

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477

Reorganizational Meeting – January 12, 2026

The reorganizational meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Eric Nelson. Members present were Jeannie Arthur, Kayla Frame, Rodney Huttunen, Cheri Kangas, Eric Nelson, and JoAnn Olson. Absent Nate Erickson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Kerkvliet; Principal Amie Westberg; Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff member Melissa Koch and Review Messenger Reporter Dave Hanson.

The board members opened the meeting by reciting the School Board Oath of Office.

Eric Nelson called for nominations for Chairperson.

A motion was made by JoAnn Olson to nominate Eric Nelson as Chairperson. After no other nominations for Chairperson were presented, nominations ceased.

A motion was made by Jeannie Arthur to nominate Kayla Frame for Vice-Chair. After no other nominations for Vice-Chair were presented, nominations ceased.

A motion was made by Rod Huttunen to nominate JoAnn Olson for Clerk. After no other nominations were presented, nominations ceased.

A motion was made by Jeannie Arthur to nominate Nate Erickson as Treasurer. After no other nominations were presented, motion ceased.

Olson moved, Huttunen seconded to approve Eric Nelson as Chairperson, Kayla Frame as Vice-Chair, JoAnn Olson as Clerk and Nate Erickson as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to hold the regular monthly board meetings on the second Monday of each month with the exception of the October meeting which will be held on the second Tuesday due to the Columbus Day Holiday with meeting times at 5:30 p.m. for auditing of bills and 6:00 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting and designated the District Office as the location for the board meetings and the Media Center if a second location is needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Huttunen moved, Arthur seconded to set the Board per diem at \$70.00 per meeting with \$130.00 for a day-long meeting or in-service; the Board mileage reimbursement at \$.50 cents per mile; the Board meal reimbursement at the actual cost of the meal and to set the following stipends for the School Board officers: Board Chair stipend at \$700 per year; \$300 per year for Clerk; \$125 per year for Treasurer; and \$125 per year for the Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Kangas moved, Nelson seconded to set the mileage reimbursement for employees at \$.60 cents per mile and employee meal reimbursement at \$10.00 for breakfast, \$12.00 for lunch and \$18.00 for dinner. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Kangas seconded to name the Community First Bank of Menahga and Sebeka as the official depository for the school. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Huttunen seconded to name MN Trust as the official cash management services and to authorize Laura Kimball, Holly Paulson, and David Kerkvliet/Superintendent to handle the electronic funds transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

Kangas moved, Arthur seconded to name the Review Messenger as the official newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

Arthur moved, Frame seconded to authorize signatures of Eric Nelson, JoAnn Olson and Nate Erickson for Payroll and Computer and Handpayable bills and to authorize the signature of Nate Erickson for the Amazon Business account. Motion carried unanimously.

Huttunen moved, Kangas seconded to authorize Eric Nelson, Laura Kimball, Holly Paulson and David Kerkvliet/Superintendent to purchase and sell investments. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Kangas seconded to approve the law firms of Pemberton Law Firm and Kennedy & Graven as legal counsel for the school district. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Olson seconded to designate the superintendent, principal and board chair as the persons to contact legal counsel if needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Olson seconded to approve the following Board committee and representative assignments for 2026:

A. Community Education	Kayla Frame
B. District 24 MSHSL	Eric Nelson
C. Sourcewell Representative Assembly	Eric Nelson
D. Freshwater Education District	Rodney Huttunen, Kayla Frame (alternate)
E. Facilities & Grounds, Technology	Nate Erickson, Rodney Huttunen, Cheri Kangas
F. Food Advisory	Jeannie Arthur, Kayla Frame
G. MREA Representative	Rodney Huttunen
H. Negotiations & Meet & Confer	Rodney Huttunen, Cheri Kangas, JoAnn Olson Jeannie Arthur (alternate), Nate Erickson (alternate), Kayla Frame (alternate), Eric Nelson (alternate)
I. Policy	Nate Erickson, Kayla Frame, Cheri Kangas
J. Superintendent Evaluation	Full Board
K. Legislative Liaison	Rodney Huttunen, Eric Nelson (alternate)
L. Wadena County Collaborative	Cheri Kangas, Nate Erickson (alternate)
M. Health & Safety Advisory	Jeannie Arthur, JoAnn Olson (alternate)
N. Pairing Committee	Nate Erickson, Rodney Huttunen, JoAnn Olson, Kayla Frame (alternate)
O. Budget Committee	Nate Erickson, Rodney Huttunen, Eric Nelson
P. Long Range Planning	Full Board
Q. Climate & Culture	Frame, Nelson, Olson, alternate Arthur

Motion carried unanimously.

Huttunen moved, Frame seconded to adjourn the reorganizational meeting at 6:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of the School Board