

11/06/2025 School Board Meeting

School Board Minutes

Called to Order: 12:06 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Patti Jo Savage, Dorothy Olson, Dale Sautbine and Shannon Berglund

Absent: Daniel LaPrairie and Carol Wuollet

Others present: Superintendent Tara Dupuis, Principal Daniel Merfeld, Guidance Counselor Vicki Oberstar, Wellness Coordinator Hailey Dion, Education Grants & Accountability Manager Blake Ludemann, Kitchen Supervisor Mace Fonoti, Social Work Intern Shantell Berglund, and Student Council Members.

Reading of Mission Statement and Vision: Tara Dupuis

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Dorothy Olson, 2nd by Dale Sautbine, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Minutes from September 4, 2025:

Motion to approve minutes made by Dorothy Olson, 2nd by Shannon Berglund, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Minutes from October 2, 2025:

Motion to approve minutes made by Dorothy Olson, 2nd by Shannon Berglund, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

New Business:

Strategic Plan:

- Mirja was unable to attend the meeting today; the Strategic Plan will be put on the next school board agenda.

Old Business:

Superintendent Updates:

- Marg Thorsborne from Australia will be coming to the school to do a Restorative Practice presentation for school staff and community.
- There is a Restorative Practice Community meeting with the FDL Police Department, Human Services Division and Tribal Court today after the school board meeting.
- Tyler Korby is our new Physical Education Teacher.
- Line of Sight through the Bureau is available if we need to utilize the process.

- Shantell Berglund is interning with Hailey Dion. She is attending the College of St. Scholastica Social Work Program.
- We will have three Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College student teachers in the building.
- We hired several people for Reading Buddies which is held every Thursday.
- We have several students utilizing our Work-based Learning Program.
- Our Occupational Therapist has been contracted and has started in the building. We also are contracting on online School Psychologist that has started.
- The school will start 3rd Party billing through the clinic because they already have the process in place. It is a possibility that the Occupational Therapist, School Nurse, and Speech Therapist may end becoming clinic employees.
- The school applied for and received a School-based Health Center grant. The first year would be a planning year, second year would be implementation and third year we would begin the in-house clinic.
- FACE early childhood classroom moved to this building. FACE hired Allydia Diver as the teacher.
- Kaitlyn Miller one of our Instructional Assistants, resigned.
- The truancy policy for the state has changed and the FDL in-house attorney has been consulted.
- Attendance at the school has improved. Vicki Oberstar shared the data with the board.
- Bureau of Indian Education Accountability Status: the school is approaching expectations this year.

Student Council Updates:

- Homecoming Theme for the school
- Pep Rally week will be held on the 8th-13th. It is the week we host the Red Lake basketball games

Supervisor Reports-Reviewed:

Superintendent Tara Dupuis; Building Principal Daniel Merfeld; Education Grants and Accountability Manager Blake Ludemann; Interim Special Education Coordinator Michelle Hamski, Kitchen Supervisor Mace Fonoti, Wellness Coordinator Hailey Dion, Cultural Coordinator Dawn LaPrairie, FACE Coordinator Barbara Francis, and Transportation Coordinator Kathy Nelson.

Other:

Motion to adjourn made by Dale Sautbine, 2nd by Dorothy Olson, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm. Recorded by Julia Lintgen