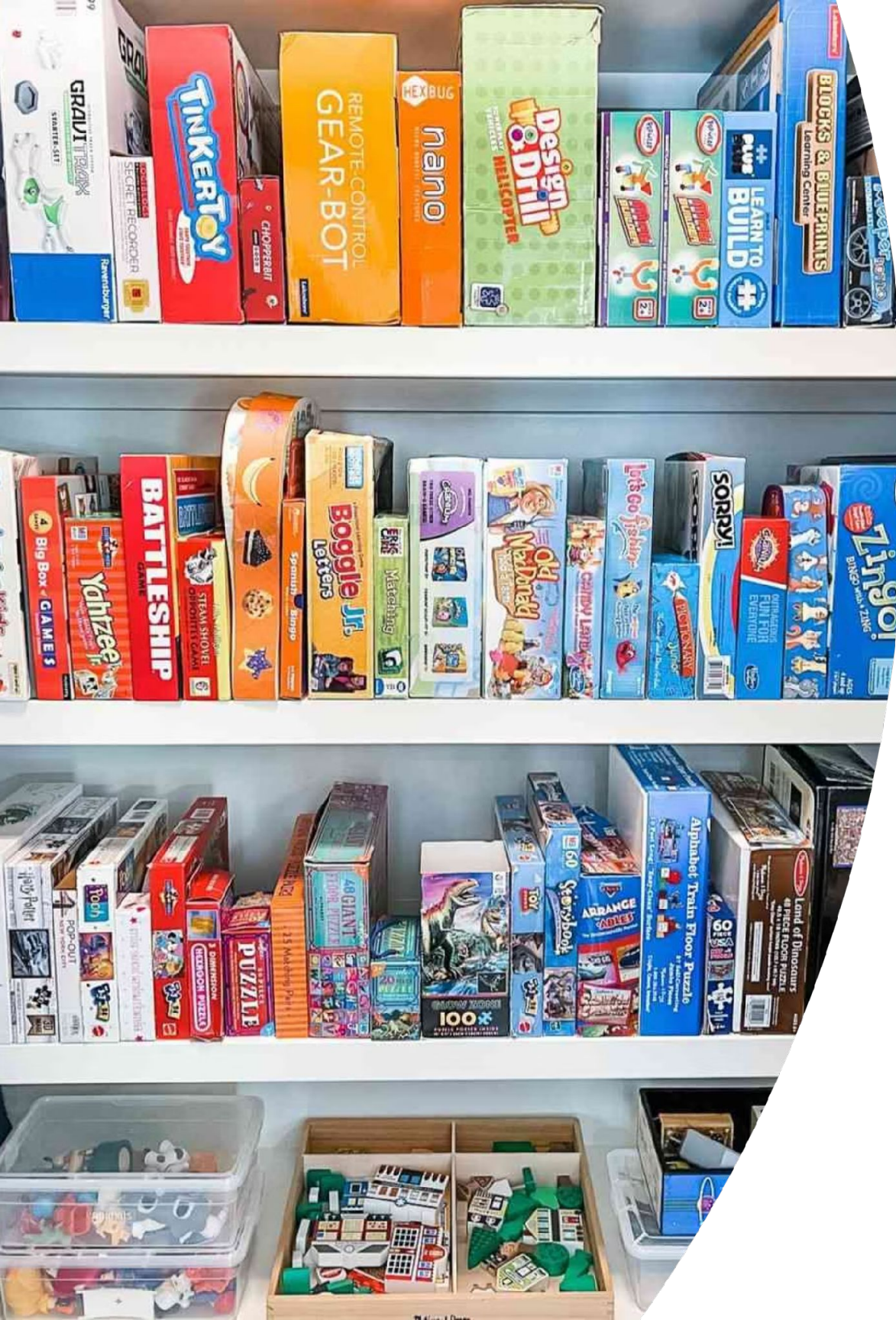
Measurable Outcomes

Progress on SEL-based IEP goals, successful transitions back to home school, and reduced need for staff support in social interactions and self-regulation.

Replicability

This model is intentionally flexible and open-ended. It could be easily replicated in other buildings, and the applicant is willing to support that expansion.





SEL Library: Contents & Budget

The lending library will include a curated collection of board games, card games, LEGO sets, fidget and self-regulation tools, and feelings-focused games — all selected to address at least one of the five CASEL domains within Minnesota SEL standards. Items span classic games (Yahtzee, Connect 4, Clue, Uno) to targeted SEL tools (A Little Spot Feelings Game, Go Fish Faces & Feelings, Face Cube Game, weighted stuffed animals, and fidget packs). Each item will be labeled with the relevant state standard and Boystown skill it supports.

How the Library Works

Staff select activities from the cart based on student needs or targeted skills. Students may also rent materials for the day to address self-regulation needs or as a reward through the Boystown point system. The open-ended design meets the ever-changing daily needs of the program.

Budget Request

\$1,200

Amount Requested

- ☐ SEL extends beyond a single class period — it is woven throughout the entire school day.

Cameras for Photography Courses

Submitted by **Nicole Youell** · Fall Semester 2026 · Grades 10–12

The Challenge

Photography is the **most popular course** in the art department at Mankato West, with four full sections and growing interest in Photography 2. The shift from darkroom to digital has created a critical camera shortage: only **15 functioning cameras** exist for **115 incoming students**. Without enough equipment, students rely on personal cell phones — creating an **equity gap** in learning opportunities.

Timeline
Cameras ordered immediately upon funding approval — essential to have equipment ready for the first day of fall semester.

The Request

Purchase **15 Canon EOS Rebel T7 DSLR cameras** (EF-S 18-55mm Kit) at \$529 each.

\$7,935

Total Budget

Supplier: Amazon, per district purchasing guidelines

Key Benefits

- **Real-World Projects:** Digital marketing, product photography, photojournalism, sports, and portrait photography
- **Equity & Access:** 100% of students use school-provided cameras, eliminating reliance on personal devices





Photography: Outcomes, Instruction & Curriculum

Measurable Outcomes

-  **100% Camera Access**
Every student accesses a functioning digital camera during every class period
-  **5-6 Real-World Projects**
Minimum of five to six projects completed per student per semester, tracked via rubrics
-  **Pre/Post Assessments**
Measurable growth tracked through assessments and project-based evaluation
-  **100% Capstone Completion**
Every student completes an 8×10 printed, matted photograph for public gallery exhibition

Instruction & Curriculum

Project-based learning covers aperture, shutter speed, ISO, composition, design principles, and photo history. Students complete projects in digital marketing, product photography, sports, photojournalism, and portrait photography — plus an interactive workbook and creative assignments like designing an album cover. The semester culminates in a **capstone gallery exhibition** — students select their strongest image, print and mat it, and display it for families and the school community. A check-in/check-out system ensures long-term equipment care. This model is **replicable at other schools**.

  Last year's end-of-semester gallery opening at Mankato West was a celebrated success — students, families, and the community came together to view student work in a professional artistic setting.

Grant Applications at a Glance

2025–2026 Educare Initiative Grant— Total Funding Requested

Initiative	School	Teacher	Students Impacted	Budget
Pottery Wheel Visiting Artist Residency	Hoover Elementary	Ariana Bealey	500 students (K–5)	\$12,862.50
Planetarium Laser System	Mankato East High School	David Burgess	100+ students + 10,000–15,000 annual visitors	\$14,746
Social Emotional Learning Library	Futures Program	Jessica Villery	~40–45 students (K–21)	\$1,200
Cameras for Photography Courses	Mankato West High School	Nicole Youell	115 students (Grades 10–12)	\$7,935

Total Requested: \$36,743.50

2025-2026 Educare Grant Summary

\$11,485

November
14 mini grants approved

\$4,229

February
7 mini grants approved

Total Grant Dollars Approved

\$60,159

\$4,059

December
5 mini grants approved

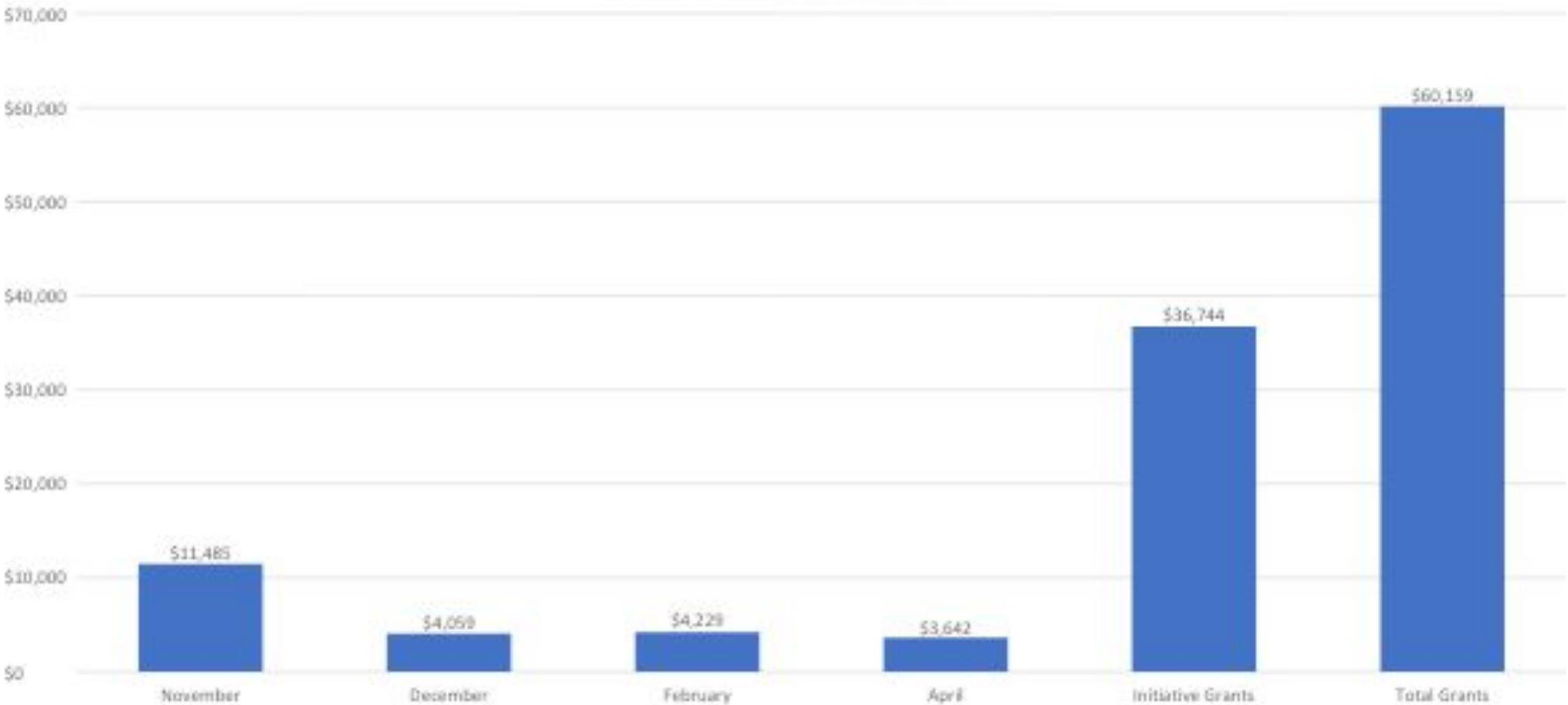
\$3,642

April
4 mini grants approved

\$36,743.50

Initiative Grants
Recommended for
Approval

Total Grant Dollars Approved



School Board Regular Meeting

5. B.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: Travis Olson, Director of Teaching & Learning

Item Type:

Subject:

Focus Schools Report

Background:

Melissa Brueske, Dan Kamphoff and Jody Rittlmiller will present a report on the Focus Schools.

Recommended Action:

None

Attachments

Focus School Board Report



2025 – 2026

Elementary Focus Schools

June 15, 2026

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- Courage
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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
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Focus School Model



Instructional Approach

- Co-taught classes
- Inquiry-based learning



Student Experience

Relevant on and off-site experiences (being here and being there)



Strategic Design

- Cross-content connections around MN state standards
- Value-add projects



Equitable Access

Enrollment is managed via a fair and transparent **Lottery** system.

Bridges Progress & Key Achievements

Curriculum & Learning

- Inquiry-Based Learning
- Co-Taught Spanish Weekly Lessons
- Cross-Content Teaching and Learning
- “Being Here” and “Being There” Extended Learning Opportunities
- Family Connections with World Languages
- Impact Projects

Engagement & Growth

- Successful Community Partners
 - Global Minnesota
 - Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Student Enrollments
- Positive Feedback
- Successful Walk around the World

Leadership & Infrastructure

- Teacher Prof. Development (PD)
- Collaborative Advisory Groups
- Building Site Council Making Connections
- Student Leadership Opportunities
- Value-Added Projects
- Passports for Learning



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Jefferson Progress & Key Achievements

Curriculum & Learning

- Inquiry-Based Learning
- Co-Taught Exploratory Class
- Cross-Content Teaching and Learning
- On & Off site experiences connected to Nature Based Outdoor Learning
- Nature Club after school program
- Student Leadership opportunities

Engagement & Growth

- Successful Community connections
 - Minnesota State University
 - Cub Scout Connections
 - Living Earth Center
 - DNR
- Successful Family engagement events
 - We are Jefferson Night
- Student Enrollments
- Positive Feedback

Leadership & Infra

- Teacher Prof. Development (PD)
- Collaborative Advisory Groups
- Value-Added Projects



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Rosa Parks Progress & Key Achievements

Curriculum & Learning

- Inquiry-Based Learning
- Discovery Lab
- "Steamified" Co-Taught Lessons
- Cross-Content Teaching and Learning
- CILC Virtual Field Trips

Engagement & Growth

- Successful Family STEAM Nights
- Emerging partnerships
 - MNSU
- Full Steam ahead for year 2
- Positive Feedback

Leadership & Infra

- Teacher Prof. Development (PD)
- Community Advisory Group
- Value-Added Projects



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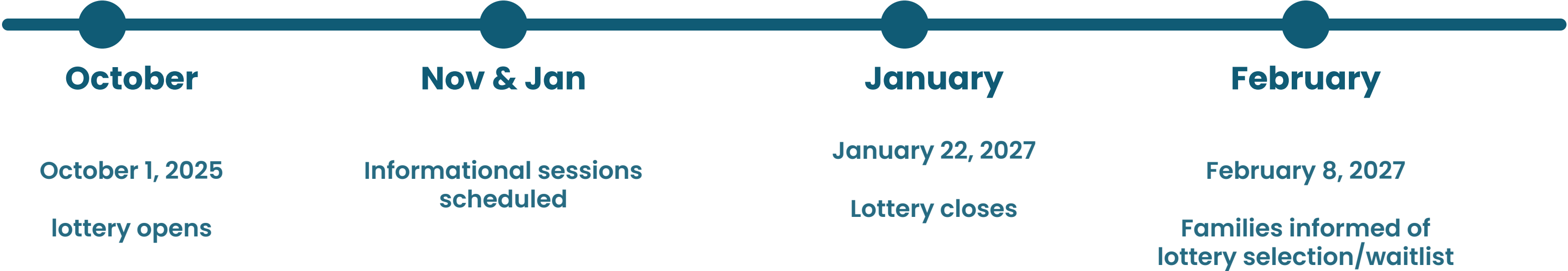


Staff Recognitions

Excellence in Action

-  Professional learning
-  Innovative thinking
-  Passion for learning and teaching
-  Intentionality with making enriched Connected Curriculum
-  Collaboration with staff

On the Horizon



Questions and Discussion

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School Board Regular Meeting**5. C.****Meeting Date:** 06/15/2026**Prepared By:** John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services**Item Type:**

Subject:

First Reading of Revised Policies

Background:

School Board Policy 305 states that it is the responsibility of the Superintendent to recommend additions or modifications to School Board policies. The Policy Review Committee met on May 27, 2026, to review and discuss the proposed revisions. The attached revised policies are presented this evening for first reading. These policies will be presented for second reading and approval at the July 13, 2026 School Board meeting.

Recommended Action:

None

AttachmentsList of Policies

Policy Review Committee: May 27, 2026
School Board First Reading: June 15, 2026
School Board Second Reading/Approval: July 13, 2026

List of Policies for Board Action

POLICY #	POLICY TITLE	REVIEWED & READY TO GO (X)	WHO/NOTES
463	Student Teachers	X	Revision
467	Performance Evaluation - Building Principals and Directors	X	Revision
531	Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches	X	Revision
539	Eligibility and Training Rules	X	Revision
803	Warning Systems and Emergency Plans	X	Revision

School Board Regular Meeting

5. D.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type:

Subject:

Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports

Background:

Board members will have an opportunity to provide brief reports on recent workshops they have attended or on committees they are serving on.

Recommended Action:

None

School Board Regular Meeting**6. A.****Meeting Date:** 06/15/2026**Prepared By:** Travis Olson, Director of Teaching & Learning**Item Type:**

Subject:

Language Access Plan

Background:

During the May 4th School Board meeting, the Language Access Plan Report was presented to the Board. Tonight, Superintendent Paul Peterson, will review this information again and provide an opportunity for public comment before asking for the resolution to be voted on in the business portion of the meeting.

Recommended Action:

The Board Chair will open the public hearing for anyone who wishes to speak.

AttachmentsLanguage Access Plan Report



2025 – 2026

Language Access Plan Adoption

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State and Federal Requirements

Language access is a Federal Right and State Law.

Under **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act**, school districts are obligated to provide meaningful access to parents and guardians with limited English proficiency.

In accordance with **Minnesota Statute** 123B.32, section 22

- Language Access Plan is to be adopted by all school districts.
- Available to the public via the school website and included in school handbooks.
- To include trained interpreters, preferred language identification and staff training
- Review every two years

Purpose of the Language Access Plan

- Communication with families for students success and building a welcoming school community.
- Communicating meaningfully with all families we serve.
- Intended to mitigate language barriers.
- The plan outlines procedures to ensure equal access to information and participation for parents and guardians with limited English proficiency or disabilities impacting communication.



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School Board Regular Meeting

7. A.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type:

Subject:

Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2026, Regular Meeting

Background:

See attachment.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the minutes and proceedings as attached.

Attachments

Minutes - May 18, 2026

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

May 18, 2026

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, May 18, in the Minnesota River 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, Erin Roberts and Shannon Sinning. Absent: None.

Mrs. Ratcliff made a motion, and Ms. Roberts seconded, approval of the agenda together with a Personnel Addendum. The motion carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

The consent agenda items outlined below were approved on a motion by Mrs. Pratt, seconded by Ms. Roberts, and carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of the May 4, 2026, regular Board meeting.

Approval of May Bills totaling 12,311,633.94.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Jessica Ahlers - Paraeducator Services Coordinator with Student Support Services beginning July 1, 2026. This is a full-time, 12-month, Non-affiliated position with an annual salary of \$102,722. She will be eligible for Category III Benefits.

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Amanda Brown - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Special Education Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning August 31, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027. She will be placed at step 2 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Ethan Davide - Full-time (1.00 FTE) English Language Arts Teacher at West High School beginning August 24, 2026. He will be placed at step 5 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Kristin Enz - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Early Childhood Special Education Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning beginning August 24, 2026. She will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Rachel Guentzel - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Special Education Teacher at Washington Elementary School beginning August 24, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Christine Karst - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Special Education Teacher at East High School beginning August 31, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027. She will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Carrie Nolan - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Special Education Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning August 24, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027. She will be placed at Step 3 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Grace Rydeen - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Interventionist at MAPS Center for Learning beginning August 24, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027. She will be placed at step 1 of the B+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Christopher Willette - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Special Education Teacher at Washington Elementary School beginning August 31, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027. He will be placed at step 8 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Elijah Brink - Summer Grounds Worker with the District for 8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 26, and ending August 28, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.50 per hour. This is in addition to his Physical Education Teacher assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Raven Brown - ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Summer Program for 2.25 hours per day/2 days per week beginning June 9 and ending July 29, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.00 per hour. This is in addition to her Special Education Paraeducator assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Nathan Osborne - Summer Grounds Worker with the District for 8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 26, and ending August 28, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.50 per hour. This is in addition to his Physical Education Teacher assignment at Hoover Elementary and Rosa Parks Elementary Schools.

Kirsten Skinner - Secretary to the Principal at West High School beginning May 18, 2026. This is a full-time, 12-month position. She will be placed at step 5, classification B22 of the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Adyson Troidahl - Community Education Site Operations & Safety Associate at Lincoln Community Center for up to 15 hours per week beginning May 11, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Kamiah Underland - ACES Child Care Associate at Franklin Elementary School for up to 20 hours per week beginning May 4, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Melissa Vaubel - Health Care Paraeducator (LPN), site to be determined, for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning September 8, 2026. She will be placed at classification B23, step 4, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Peyton Zrust - ACES Child Care Associate at Washington Elementary School for up to 20 hours per week beginning May 4, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Dayna Aslesen - Increase in assignment as Student Success Coach at Bridges Community School from 4.58 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) and 6.67 hours per day/1 day per week (F) to 7.33 hours per day/5 days per week beginning April 22, 2026.

Ava Boswell - Increase hourly rate to \$17.00 as ACES Student Support Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning August 18, 2025. This is in addition to her Building Supervisor assignment with Community Education.

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) and 3.42 hours per day/1 day per week (TH) to 6.67 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 7, 2026. This is in addition to her ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

Amanda M Kozitza - Decrease in assignment as Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School from 4.83 hours per day/5 days per week to 4.33 hours per day/5 days per week beginning March 3, 2026. This is in addition to her Non-classroom Paraeducator assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Grace Palmquist - Change in assignment from ACES Site Lead Substitute to ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 19, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$18.00 per hour.

Kristina Plonske - Change in assignment from Student Information Secretary to Secretary to the Principal at Prairie Winds Middle School beginning July 1, 2026. This is a full-time, 12-month position. She will be placed at step 6, classification B22 of the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Kristine Rude - Decrease in assignment as Health & Wellness Paraeducator at INSITE from 7 hours per day/5 days per week to 6.5 hours per week/5 days per week beginning May 1, 2026.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Emily Bartels - ACES Site Specialist at Lincoln Community Center, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be August 28, 2026.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Barbara Enderle - Physical Education Teacher at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 26, 2026.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Andie Albers - Adjust end date to May 15, 2026, as Teacher in Residence at Eagle Lake Elementary School.

Micah Allen - Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 8, 2026.

Cheryl Ellstrom - Cook Helper at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be May 21, 2026.

Owen Finch - Special Education Paraeducator and Non-classroom Paraeducator at Bridges Community School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be July 24, 2026.

Rachel Guentzel - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Washington Elementary School, has submitted a resignation in order to accept the teaching position. The last day for this assignment will be May 18, 2026.

Hailey Hoppe - Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 18, 2026.

Laird Keeton - ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 15, 2026.

Eleanor McDonough - Special Education Paraeducator at Kennedy Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 18, 2026.

Jose Martinez - Evening Floating Custodian with the District, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 4, 2026.

Madeline Saye - Student Success Coach at Kennedy Elementary, has submitted a resignation. The last day for this assignment will be May 14, 2026. She will continue as ACES Child Care Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School.

Sherise Williams - Cook Helper at West High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 5, 2026.

Barry Zimmerman - Day Custodian at East High School, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day of employment will be July 6, 2026.

TERMINATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Stalyn Kirkman - Special Education Paraeducator, effective May 5, 2026.

Personnel - Addendum

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Britt Cline - Full-time (1.00 FTE) MAPS Preschool Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning beginning August 31, 2026. She will be placed at step 3 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Lejla Hashmi - Part-time MAPS Preschool Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning for 904.5 annual hours (0.628 FTE) beginning August 31, 2026. She will be placed at step 4 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Nina Nordstrom - Part-time (0.80 FTE) Elementary Art Teacher at Bridges Community School and Jefferson Elementary School beginning August 24, 2026, training August 11, 2026. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Pamela Schmidt - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Art Teacher at Dakota Meadows and Prairie Winds Middle Schools beginning August 24, 2026. She will be placed at step 10 of the M lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Lacey Schreurs - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Special Education Teacher at Futures beginning August 24, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Haden Peterson - ACES Child Care Associate at Franklin Elementary School for up to 20 hours per week beginning May 18, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Savannah Smith - Health & Wellness ESY Paraeducator at Futures for 4.5 hours per day/4 days per week (M-TH) beginning June 1 and ending June 18, 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. This is in addition to her Special Education Teacher assignment.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Sarah Chambers - Increase in assignment as Elementary Music Teacher from 0.767 FTE at Bridges Community School and Washington Elementary School to 0.80 FTE at Bridges Community School and Jefferson Elementary School beginning August 31, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027.

RESIGNATIONS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

Joseph Johnson - Assistant Principal at West High School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 30, 2026.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Kay Dedinsky - Adjust end date to May 18, 2026, as Long-term Substitute Teacher at Franklin Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary Schools.

Todd Hanselman - Special Education Teacher at Prairie Winds Middle School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 26, 2026.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Amy Desantiago - Early Learning Classroom Aide and Early Learning Special Education Paraeducator at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation for the purpose of retirement. The last day for this assignment will be May 14, 2026. She will continue as a Paraeducator Substitute.

Lacey Schreurs - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at Futures, has submitted a resignation in order to accept the Teaching position. The last day for this assignment will be May 20, 2026.

TERMINATIONS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Morgan Schreiner - ACES Site Specialist at Lincoln Community Center, effective May 14, 2026.

TERMINATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Amira Johnson - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at SUN, effective May 18, 2026.

There being no further business to consider, Mrs. Ratcliff moved and Mr. Kind seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:31 p.m., on a 7-0 voice vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

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

May 18, 2026

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, May 18, in the Minnesota River 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, Erin Roberts and Shannon Sinning. Absent: None.

1. Ratcliff/Roberts approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 7-0
2. Pratt/Roberts approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the May 4, 2026, regular meeting; Approval of May Bills; Personnel. 7-0
3. Ratcliff/Kind adjournment at 5:31 p.m. 7-0

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.

School Board Regular Meeting

7. B.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: Amanda Heilman, Director of Business Services

Item Type:

Subject:

Approval of June Bills

Background:

At our meeting on Monday evening, the administrative team will be prepared to answer any questions you might have regarding the report on claims and accounts for June. The total of the bills for June of 2026 is \$11,066,996.20.

Recommended Action:

The claims are recommended for payment as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting

7. C.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services

Item Type:

Subject:

Personnel

Background:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Timothy Biocic - Part-time (0.50 FTE) Social Studies Teacher at East High School beginning August 24, 2026. He will be placed at step 6 of the B+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Taylor Campbell - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Special Education Teacher at Dakota Meadows Middle School beginning August 31, 2026, and ending June 11, 2027. She will be placed at step 4 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Maria Chace - Long-term Substitute Counselor at Eagle Lake Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Schools beginning August 31, and ending October 30, 2026. She will be placed at step 1 of the B+30 lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Taylor Day - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Health/Physical Education Teacher at East and West High Schools beginning August 24, 2026. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Emmah Dmytrasz - Full-time (1.00 FTE) 1st Grade Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning August 24, 2026, training August 11, 2026. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

Daniel Englehorn - ABE Teacher with the Adult Basic Education Summer Program for 2.75 hours per day/2 days per week (T/W) beginning June 9 and ending July 29, 2026. He will be placed at step 5 of the Masters lane on the ABE Teacher salary schedule.

Allyson Gotz - Full-time (1.00 FTE) Kindergarten Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning August 24, 2026, training May 20, 2026. She will be placed at step 2 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Jaya Johnson - Full-time (1.00 FTE) 4th Grade Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning August 24, 2026, training August 11, 2026. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Lindsey Pratt - Full-time (1.00 FTE) MAPS Preschool Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning beginning August 31, 2026. She will be placed at step 4 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Isabelle Richards - Special Education Teacher with the ESY Program at SUN for 4.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, and ending July 24, 2026. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Madelyn Siegel - Full-time (1.00 FTE) 5th Grade Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning

August 24, 2026, training August 11, 2026. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Janell Sipe - Summer School Counselor with the Central High School Summer Program for 3.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1 and ending July 3, 2026. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Paige Yourczek - Full-time (1.00 FTE) 5th Grade Teacher at Monroe Elementary School beginning August 24, 2026, training August 11, 2026. She will be placed at step 1 of the B lane on the Teachers Association salary schedule, contingent upon obtaining licensure.

APPOINTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Andie Albers - Special Education Paraeducator with the ESY program for 4.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning July 6 and ending July 24, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 2, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Nora Alam - Community Education Site Operations & Safety Associate at Lincoln Community Center for up to 15 hours per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Raven Brown - Student Information Secretary at Prairie Winds Middle School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week, with a work year of 190 days beginning August 24, 2026. She will be placed at step 1, classification B21, in accordance with the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule. This is in addition to her ABE Teaching Assistant assignment with the Adult Basic Education Summer Program.

Josiah Brueske - Summer Grounds Worker with the District for 8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 8 and ending August 28, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.50 per hour.

Elizabeth Calsbeek - Community Education Site Operations & Safety Associate at Lincoln Community Center for up to 15 hours per week beginning May 29, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Ryan Eichhorst - Health & Wellness Paraeducator with the ESY Program at SUN for 7.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, and ending June 18, 2026. He will be placed at classification B22.5, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Ryan Eichhorst - Special Education Paraeducator with the ESY Program at Washington Elementary School for 4.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning July 6, and ending July 10, 2026. He will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Lauren Friendshuh - ACES Child Care Assistant for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week at Franklin Elementary School beginning May 19, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour. This is in addition to her ACES Site Lead Substitute assignment.

Maryam Guantai - Community Education Site Operations & Safety Associate at Lincoln Community Center for up to 12 hours per week beginning May 29, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.25 per hour.

Sage Kline - ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Summer Program for 2.25 hours per day/2 days per week (T/TH) beginning June 9, and ending July 30, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Lance Kopischke - 8-hour, 12-month, Evening Custodian at Dakota Meadows Middle School beginning June 1, 2026. He will be placed at classification A13, step 3, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Elizabeth Lewis - ACES Student Support Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 18, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$18.00 per hour. This is in addition to her Reading Intervention Teacher assignment at Franklin Elementary School, ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute, and ACES Site Lead Substitute assignments.

Jeffrey Mann - Warehouse and Distribution Coordinator at MAPS Center for Learning for 7 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. He will be placed at classification B21, step 6, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Carly McLaughlin - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 18, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Frida Monterrubio Ramirez - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 26, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Sumaya Noor - Community Education Site Operations & Safety Associate at Lincoln Community Center for up to 10 hours per week beginning May 29, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Diya Pirani - ACES Child Care Associate at Franklin Elementary School for up to 20 hours per week beginning May 18, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Ashton Roberts - Summer Grounds Worker with the District for 8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, and ending August 28, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.50 per hour.

Austin Ruch - Summer Grounds Worker with the District for 8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, and ending August 28, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.50 per hour.

Draiden Sandstrom - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 26, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Michael Sathoff - ACES Student Support Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 19, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$17.50 per hour. This is in addition to his ACES Site Lead Substitute assignment.

Savannah Smith - Special Education Paraeducator with the ESY Program at Washington Elementary School for 4.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning July 6 and ending July 24, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 1, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Hailee Spear - ACES Child Care Associate at Washington Elementary School for up to 20 hours per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Ava Stransky - ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. This is in addition to her Community Education Recreation & Leisure assignment.

Alyssa Surrett - Special Education Paraeducator with the ESY Program at Washington Elementary School for 4.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning July 6, and ending July 24, 2026. She will be placed at classification B22, step 3, in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employee Association.

Macie Vera - Facilities and Safety Department Secretary with the District beginning June 8, 2026. This is a full-time, 12-month position. She will be placed at step 5, classification B22, in accordance with the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Zoey Weller - Summer Grounds Worker with the District for 8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1 and ending August 28, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of 15.50 per hour. This is in addition to her Special Education Teacher assignment.

Ayasha Williams - American Indian Community Liaison & Program Specialist with the District for up to 25 hours per week beginning May 18, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$29.82 per hour.

Winona Williams - American Indian Community Liaison & Program Specialist with the District for up to 25 hours per week beginning May 18, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$29.82 per hour.

Tyson Wilson - Summer Grounds Worker with the District for 8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 8, and ending August 28, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.50 per hour. This is in addition to his Coaching assignment.

Hiroko Wollam - Adult Basic Education Program Secretary at Lincoln Community Center beginning July 1, 2026. This is a 12-month, 8 hours per day/5 days per week position with a work year of 240 days. She will be placed at step 1, classification B22, in accordance with the Educational Secretaries Association salary schedule.

Maya Wood - Community Education Site Operations & Safety Associate at Lincoln Community Center for up to 15 hours per week beginning May 28, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.00 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Theresa Calsbeek - Increase in assignment as Title I Intervention Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School from 0.70 FTE to 0.75 FTE for the 2026-27 school year.

Megan Denhof - Increase in assignment as School Psychologist from 0.60 FTE to 1.00 FTE at Rosa Parks Elementary School beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Isabelle Abel - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Emma Andries - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute to ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 19, 2026.

Caleb Bartels - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute to ACES Student Support Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Claire Beaudette - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant and ACES Site Lead at Franklin Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute and ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Carli Bennett - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant and ACES Site Lead at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute and ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Peyton Berreman - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Sage Berry - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Hallie Best - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant at Bridges Community School to ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Mataya Bolander - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Michelle Bridges - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant at Monroe Elementary School to ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026. This is in addition to her Special Education Paraeducator assignment at Monroe Elementary School.

Stone Bridges - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.75 per hour.

Sophia Broadus - Change in assignment from ACES Site Lead at Bridges Community School to ACES Student Support Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.50 per hour.

Allaina Cassidy - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25.

Mary Deschneau - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Erin Dresler - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Anisa Egal - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Stevi Enter - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/2 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Easton Farley - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Chloe Fliflet - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Carley Fischer - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School and ACES Site Lead Substitute to ACES Site Lead at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 19, 2026.

Lauren Friendshuh - Increase hourly rate to \$18.25 as ACES Site Lead Substitute at Franklin Elementary School beginning May 19, 2026. This is in addition to her ACES Child Care Assistant assignment.

Quinn Grossman - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Ruthie Gyasi - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Turner Haar - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Byron Hawkins - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Bryn Hacker - Change in assignment from ACES Site Lead Substitute and ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Site Lead at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 18, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$18.75 per hour. This is in addition to her Special Education Paraeducator assignment at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Ella Haggerty - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.50 per hour.

Madison Hansen - Change in assignment from ACES Site Lead Substitute to ACES Site Lead at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 19, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$19.25 per hour. This is in addition to her ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute assignment.

Madison Hansen - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School to ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.00 per hour for this assignment. This is in addition to her ACES Site Lead assignment at Franklin Elementary School.

Danika Hanson - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School to ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Byron Hawkins - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Kaitlyn Heller - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute to ACES Site Lead at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 19, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$18.75 per hour. This is in addition to her Early Learning Classroom Aide assignment at MAPS Center for Learning.

Sarah Hemish - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/2 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Allison Hemming - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 19, 2026.

Marissa Herbst - Change in assignment from ACES Site Lead and ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Site Lead at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$18.75 per hour.

Tessa Holland - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Macie Hoolihan - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Katey Isaacson - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Annalyse Jackson - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Kaylan Kapsner - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Madeline Kempenich - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4-6 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026. This is in addition to her ACES Site Lead Substitute assignment.

Danica Kenning - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4-5 hours per week/2 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

William Kipp - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Ashley Kivioja - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Maya Kopp - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Meron Koser - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Courtney Kovacs - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Izzabelle Kozitza - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Rose Kuhn - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Addison Kuiper - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute to ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Noura Kurdi - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute to ACES Student Support Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026. This is in addition to her Special Education Paraeducator assignment at Kennedy Elementary School.

Olivia Lassen - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Madison Lewis - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 16, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Zoe Lienemann - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Rachel Lutterman - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Klara Lybeck - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute to ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 19, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.00 per hour. This is in addition to her ACES Site Lead Substitute assignment.

Sophia Matarrese - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute and ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$16.50 per hour.

Taniyha Mathis - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.50 per hour.

Madelyn Monette - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026. This is in addition to her Early Learning Classroom Aide assignment at MAPS Center for Learning.

Ronnez Morris - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Isabella Parker - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Lydia Paul - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.50 per hour.

Jane Phares - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Brady Ploog - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 16, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Chase Randall - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Monroe Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026. This is in addition to his ACES Site Lead Substitute assignment.

Amber Reuter - Change in assignment from ACES Site Lead Substitute & ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Site Lead at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 19, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$18.75 per hour.

Julia Roering - Change in assignment from ACES Site Lead Substitute and ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Site Lead at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$18.75 per hour.

Mikella Ruley - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Oliver Schweim - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant to ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 18, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$16.50 per hour.

Ava Schneider - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Anna Schultz - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Madyson Sellner - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026. This is in addition to her Health & Wellness Paraeducator assignment at INSITE.

Maximus Sims - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$15.25 per hour.

Ayla Smith-Holcomb - ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute to ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.50 per hour.

Makia Stevens - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Cassie Tauer - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Ellie Thompson - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

Amelia Valdez - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Bridges Community School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Tyla Veroeven - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

Jackson Walters - Change in assignment from ACES Student Support Assistant Substitute to ACES Student Support Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6-8 hours per day/5 days per week beginning June 1, 2026. He will be compensated at the rate of \$17.50 per hour.

Jordan Westhoff - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant and ACES Site Lead at Monroe Elementary School to ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute and ACES Site Lead Substitute on an on-call basis beginning May 19, 2026.

McKenzie Wilkins - Change in assignment from ACES Child Care Assistant Substitute to ACES Child Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School for 4-5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning May 27, 2026.

The following ACES Child Care Assistants have received salary adjustments beginning June 1, 2026.

Shay Barden - \$15.25 per hour
Jordan Brown - \$15.25 per hour
Mackenzie Doyen - \$15.50 per hour
Emery Erdman - \$15.25 per hour
Julia Fischer - \$15.25 per hour
Irene Hill-Melvin - \$15.25 per hour
Andrew Luepke - \$15.50 per hour
Ashlyn O'Connor - \$15.25 per hour
Reagan Thompson - \$16.50 per hour

The following ACES Student Support Assistants have received salary adjustments beginning June 1, 2026.

Sarah Ball - \$17.50 per hour
Ava Boswell - \$17.50 per hour

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Angela Eccles - 3rd Grade Teacher at Monroe Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 26, 2026.

Abbey Riese - Adjust end date to May 27, 2026, as School Psychologist at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Yasmin Ahmed - Non-classroom Paraeducator at Hoover Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 18, 2026.

Eliana Anastasia - Adjust end date to May 7, 2026, as ACES Child Care Assistant at Hoover Elementary School.

Raven Brown - Special Education Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation in order to accept the Student Information Secretary position. The last day for this assignment will be May 18, 2026. She will continue as ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Summer Program.

Raven Bush - American Indian Program Assistant with the District, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 22, 2026.

Ana Chavez - Non-classroom Paraeducator at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be May 18, 2026.

Amy Kranz - Rescind acceptance as Early Childhood Special Education Teacher at MAPS Center for Learning.

Jeffrey Mann - Warehouse and Distribution Coordinator at MAPS Center for Learning, has submitted a resignation. The last day of employment will be June 8, 2026.

Kelsey Surret - ACES Child Care Assistant at Rosa Parks Elementary School, has submitted a resignation. The last day for this assignment will be May 26, 2026. She will continue as Early Learning Classroom Aide at MAPS Center for Learning.

Hiroko Wollam - ABE Teaching Assistant with the Adult Basic Education Program, has submitted a resignation in order to accept the ABE Secretary position. The last day for this assignment will be June 30, 2026.

TERMINATIONS (NON-INSTRUCTIONAL)

Shazia Alam - Cook Helper at East High School, effective May 19, 2026.

Kenna Reid - Health & Wellness Paraeducator at SUN, effective May 21, 2026.

Vivian Rindone - Early Learning Certified Instructor at MAPS Center for Learning, effective May 19, 2026.

Recommended Action:

The Administration recommends the approval of the personnel items.

School Board Regular Meeting**7. D.****Meeting Date:** 06/15/2026**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:**

Subject:

Approval of School Board Meeting Dates for 2027

Background:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Monday, January 4, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 19, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, February 1, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 16, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 1, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 15, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Monday, April 5, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 19, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 3, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 17, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, June 21, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Monday, July 19, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Monday, August 16, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 7, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, September 20, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 4, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 18, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 1, 2027 (Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness Mtg at 5 pm)	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 15, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 7, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, December 20, 2027	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.

Recommended Action:The administration recommends approval of the schedule of School Board meetings for 2027.

School Board Regular Meeting

7. E.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type:

Subject:

Renewal of Membership in the Minnesota State High School League

Background:

Minnesota Statute 1993, Section 128C.01 requires individual school boards to authorize membership in the Minnesota State High School League each year.

Recommended Action:

The administrative team recommends approval of the attached resolution to renew the Mankato Area Public Schools' membership in the Minnesota State High School League for the 2026-27 school year.

Attachments

Resolution



**2026-2027 RESOLUTION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
Membership Renewal Form**

This form must be completed once for each school in the district.

Must be completed and submitted to MSHSL NOT LATER THAN JULY 31, 2026. Retain one copy for the school files.

RESOLVED, that the Governing Board or Entity of _____ (Name of School) located in the State of Minnesota delegates the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic activities and athletics (referred to in MN Statutes, Section 128C.01) to the Minnesota State High School League, and so hereby certifies to the State Commissioner of Education as provided for by Minnesota Statutes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school listed is authorized by this, the Governing Board of said school district or school to renew its membership in the Minnesota State High School League; and to participate in the approved interscholastic activities and athletics sponsored by said League and its various subdivisions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Governing Board or Entity hereby adopts the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations of said League and all amendments thereto as the same as are published in the latest edition of the League's *Official Handbook*, on file at the office of the school district or school, or as appears on the League's website, as the minimum standards governing participation in said League-sponsored activities and athletics. Further, the administration and responsibility for determining student eligibility and for the supervision of such activities and athletics are assigned to the official representatives identified by this Governing Board or Entity.

Signing this Resolution for Membership affirms that this Governing Board has reviewed all required membership materials provided by the League which defines the purpose and value of education-based activity and athletic and programs and defines each member school's responsibilities.

Member schools must develop and publicize administrative procedures to address eligibility suspensions related to Student Code of Responsibilities (Bylaw 206.2) violations for students participating in activity and athletic programs by member schools.

The above Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board or Entity of this school or district and is recorded in the official minutes of said Board and hereby is certified to the State Commissioner of Education as provided for by law.

The following is taken from the MSHSL Constitution:

208.00 LOCAL CONTROL

208.01 Designated School Representatives

At the beginning of the League's fiscal year, the governing board of each member school shall designate two (2) representatives who are authorized to vote for the member school at all district, region and section meetings and on mail ballots where member schools are called upon to vote.

One of the designated representatives shall be a member of the school's governing board and the other shall be an administrator or full-time faculty member of the member school.

In school districts with multiple schools, the designated representative from the school district's governing body may represent more than one school and is entitled to one vote for each school they represent.

208.02 Designated Activity Representatives

At the beginning of the League's fiscal year, the governing board of each member school shall select individuals to represent its school in the following areas: (a) boys sports; (b) girls sports; (c) speech; and (d) music.

208.03 Local Advisory Committee

Each school is urged to form an advisory committee for League activities. Committee membership is not limited to but shall include a school board member, a student, a parent, and a faculty member, to advise the designated school representatives on all matters relating to the school's membership in the MSHSL.

Name of School (Please Print)

208.01 VOTE ON BEHALF OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

(Designated School Board Member – please print)

(Designated School Representative – please print)

Email Address

Email Address

208.02 ACTIVITY REPRESENTATIVES

(Boys Sports – please print)

(Girls Sports – please print)

(Speech – please print)

(Music – please print)

208.03 LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(Board Member—please print)

(Student—please print)

(Parent—please print)

(Faculty Member—please print)

(Mailing Representative—please print)

The Mailing Representative is the person to whom mailings go. This is usually the Activity Director.

Print Name: _____
(Clerk/Secretary - Local Governing Board)

Print Name: _____
(Superintendent or Head of School)

Signed: *Signature required*
(Clerk/Secretary - Local Governing Board)
electronically through DocuSign
Date: _____

Signed: *Signature required*
(Superintendent or Head of School)
electronically through DocuSign
Date: _____

School Board Regular Meeting**7. F.****Meeting Date:** 06/15/2026**Prepared By:** Paul Peterson, Superintendent**Item Type:**

Subject:

Renewal of Membership in the Minnesota School Boards Association

Background:

The Minnesota School Boards Association is a service organization for Minnesota school districts. The organization is directed by a Board of Directors consisting of local school board members elected from director districts. The Association provides legislative assistance, assistance with negotiations, informational services regarding finance and legal matters, and in-service opportunities for School Board members.

Membership dues for 2026-27 are \$15,221. This amount is determined by way of a formula based upon the number of students in our district.

Recommended Action:

The administrative team recommends continued membership. Statutes require that election for membership in the MSBA pass by a two-thirds majority vote.

School Board Regular Meeting**7. G.****Meeting Date:** 06/15/2026**Prepared By:** John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services**Item Type:**

Subject:

Approval of the 2026-27 Hourly Rates for Part-Time, Temporary and Substitute Employees, and Miscellaneous Rates of Pay

Background:

Each year the Board approves a schedule of hourly rates of pay for persons employed by the district on a part-time, temporary, or substitute basis, and miscellaneous rates of pay. Schedules showing the recommended rates for the 2026-27 school year are enclosed. The administration recommends that the Board adopt the proposed rates as recommended.

Recommended Action:

The Administration recommends approval of the proposed rates as presented.

Attachments

Part-time Hourly Rates 2026-27

Substitute Hourly Rates 2026-27

Miscellaneous Rates 2026-27

MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hourly Rates for Part-time/Temporary Employees 2026-27 Fiscal Year

JOB TITLE	2025-26 Hourly Rate	2026-27 Hourly Rate
Work Experience/Work Based Students	Minimum Wage	Minimum Wage
High School Student Workers	Minimum Wage	Minimum Wage
Post-Secondary Work Study	Minimum Wage	Minimum Wage
Sign Language Interpreter	\$24.00 - \$29.45	\$24.75 - \$30.25
Intervener	\$24.00 - \$29.45	\$24.75 - \$30.25
Brailist	\$24.00 - \$29.45	\$24.75 - \$30.25
Brailist in Training	\$18.00	\$18.00
Language Interpreter	\$25.00	\$25.00
American Indian Program Assistant	\$19.00	\$19.00
Head Election Judge	\$12.50	\$13.00
Election Judge	\$11.25	Minimum Wage
Locksmith	\$15.50	\$16.00
Lead Summer Painter	\$16.00	\$16.50
Summer Painter	\$15.50	\$16.00
Summer Carpenter's Helper	\$15.50	\$16.00
Seasonal Groundskeeper	\$15.50	\$16.00
Custodian's Summer Helper	\$15.50	\$16.00
Musical Accompanist	\$21.00	\$21.50
Printer's Helper	\$14.00	\$14.50
District Stage Manager	\$27.00	\$27.50
Assistant Stage Manager	\$16.00	\$16.50
First Aid Trainers	\$30.00	\$30.00
First Aid Team Members	Reg. Hrly Rate to \$23.50 max	Reg. Hrly Rate to \$23.50 max

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MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Independent School District No. 77

Rates for Substitute Employees
2026-27 Fiscal Year

<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
Teacher	\$200.00 per day or \$33.33/hr with a two-hour minimum	\$200.00 per day or \$33.33/hr with a two-hour minimum
Principal (licensed)	\$350.00 per day or \$43.75/hr with a two-hour minimum	\$350.00 per day or \$43.75/hr with a two-hour minimum
	Base principal salary daily rate for 10 or more consecutive days beginning day 1 when known in advance	Base principal salary daily rate for 10 or more consecutive days beginning day 1 when known in advance
Paraprofessional		
General Education & Non-classroom B21	\$16.25 per hour	\$16.75 per hour
Special Education B22	\$17.50 per hour	\$18.00 per hour
Health & Wellness B22.5	\$20.20 per hour	\$20.70 per hour
Secretary		
Office A13	\$17.25 per hour	\$17.75 per hour
Office B21	\$19.50 per hour	\$20.00 per hour
Office B22	\$22.00 per hour	\$22.50 per hour
Retired District 77 Secretary	\$21.25/hr A13 (Retired) \$23.50/hr B21 (Retired) \$26.00/hr B22 (Retired)	\$21.75/hr A13 (Retired) \$24.00/hr B21 (Retired) \$26.50/hr B22 (Retired)
Custodial/Maintenance		
Custodian	\$19.65 per hour	\$19.92 per hour
Retired District 77 Custodian	\$21.75/hr (Retired)	\$22.00/hr (Retired)
Nutrition Services		
Cook Helper A11	\$15.00 per hour	\$15.00 per hour
Second Cook A13	\$16.50 per hour	\$16.75 per hour
Cook Manager B21	\$20.00 per hour	\$20.50 per hour
Retired District 77 Nutrition Services	\$16.50/hr A11 (Retired) \$18.25/hr A13 (Retired) \$22.00/hr B21 (Retired)	\$17.00/hr A11 (Retired) \$18.70/hr A13 (Retired) \$22.50/hr B21 (Retired)
Licensed School Nurse	\$35.00 per hour	\$35.00 per hour

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Miscellaneous Rates of Pay

Job Title/Activity	Rate	Comments	Budget Code
<u>PLCs</u> Missed Prep for PLC PLC after teacher duty day*	Contract Rate	Per Letter of Agreement with MTA	Site Staff Development 01/xxx/640/000/306/185
Missed Prep or Lunch - Special Ed Teachers	Contract Rate	Apply when teachers miss prep/lunch to provide instruction or for IEP meetings per Special Ed Teacher Compensation Guidelines.	01/xxx/xxx/000/740/185
IEP meetings outside of teacher duty day - all teachers*	Contract Rate	Compensation minimum of 15 minutes per Special Ed Teacher Compensation Guidelines	01/xxx/xxx/000/740/185
DIBELS Team Members	\$25.00 per hour		
Multilingual Learners Assessment Team Members	\$25.00 per hour		
<u>Test Proctors</u> Current employees during normal work hours Current employees outside normal work hours Hired from outside district Retired licensed teachers Missed prep for proctoring	No additional pay Regular Rate of Pay \$20.00 per hour \$25.00 per hour Contract Rate		01/200/611/000/000/185
Required meetings outside of teacher duty day*	\$35.00 per hour	Exception: Part-time teachers attending a district inservice within the FT teacher duty day should receive their contract rate for additional time beyond their contract time.	Teacher's Regular Salary Code
Curriculum Writing and Professional Development	\$35.00 per hour	Note: Payment for summer professional development will be paid only if specifically aligned to District Roadmap initiatives and designated by the District as paid training.	Site or Program Staff Development Code
Participating on Interview Teams	No pay - voluntary		-----
Teaching Fellows	\$25.00 per hour	For activities outside of teacher duty day scheduled by mentors and designated for pay	
Moving	\$12.50 per hour	Maximum 8 hours	01/xxx/810/000/000/170
Planetarium Operator	\$50.00 per show	East Sr. High School	
<u>CPI/PCM Training</u> Trainers Teacher Trainees sent by District Para Trainees sent by District	Contract Rate \$35.00 per hour Regular hourly rate		01/200/420/640/419/185

*Teacher duty day is 7 hours, 50 minutes (7.83 hours).

Note: Please be sure that teachers submit timesheets for extra time worked within the same pay period that the time was worked.

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School Board Regular Meeting

7. H.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services

Item Type:

Subject:

Approval of 2026-2027 Rates of Pay for Community Education Department Part-Time and Seasonal Personnel

Background:

Each year the Board approves a schedule of rates of pay for persons employed by the Community Education on a part-time and/or seasonal basis. Schedules showing the recommended rates for the 2026-27 school year are enclosed.

Recommended Action:

The Administration recommends approval of the proposed rates as presented.

Attachments

Community Ed Rate of Pay

Community Education Department Salary Rates for Part-Time Personnel	MN Minimum wage is \$10.85 an hour for adults and \$8.85 youth 1/1/24	MN Minimum wage is \$11.13 and no youth rate 1/1/25	MN Minimum wage is \$11.13 and no youth rate	MN Minimum wage is \$11.41 and no youth rate
Job Title	Rate 2024-25	Mid-Year Revised Rate 2024-25	Rate 2025-26	Rate 2026-27
ACES				
ACES Elementary childcare staff	\$11.00-\$20.00	Min. Wage - \$20.00	Min. Wage-\$21	Min. Wage-\$21
ACES Early Learning childcare staff	\$15.00-\$24.00		Positions moved to Early Learning	Positions moved to Early Learning
Adult Basic Education (ABE)				
ABE Navigator/Liaison	\$25.00 - \$28.00	\$25.00 - \$28.00	\$25.00 - \$28.00	\$25.00 - \$28.00
ABE Classroom Assistant (part-time)	17.00-19.00	\$17.00-19.00	\$17.00- \$19.00	\$17.00- \$19.25
ABE Child Care Staff (6-3-2) (part-time)	15.00-24.50	15.00-24.50	Early Learning Career Lattice	Early Learning Career Lattice
GED Testing Proctor	Use employee's daily rate	Use employee's daily rate	Use employee's daily rate	Use employee's daily rate
Early Learning				
Early Childhood Screener (632)	\$18.64		\$19.10	\$19.60
Early Childhood Screener Substitute			\$19.00	\$19.00
Classroom Aide			Early Learning Career Lattice	Early Learning Career Lattice
Enrichment and Leisure Services				
Adult Sports Official	\$20-\$32/game		\$20-\$26/game	20.00-\$26.00
Certified Archery Instructor	\$13.00-\$19.00		\$13.00-\$19.00	\$13.00-\$19.00
Learn to Lancer Colorguard Leader	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Learn to Lancer Colorguard Instructor	\$9.00-\$15.00	Min. Wage - \$15.00	\$15.00	Min. Wage - \$15.00
Lifeguard	\$12.00-\$14.00		\$13.00-\$15.00	\$13.00-\$15.00
Middle School After School Site Leader	\$12.00 - \$14.00		\$13.00- \$18.00	\$16.75- \$18.75
Middle School After School Club Leader	\$12.00 - \$35.00		\$12.00 - \$35.00	\$16.00- \$35.00
Non-licensed Instructor	\$12.00 - \$35.00		\$12.00 - \$45.00	\$16.00- \$50.00
Rec on the Go Leader	\$11.00 - \$16.00	Min. Wage - \$16.00	\$16.00-\$20.00	\$16.00-\$20.00
Skating School Instructor	\$9.00-\$15.00	Min. Wage - \$15.00	Min. Wage - \$15.00	Min. Wage - \$15.00
Skating School Lead Instructor	\$17.00		\$17.00 - \$20.00	\$17.00 - \$20.00
Swimming Instructor	\$12.00-\$15.00		\$13.00-\$16.00	\$13.50 - \$20.00
Swimming Instructor (private lessons)	\$15.00/lesson		\$15.00/lesson	moved to hourly rate
Swimming instructor Aide	\$11.00 - \$12.00	Min. Wage - \$12.00	Min. Wage - \$12.00	Min. Wage - \$12.50
Site Operations & Safety Associate		Min. Wage	Min. Wage - \$15.00	Min. Wage - \$15.00
Building Supervisor	\$17.00-\$19.00		\$18.00 - \$21.00	\$18.00 - \$21.00
Intern/Student Worker	\$10.85	Min. Wage	Min. Wage	Min. Wage
OST Program Navigator (632)			\$23.50	\$24.20
	Revised 5/22/24	Revised 11/15/24	Revised 5/15/25	Revised 4/15/26

School Board Regular Meeting

8. A.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type:

Subject:

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Background:

Linda and Basil Janavaras donated \$1,500 for West High School John Basil Janavaras Memorial Scholarship

Barb & Tim Regner donated 2017 Nissan Rogue (\$3,000 value) for West High Auto Shop Program

Dave & Barb Dutton donated Tools (\$1,500 value) for Central High School

Ngon C. Huyhn donated \$2,000 for Adult Basic Education ESL Program in Memory of Khoai Van Huyhn

Cougar Coffee received \$237.20 in tips over the 2025-26 school year and donated to the following student organizations:

- Astronomy Club - \$55.20
- Link Crew - \$22.50
- Math League - \$28.50
- Girls Cross Country - \$19
- Student Council - \$25
- Alpine Ski Team - \$21
- Baseball - \$25.50
- FFA - \$44.50

PTO/PTAs and Booster Clubs donated more than \$374,281 during the 2025-26 school year, with breakdowns as follows:

Bridges Advisory Committee

Approximately \$63,535 in gifts and donations

Major expenditures include:

- 5th Grade Field Trip - \$23,488
- Children's Theater - \$3,441
- Science and Nature Conf - \$2,760
- Bus Expense for field trips (does not include 5th grade field trip) - \$3,338
- Whole School Field Trip shirts - \$2,996
- EOY picnic, movie, Carnival, showcase, etc. - \$1,530
- Teacher and Specials Support - \$5,817
- Technology - \$10,000
- School Supplies - \$6,332
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Major expenditures include:

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Major expenditures include:

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- Donations: \$150
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- Kennedy T-shirts: \$1,346
- Scholarships/Student Support: \$1,000
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Monroe Elementary

Approximately \$16,281 in gifts and donations

Major expenditures include:

- Conference Meals - \$1,378
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation - \$1,459
- Field Trips - \$1,856
- Snack Cart - \$700
- Teacher Discretionary Funds - \$3,650
- Teacher/Staff Requests - \$1,299
- Welcome Back Staff Breakfast - \$308

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- Reading Program Support - \$62
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- Library Book Repair Machine and Supplies - \$1,559
- Soccer Nets - \$4,430

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Approximately \$18,867 in gifts and donations

Major expenditures include:

- T-shirts for all students - \$4,012
- Educare Basket - \$150
- Staff Appreciation - \$2,669
- Classroom & Playground Supplies - \$867
- Field Trips - \$505
- Academic Programming - \$1,340
- PTO School-Wide Sponsored Events - \$2,302
- Kindergarten Connection - \$167
- PTO Supplies-Card My Yard - \$1,130
- Yearbook Expenses - \$2,563

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Major expenditures include:

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- Conference Meals - \$1,519
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation - \$498
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- Talent Show (DJ, Costumes) - \$383
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- PBIS - \$200
- Educare Donation - \$100
- End of Year Breakfast - \$200
- Dues/Fees/Misc. - \$688

Prairie Winds Middle

Approximately \$10,655 in gifts and donations

Major expenditures include:

- Feminine Products for Health Office - \$210
- PBIS School Store - \$2,000
- WEB Leader Lunches - \$235
- Volleyball Nets for recess - \$69
- Game Closet for Commons - \$541
- Fall Dances - \$1,732
- Fall Conference Meals - \$432
- Raffle Basket for Holiday Wishlist Fundraiser - \$105
- Spring Dances - \$1,931
- Spring Conference Meals - \$836
- VEX Robotics Worlds Sponsorship - \$500
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- 8th Grade FroYo Celebration - \$813

East Senior High

Approximately \$58,519 in gifts and donations

Major contributions include:

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- Boys soccer jackets. 50% donation. Will stay with the team - \$1,000
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Major expenditures include:

- Grad Party Assistance - \$2,000
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- All Sports Training Supplies - \$2,500
- MN Girls All-Star Sponsor - Livi Downs - \$425
- Softball/Baseball Turf & Batting Cages at DMMS - \$24,000
- Homecoming Entertainment - \$500
- Speech - National Registration & Travel - \$1,000

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:

- Linda and Basil Janavaras donated \$1,500 for West High School John Basil Janavaras Memorial Scholarship
- Barb & Tim Regner donated 2017 Nissan Rogue (\$3,000 value) for West High Auto Shop Program
- Dave & Barb Dutton donated Tools (\$1,500 value) for Central High School
- Ngon C. Huyhn donated \$2,000 for Adult Basic Education ESL Program in Memory of Khoai Van Huyhn
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 - Astronomy Club - \$55.20
 - Link Crew - \$22.50
 - Math League - \$28.50
 - Girls Cross Country - \$19
 - Student Council - \$25
 - Alpine Ski Team - \$21
 - Baseball - \$25.50
 - FFA - \$44.50

PTO/PTAs and Booster Clubs donated more than \$374,281 during the 2025-26 school year, with breakdowns as follows:

Bridges Advisory Committee

Approximately \$63,535 in gifts and donations

Major expenditures include:

- 5th Grade Field Trip - \$23,488
- Children's Theater - \$3,441
- Science and Nature Conf - \$2,760
- Bus Expense for field trips (does not include 5th grade field trip) - \$3,338
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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: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: Paul Peterson, Superintendent

Item Type:

Subject:

Adoption of Resolution Calling the School District General Election

Background:

Pursuant to Minnesota state statute, the School Board is required to pass a resolution calling for the election of members and setting the conditions for said election. The purpose of the election is to elect three (3) School Board members for a term of four (4) years each. The election is set for November 3, 2026.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of the resolutions as presented.

Attachments

Resolution

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND CALLING THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the general election in each Minnesota school district must be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of either the odd-numbered or the even-numbered year.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the school district to hold its general election for the purpose of electing three (3) school board members for terms of four (4) years each.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 77 (Mankato Area Public Schools), State of Minnesota as follows:

The clerk shall include on the ballot the names of the individuals who file or have filed affidavits of candidacy during the period established for filing such affidavits, as though they had been included by name in this resolution. The clerk shall not include on the ballot the names of individuals who file timely affidavits of withdrawal in the manner specified by law.

The general election is hereby called and elected to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this general election are those polling places and precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district and which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The voting hours at those polling places shall be the same as for the state general election.

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The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said general election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district for public inspection at least ten (10) days before the date of said general election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said general election for public inspection. The clerk shall also cause two sample ballots to be posted in each polling place on Election Day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot. The sample ballot for a polling place must reflect the offices, candidates, and rotation sequence on the ballots used in that polling place. The sample may be either in full or reduced size.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said general election to be published in the official newspaper of the school district for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of said election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the offices to be filled set forth in the form of ballot below and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in each polling place on Election Day.

The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this election, and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting other elections on that date. The clerk and members of the school district administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those other elections, including entering into agreements or understandings with appropriate election officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

The clerk is further authorized and directed to cause or to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the form below, with such changes in form, color and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate an optical scan voting system.

The motion for adoption of the Resolution was made by Member _____, duly seconded by Member _____,

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted by Independent School District No. 77, (Mankato Area Public Schools), State of Minnesota, this 15th day of June, 2026

By: _____
School Board Chair

By: _____
School Board Clerk

GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 77
MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s), like this:



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

☐	CANDIDATE U	
☐	CANDIDATE V	
☐	CANDIDATE W	
☐	_____	write-in, if any
☐	_____	write-in, if any
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Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed in another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

The name of each candidate for office at this election shall be rotated with the names of the other candidates for the same office in the manner specified in Minnesota law.

If the school district will be contracting to print the ballots for this election, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04, a sufficient bond, letter of credit, or certified check acceptable to the clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this election at the various polling places and shall conduct said election in the manner described by law. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit them to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for

other school district elections. The general election must be canvassed between the third and the tenth day following the general election.

The School District clerk shall make all Campaign Financial Reports required to be filed with the school district under Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02, available on the school district's website. The clerk must post the report on the school district's website as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the receipt of the report. The school district must make a report available on the school district's website for four years from the date the report was posted to the website. The clerk must also provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of the website where reports are made available.

Dated: _____

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Erin Roberts, Clerk

School Board Regular Meeting

8. C.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: Travis Olson, Director of Teaching & Learning

Item Type:

Subject:

Approval of Language Access Plan

Background:

On May 4th, the Language Access Plan Report was presented to the Board and was reviewed again during tonight's public hearing by Superintendent Paul Peterson.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends Board approval of the Language Access Plan.

School Board Regular Meeting**8. D.****Meeting Date:** 06/15/2026**Prepared By:** John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services**Item Type:**

Subject:

Ratification of 2026-28 Agreement with the MESA, representing the District 77 Secretarial and Clerical Employees

Background:

A tentative agreement was reached between Mankato Educational Secretaries Association (MESA), representing the District 77 secretarial and clerical employees, on May 6, 2026. Board members have received a detailed analysis of the new agreement.

The District 77 Secretarial Staff approved the tentative agreement on May 27, 2026.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends that the School Board ratify the agreement.

School Board Regular Meeting

8. E.

Meeting Date: 06/15/2026

Prepared By: Amanda Heilman, Director of Business Services

Item Type:

Subject:

Adoption of Preliminary Budget 2026-2027

Background:

Board members have received the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Personnel involved with budget preparation will be available to answer questions the Board might have regarding the budget. The budget will also be presented to the school board in December as part of the Annual Levy Certification and Truth in Taxation meeting. The revised budget for the year is presented in April.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends adoption of the 2026-2027 budget.

Attachments
