

# Hennepin Schools

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January 14, 2026

Dear Parents, Staff, and Board Members;

Hennepin Schools (HS) is in its 14th year of operation. According to Minnesota Statute charter school law 124E.07 and HS's bylaws, we are proceeding with its annual election. The HS board consists of 7 members (3 community members, 2 teachers, and 2 parents). This year, three positions are open for election (one parent member and two non-parent community members). At this time, all board members may choose to run again for their seats. In addition, we also open the nomination window for new board member candidates at this time as well.

**ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE:**

**Parent Board Member:** Only parents and legal guardians of HS students are allowed to run for the parent board member seats. **The HS board will have one open seat for the 2026-27 school year.**

**Non-Parent Community Member:** Any community member who is not a parent or a staff member of Hennepin Schools may register to run for the board. Teachers, parents, and legal guardians of HS students are not eligible to run for the non-parent community member seat; however they are eligible to *nominate* community members to run for the open seat. **The HS board will have two open seats for the 2026-27 school year.**

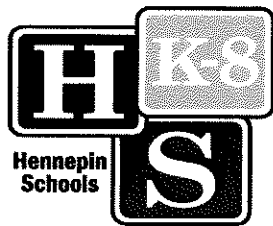
**Teacher Member:** Any license staff who is employed as a teacher at the school or provides instruction under contract between the charter school and a cooperative. **The HS board will have no open seats for the 2026-27 school year.**

All potential board members will be required to pass a background check *before* being added to the February 2026 ballot, as required by law.

**ELIGIBLE VOTERS:**

Staff members employed at the school, including teachers providing instruction under a contract with a cooperative, members of the board of directors, and all parents or legal guardians of HS students enrolled in the school are the voters eligible to elect the members of the school's board of directors. Each family is eligible for two votes regardless of the number of students enrolled at HS. Your participation is crucial to the mission of the HS. **The election will take place on February 11, 12, and 13, 2026 at parent-teacher conferences.** This year mail-in ballots will be an option.

On the next page is a detailed outline for the 2026 board election plan and timeline, and the HS board nomination form is attached to this letter.



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## **Outline for 2026- HS Board Election Plan and Timeline:**

### **Overarching Goals: Open, Transparent, and Compliant**

The following steps will be used to ensure HS Board Elections are compliant with MN state statute 124E.07:

- 1- Sitting board took the following actions:
  - a. Based on the terms of current board members, the HS Executive Committee of the board determined that three seats are open for election (one parent member and two non-parent community member positions).
  - b. The Board has appointed an Election Commissioner, Dr. Julie Henderson, HS Executive Director, at its December 16, 2025 Board Meeting.
- 2- The HS Election Commissioner will ensure the following take place:
  - a. Announce (website, Talking Points, mailer home/translated) the board nomination window, the Election Day, and provide an application process including nomination form at least 30 days before the election dates (January 14, 2026).
  - b. Accept and receive nominations and candidates' Resumes and Bios (Jan. 15 - Jan. 31, 2026).
  - c. Determine candidate eligibility for election based on MN charter School Statute 124E.07. (includes a candidate background check-*ongoing*).
  - d. Finalize election ballot, (February 2, 2026).
  - e. Disseminate eligible candidates' bios to all HS families and staff (website, Talking Points, mailer home), (February 4, 2026).
  - f. Conduct the election, (February 11, 12 and 13, 2026 parent/teacher conferences).
  - g. Communicate detailed results with parents and staff (website, Talking Points, mailer home/translated) (February 27, 2026).
  - h. Ensure new board members are aware of new board training requirements and their start date of taking office.
- 3- HS Administration will:
  - a. Inform all board members of HS board meeting dates of 2026/2027 school year.
  - b. Welcome newly elected board members who will take office July 1, 2026, or upon completion of their mandatory board training, for a three-year term.

For any questions or concerns, please email [hselections@hennepinschools.org](mailto:hselections@hennepinschools.org) or call at 612-843-5055.

Thank you,

Julie M. Henderson, Ed. D., HS Executive Director/Board Election Commissioner

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### **Candidate Nomination Form for 2026 HS Board Election**

#### **To Apply:**

Send a completed candidate form via email to [hselections@hennepinschools.org](mailto:hselections@hennepinschools.org); by US mail; or drop off at the HS front office to the attention of Election Commissioner **by January 31, 2026 (5:00 PM)**. A completed candidate form includes:

- 1- Full Name (First-Last):
- 2- Phone Number:
- 3- Email address:
- 4- A letter (not to exceed 1 page, double spaced, font size 12) explaining why you want to become a board member and assurance of no Conflicts of Interest.
- 5- Include a resume (2 pages maximum).
- 6- Include a bio to be included in the election ballot (Not to exceed 250 words).
- 7- Include a photo for media purposes (Optional).
- 8- Include a completed Background Consent Sheet (Attached).



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1001 E 46th Street Minneapolis, MN 55407

(612)843-5050

Account #: T128435050

Because the position for which you are applying will require you to provide care, treatment, education, training, instruction, or recreation to children, Hennepin Schools will request the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to perform a criminal background check on you under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 299C.62.

Have you ever been convicted of any of the following crimes?

(If yes, please attach a description of the crime and the particulars of the conviction.)

- Yes
- No

Background check crimes under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 299C.62

- Murder
- Felony Level Assault
- Kidnapping
- Criminal Sexual Conduct
- Manslaughter
- Arson
- Any Assault Crime Against a Minor
- Prostitution-Related Crime

Any of the following Child Abuse Crimes committed against Minor victim, constituting a violation of Minnesota Statutes Sections:

- 609.185,(5) Murder in the 1st Degree
- 609.221 Assault in the 1st Degree
- 609.222 Assault in the 2nd Degree
- 609.223 Assault in the 3rd Degree
- 609.224 Assault in the 5th Degree
- 609.2242 Domestic Assault
- 609.322 Solicitation, Inducement and Promotion of Prostitution
- 609.324 Other prohibited acts of Prostitution
- 609.342 Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 1st Degree
- 609.343 Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 2nd Degree
- 609.344 Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 3rd Degree
- 609.345 Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 4th Degree
- 609.352 Solicitation of Children to Engage in Sexual Conduct
- 609.377 Malicious Punishment of a Child
- 609.378 Neglect or Endangerment of a Child
- 152.021, subd.1,(4) Controlled Substance Crime in 1st Degree
- 152.022, subd.1,(5) or (6) Controlled Substance Crime in 2nd Degree
- 152.023, subd.1,(3) or (4) Controlled Substance Crime in 3rd Degree
- 152.023, subd.2,(4) or (6) Controlled Substance Crime in 3rd Degree
- 152.024, subd.1,(2), (3) or (4) Controlled Substance Crime in 4th Degree



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The following named individual has completed an application with this agency for employment:

Last Name of Applicant (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Middle (full)(please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden, Alias or Former (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Gender (M or F): \_\_\_\_\_

As the subject of a Child Protection background check, your rights include:

- To be informed that Hennepin Schools will request this check for becoming or continuing as an employee or volunteer, and to determine whether you have been convicted of any of the above specified crimes, and
- To be informed of the BCA's response and obtain a copy of the report from Hennepin Schools,
- To obtain from the BCA any record that forms the basis for the report, and -to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the report (procedures set forth in MN Statutes §13.04 and Title 28, CFR, Section 16.34), and
- To be informed whether Hennepin Schools has denied your application because of the BCA's response and not to be required directly or indirectly to pay the cost of the background check.

I authorize the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to disclose criminal history record information to Hennepin Schools located at 1001 E 46th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407 pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 123B.03, subdivision 1 for the purpose of employment as a teacher, bus driver, teacher assistant, administration front office, nurse, custodian, speech therapist, social worker, other employee or board member with this agency.

The expiration of this authorization shall be for a period no longer than one year from the date of my signature.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- ★ Records obtained under the Minnesota Statutes Chapter 299C.62 may be used solely for the purpose requested and cannot be disseminated outside the receiving departments, related agencies, or other authorized entities.
- ★ Your fingerprints may be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI.



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Janaayo 14, 2026

**Somali**

Waalidiinta, Shaqaalaha, iyo Xubnaha Guddiga ee sharafta leh;

Dugsiyada Hennepin (HS) waxay ku jirtaa sannadkii 14aad ee shaqada. Sida ku xusan sharciga dugsiya ee Minnesota Charter law 124E.07 iyo xeerarka HS, waxaan sii wadeyaa doorashadii sanadlaha ahayd. Guddiga HS wuxuu ka kooban yahay 7 xubnood (3 xubnood oo bulshada ka tirsan, 2 macallin, iyo 2 waalid). Sannadkan, saddex jago ayaa u furan doorashada (hal xubin oo waalid ah iyo laba xubnood oo bulshada ka tirsan oo aan waalid ahayn). Waqtigan xaadirka ah, dhammaan xubnaha guddiga waxay dooran karaan inay mar kale u tartamaan kuraastooda. Intaa waxaa dheer, waxaan sidoo kale u fureyaa daaqadda magacaabista musharixiinta xubnaha guddiga cusub waqtigan oo kale.

### **Musharaxa u qalma:**

Xubin ka tirsan Guddiga Waalidka: Waalidiinta iyo mas'uuliyiinta sharciga ah ee ardayda HS oo keliya ayaa loo oggol yahay inay u tartamaan kuraasta xubnaha guddiga waalidka. **Guddiga HS wuxuu yeelan doonaa hal kursi oo furan sannad dugsiyeedka 2026-27.**

Xubin ka tirsan Bulshada Aan Waalidka ahayn: Xubin kasta oo bulshada ka tirsan oo aan waalid ahayn ama xubin ka tirsan shaqaalaha Dugsiyada Hennepin ayaa iska diiwaan gelin kara inay u tartamaan guddiga. Macallimiinta, waalidiinta, iyo mas'uuliyiinta sharciga ah ee ardayda HS xaq uma laha inay u tartamaan kursiga xubinta bulshada ee aan waalidka ahayn; si kastaba ha ahaatee waxay xaq u leeyihiin inay magacaabaan xubnaha bulshada si ay ugu tartamaan kursiga furan. **Guddiga HS wuxuu yeelan doonaa laba kursi oo furan sannad dugsiyeedka 2026-27.**

Xubin Macallin: Shaqaale kasta oo shati haysta oo u shaqeeya macallin ahaan dugsiya ama bixiya tilmaamo qandaraas ah oo u dhexeeya dugsiya charter-ka iyo iskaashato. **Guddiga HS ma yeelan doonaan kuraas furan sannad dugsiyeedka 2026-27.**

Dhammaan xubnaha guddiga ee suurtagalka ah waxaa laga rabaa inay maraan baaritaan taariikh nololeed ka hor inta aan lagu darin codbixinta Febraayo 2026, sida uu qabo sharcigu.

### **Codbixiyeyaasha u-qalma:**

Xubnaha shaqaalaha ee ka shaqeeya dugsiya, oo ay ku jiraan macallimiinta bixiya tilmaamaha qandaraaska iskaashato, xubnaha guddiga agaasimayaasha, iyo dhammaan waalidiinta ama mas'uuliyiinta sharciga ah ee ardayda HS ee ku qoran dugsiya waa codbixiyeyaasha u-qalma inay doortaan xubnaha guddiga agaasimayaasha dugsiya. Qoys kasta wuxuu xaq u leeyahay laba cod iyadoon loo eegin tirada ardayda ku qoran HS. Ka qaybgalkaagu waa muhiim u ah ujeeddada HS. **Doorashadu waxay dhici doontaa Febraayo 11, 12, iyo 13, 2026 shirarka waalidiinta iyo macallimiinta.** Sannadkan waraaqaha codbixinta boostada ayaa noqon doona ikhtiyaar.

Bogga xiga waxaa ku yaal faahfaahin faahfaahsan oo ku saabsan qorshaha doorashada guddiga 2026 iyo waqtiga, foomka magacaabista guddiga HS-na waxaa lagu lifaaqay warqaddan.

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**Qeexitaanka Qorshaha Doorashada Guddiga HS 2026- iyo Jadwalka:**

Hadafyada Guud: Furan, Daahfuran, iyo Waafaqsan

Tallaabooyinka soo socda ayaa loo isticmaali doonaa si loo hubiyo in Doorashooyinka Guddiga HS ay waafaqsan yihiin sharciga gobolka MN 124E.07:

1- Guddiga fadhigu wuxuu qaaday tallaabooyinka soo socda:

- a. Iyada oo ku saleysan shuruudaha xubnaha guddiga ee hadda jira, Guddiga Fulinta ee HS ee guddiga ayaa go'aamiyay in saddex kursi ay u furan yihiin doorashada (hal xubin waalid ah iyo laba jagooyin macallin).
- b. Guddigu wuxuu magacaabay Guddoomiyaha Doorashada, Dr. Julie Henderson, Agaasimaha Fulinta ee HS, shirkii Guddiga ee Diseembar 16, 2025.

2- Guddiga Doorashada HS wuxuu hubin doonaa in waxyaabaha soo socda ay dhacaan:

- a. Ku dhawaaq (Bogga, Talking Points, boostada guriga/turjumay) daaqadda magacaabista guddiga, Maalinta Doorashada, iyo bixinta hab codsi oo ay ku jiraan foomka magacaabista ugu yaraan 30 maalmood ka hor taariikhda doorashada (Janaayo 14, 2026).
- b. Aqbal oo hel magacaabista iyo CV-yada iyo Taariikh nololeedka musharixiinta (Jan. 15 - Jan. 31, 2026).
- c. Go'aami u-qalmitaanka musharraxa doorashada iyadoo lagu saleynayo Xeerka Dugsiga ee MN charter 124E.07. (oo ay ku jiraan baaritaanka taariikhda musharraxa oo socda).
- d. Dhammaystirka codbixinta doorashada, (Febraayo 2, 2026).
- e. U faafi taariikhda taariikh nololeedka musharixiinta u-qalma dhammaan qoysaska iyo shaqaalaha HS (Bogga, Talking Points, poster home), (Febraayo 4, 2026).
- f. Qabanqaabinta doorashada, (Febraayo 11, 12 iyo 13, shirarka waalidka/macalinka 2026).
- g. La socodsii natiijooyinka faahfaahsan waalidiinta iyo shaqaalaha (website, Talking Points, poster home/translated) (Febraayo 27, 2026).
- h. Hubi in xubnaha guddiga cusub ay ka warqabaan shuruudaha tababarka cusub ee guddiga iyo taariikhda ay bilaabaya xafiiska.

3- Maamulka HS wuxuu:

- a. Ogeysiin doonaa dhammaan xubnaha guddiga taariikhaha shirka guddiga HS ee sannad dugsiyeedka 2026/2027.
- b. Soo dhawoow xubnaha cusub ee guddiga ee la doortay kuwaas oo xafiiska la wareegi doona Luulyo 1, 2026, ama marka ay dhammeeyaan tababarka guddiga ee qasabka ah, muddo saddex sano ah.

Haddii aad qabtid su'aalo ama walaac, fadlan iimayl u dir [hselections@hennepinschools.org](mailto:hselections@hennepinschools.org) ama wac 612-843-5055.

Mahadsanid,

Julie M. Henderson, Ed. D., Agaasimaha Fulinta ee HS/Guddoomiyaha Doorashada Guddiga

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## **Foomka Magacaabista Musharixiinta Doorashada Guddiga HS 2026**

Si aad u Codsato:

Foomka musharraxnimada oo dhammaystiran u dir iimayl [hselections@hennepinschools.org](mailto:hselections@hennepinschools.org); boostada Mareykanka; ama ku soo dir xafiiska hore ee HS si aad u hesho dareenka Guddoomiyaha Doorashada kahor Janaayo 31, 2026 (5:00 PM). Foomka musharraxnimada oo dhammaystiran waxaa ka mid ah:

1- Magaca oo Buuxa (Awoowga Hore):

2- Lambarka Taleefanka:

3- Cinwaanka iimaylka:

Warqad (aan ka badnayn 1 bog, labanlaaban, cabbirka farta 12) oo sharraxaysa sababta aad u rabto inaad

4- xubin ka noqoto guddiga iyo hubinta inaysan jirin wax khilaaf ah oo dan ah.

5- Ku dar resume (ugu badnaan 2 bog).

6- Ku dar taariikh nololeedkaaga si aad ugu darto warqadda codbixinta doorashada (Aan ka badnayn 250 eray).

7- Ku dar sawir ujeedooyin warbaahineed (Ikhtiyaar).

8- Ku dar Warqad Oggolaansho Taariikheed oo dhammaystiran (Ku lifaaqan).

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