



*PREPARATION UNDERSTANDING GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITY INVOLVEMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY HUMILITY & SERVICE*

HS Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

Hennepin Schools

1001 East 46th Street, Mpls., MN 55407

HS MISSION: To develop students who are Confident Learners, Cross-Cultural Navigators, and Caring Community Builders and to provide all students with the knowledge, skills and character to graduate from high school and the confidence to continue on and successfully complete their post-secondary education.

HS BOARD EXPECTATIONS: Be respectful of time. Be open to communication. Be transparent to students and families. Make intentional changes. Set time limits. Be prepared.

HS BOARD 25-26 BOARD GOALS:

Confident Learners:

- Commit to high academic expectations and improve academic achievement by at least 10 percentage points on all state assessments with reports to the Board in November and March.
- Encourage the school to be an active and engaging environment for students to develop critical thinking, problem solving, and social emotional development through during and after school student activities with a report to the Board annually in May.

Caring Community Builders:

- Maintain a 25% fund balance at the end of the fiscal year
- Ensure a clean FY26 audit as determined by the school's auditors
- Ensure the school receives the FY26 Finance Award, as determined by MDE

Cross Cultural Navigators:

- Evaluate the relationships of the School with staff and with families using the Insight surveys in January (staff) and May (families).

Public Zoom Webinar Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88915583092>



CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

6:01 p.m.

- Dr. Charlayne Myers
- Mr. John Slavik
- Christina Lacina
- Ruqia Abdi
- Lucy Pinataro

Absent:

- Ahmed Mullah

OTHER ATTENDEES

- Dr. Julie Henderson, HS Executive Director
- Scott Brown, EdFin representative
- Chelsey Jenkins, EdFin Representative

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA – 5 Minutes

Motion to accept the February 17, 2026 Board Agenda

- Motion by, Mr. Slavik second by Ms. Pinataro - Motion Passed
(Slavik, Yay, Pinataro, Yay, Abdi, Yay, Lacina, Yay)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – 10 Minutes

Motion to approve the board meeting minutes of January 20, 2026

- Motion by, Ms. Lacina seconded by Ms. Abdi - Motion Passed
(Slavik, Yay, Pinataro, Yay, Abdi, Yay, Lacina, Yay)

NEW BUSINESS– 20 minutes

Discussion on 26-27 class sizes and number of sections

Motion to approve the 26-27 class sizes and number of sections

- 23 k-4, 25 5-8
- 3 sections of K, 2 of 1-8
- Dr. Myers asked about where we are with getting the pre K back.
 - Dr. Henderson shared that we need to improve test scores for the application to get moved forward
- New Recruiter
- Motion by, Ms. Pinataro seconded by Mr. Slavik - Motion Passed

Open Enrollment Window for FY27, February 20-May 20, 2026

- Dr. Henderson shared the procedure and reasoning why this is needed.
 - If over enrolled, the school must hold a lottery for available spots.
 - Lottery held on May 27th
- Motion by, Ms. Lacina seconded by Ms. Abdi - Motion Passed



Revisiting the School's relationship with community partners

- Dr. Henderson shared the experience with the community help for arrival and dismissal
 - Proposed event in the Spring to show appreciation

OLD BUSINESS– 20 minutes

Update on HS Board Election

- Both Candidates won
- Mail in ballot
 - 63 votes (1/3 the voting population)
- Parent Candidates reached out to board chair
 - Recommend getting background checks and having executive board discuss candidates

Update on the Construction RFP

- Dr. Henderson summarized the data from the interviews
 - Follow up on references
- Dr. Myers asked about a timeline
 - Permits by May
 - Ready to start in June

FINANCE REPORT– 20 Minutes, *Julie Henderson, Scott Brown, EdFin*

Review January Finance Reports

- Cash balance = 2,140,884
- Fund Balance As of Jan. 31st. - 2,755,645
- Total Rev. 5,284,484 = 57%
- Total Exp. 5,413,582 = 59%
- Total Gen. Fund Rev. 5,120,545 = 60%
- Total Rev. All Funds 5,282,484 = 59%
- Total Gen. Fund Exp. = 5,243,621 = 60%
- Food Service Fund = 169,960 = 37%
- Transportation is over budget atm. working on getting those cleaned up.

Motion to accept January bills paid

- Motion made by, Mr. Slavik Seconded by Ms. Lacina - Motion Passed
- (Slavik, Yay, Pinataro, Yay, Myers, Yay, Lacina, Yay)

Motion to accept any deposited checks - None

UPDATE ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS – 10 minutes

Individual Board Member Reports

- No report

Board Member Committee Reports

- No Report

Executive Committee Report



- Not Met

Finance Committee Report

- Feb. 25th budget meeting for FY 27

PUBLIC COMMENT– 10 Minutes, *members of the public***

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 15 Minutes, *Julie Henderson*

Enrollment and Staffing

- 385 budget/396 actual
- Keegan Lewis new M.S. Instructional Coach

Update on the MN Surge and school safety

- Dr. Henderson shared the process used to discuss possible scenarios
- Safety committee met during conferences last week to walk through 4 scenarios
 - 3 Admin attended training regarding immigration and constitutional rights.
 - The school has been getting funds for rent assistance.
 - Donations from individuals and organizations
 - Working on a process to help support families with the funds

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 7:05 pm

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Slavik, Seconded by Ms. Pinataro - Motion Passed
- (Slavik, Yay, Pinataro, Yay, Abdi, Yay, Myers, Yay, Lacina, Yay)

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 18, School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Feb. 19, 4th Grade Winter River Science Field Trip

Feb. 20, Grades 7-8 History Day Contest

Feb. 23, Friends of Education Site Visit

Feb. 26, Bellwether Site Visit

Feb. 26, Annual Fire Inspection

Mar. 2, Grade 8 NAEP testing

Mar. 13, Data Day

Mar. 16-20, Spring Break

Mar. 24, HS Board meeting



2025-26 Hennepin Schools Ongoing Board Training Topics

Fall 2025: Hennepin's Emergency Action Plan

Fall 2025: Review of Academic Governance Plan

Spring 2026: Review of Academic Governance Plan, March 24, 2026

2025-26 Hennepin Schools School Board Meetings

August 19, 2025, 3:00 pm

September 16, 2025

October 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

December 16, 2025

January 20, 2026

February 17, 2026

March 24, 2026*

April 21, 2026

May 19, 2026

June 16, 2026

*No meeting in July

Location: All meetings will take place in the HS Conference Room, Room 140, at 1001 E. 46th Street, Minneapolis, MN, 55407

Time: 6:00 pm, unless otherwise noted

This meeting schedule was approved by the HS Board on August 19, 2025

The board meets on the third Tuesday of each month, except those months marked with an asterisk ()

****Public Comment Procedure:** Please email the HS Board President/Chair at publiccomment@hennepinschools.org *at least 24 hours prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting*, to request a 2 minute slot during the Public Comment section of the board meeting. Spaces are limited, and it is first come first serve.