



*PREPARATION UNDERSTANDING GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITY INVOLVEMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY HUMILITY & SERVICE*

HS Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 3:00 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 24-25 BOARD GOALS:

Confident Learners:

- Commit to high academic expectations and improve academic achievement by at least 10 percentage points by grade level on all three MCA assessments by centering on Data Driven Instruction
 - 10% increase in MCA Reading for each grade level tested
 - 10% increase in MCA Mathematics for each grade level tested
 - 10% increase in MCA Science for each grade level tested
- School directors will report on academic achievement and growth via formal curriculum reports on formal assessments (Fastbridge and MCA IIIs) twice a year.

Caring Community Builders:

- Maintain a 25% fund balance at the end of the fiscal year
- Ensure a clean FY25 audit as determined by the school's auditors
- Ensure the school receives the FY25 Finance Award, as determined by the school's accountant

Cross Cultural Navigators:

- Evaluate the relationships of the School with staff and with families using the Insight surveys in January (staff) and May (families).
- Evaluate the relationships of the School with the broader community through anecdotal information reported at the board level

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



CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

3:02 p.m.

- Dr. Charlayne Myers
- Mr. John Slavik
- Ruqia Abdi
- Christina Lacina (zoom 3:10)

Absent:

- Nancy Vintamilla

OTHER ATTENDEES

- Dr. Julie Henderson, HS Executive Director
- Scott Brown, EdFin representative
- Shannon Swanson, EdFin representative
- Chelsey, EdFin representative
- Lucy Pinataro, Potential Board Member

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA – 5 Minutes

Motion to accept the August 19, 2025 Board Agenda

- Motion by, Mr. Slavik second by, Ms. Abdi - Motion Passed (Roll Call Vote: Slavik - Yay, Ruqia - Yay, Myers - Yay)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – 10 Minutes

Motion to approve the board meeting minutes of June 17, 2025

- Motion by, Mr. Slavik second by, Ms. Abdi - Motion Passed (Roll Call Vote: Slavik - Yay, Ruqia - Yay, Myers - Yay)

NEW BUSINESS– 20 minutes

Appointment of three new board members to open seats:

- Christina Lacina as a Community Representative (replacing Mr. Khalid Omar who resigned in April of 2025; Terms ends June 30, 2026)
- Ahmed Mullah as a Parent Representative (replacing Ms. Kaltun Abdi who is no longer a parent; Term ends June 30, 2028)
- Lucy Pinataro as a Teacher Representative (replacing Ms. Lacina who is no longer a teacher; Term ends June 30, 2028)

Motion to Appoint all new board members

- Motion by, Mr. Slavik seconded by, Ms. Abdi - Motion Passed (Roll Call Vote: Slavik - Yay, Ruqia - Yay, Myers - Yay)

Motion to approve the board meeting schedule for the 25-26 school year



- Motion by, Mr. Slavik seconded by, Ms. Abdi - Motion Passed (Roll Call Vote: Slavik - Yay, Ruqia - Yay, Myers - Yay, Lacina - Yay)

Motion to approve the 25-26 IT Contract

- Dr. Henderson shared the process of which the committee went through to provide their recommendation to the board.
 - Committee has recommended Shunaki for 6k a month
- Motion by, Ms. Lacina seconded by, Mr. Slavik - Motion Passed (Roll Call Vote: Slavik - Yay, Ruqia - Yay, Myers - Yay, Lacina - Yay)

Discussion on changing banks from BMO to Choice Bank

- Dr. Henderson shared the reasoning behind this move.
 - Bank will give a better return on money that is in the bank
 - Local, easier to get ahold of
 - New finance company that works with Choice and a large portfolio already
 - More likely to approve a line of credit
- Mr. Slavik inquired about the process of switching.
 - Scott indicated that this is a great time to make the move.

Motion to approve the bank change

- Motion by, Ms. Abdi seconded by, Mr. Slavik - Motion Passed (Roll Call Vote: Slavik - Yay, Ruqia - Yay, Myers - Yay, Lacina - Yay)

Motion to approve the bill.com credit card for the school

- Dr. Henderson and Scott shared the reasoning
 - Rewards System in place
 - can turn on and off as admin
 - Can get virtual card for staff for field trips or sundries
- Motion by, Ms. Lacina seconded by, Ms. Abdi - Motion Passed (Roll Call Vote: Slavik - Yay, Ruqia - Yay, Myers - Yay, Lacina - Yay)

OLD BUSINESS– none

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

Review June/July Finance Reports

- Cash Balance - 1,523,863
- State Receivables - 1,452,686
- Accounts Payable - 131,040
- Salary Benefits - 431,493
- Income Statement
 - 449.67 ADM
 - Projected Change Fund Balance - 143,337
 - Projected Year End Fund Balance - 2,326,127
 - Special Ed Difference - 356,347
 - Total Assets - 2,888,659



- Total Liabilities - 562,532
- Liabilities and Fund Balance Total - 2,888,659
- Fund Balance Percentage - 24.7%
- Total Rev. 105%
- General Exp. 87%
- Sped/HHH Transportation - 221%
- District Special Ed - 94%
- Instruction - 101%
- Title Funds - 83%
- ADSIS - 95%
- Special Ed. - 94%
- Total Instructional - 114%
- Total General Fund Expenditures - 104%
- Food Service - 103%

Motion to accept June paid

- Motion made by, Mr. Slavik Seconded by, Ms. Abdi - Motion Passed (Roll Call Vote: Slavik - Yay, Ruqia - 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

- No Report

Finance Committee Report

- No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT– 10 Minutes, *members of the public None***

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 15 Minutes, *Julie Henderson*

Enrollment and Staffing

- 413 Enrolled; Budgeted at 476
- Dropped to 2 KG classes and Ms. Glenn moved to open third grade
- Increased Marketing Efforts
 - Social Media Presence
 - School Mint
- Fully Staffed - 2 ZenEducate Subs (building sub, and Long term 7/8 Science Teacher)

Update on changes in Open Meeting Law

- Dr. Henderson reported the changes on Open Meeting Law.



Review of the Staff and Family Handbooks - Tabled to September Board Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 4:18 pm

- Motion to adjourn by, Mr. Slavik Seconded by, Ms. Abdi - Motion Passed (Roll Call
Vote: Slavik - Yay, Ruqia - Yay, Myers - Yay, Lacina - Yay)

Upcoming Events:

August 19, 5 pm, HS Open House

August 25, First Day of School, Grades 1-8

August 27, First Day of School, Kindergarten

September 1, Labor Day

September 16, HS Board Meeting, 6:00 pm Conference Room 141



2025-26 Hennepin Schools Ongoing Board Training Topics

Fall 2025: TBD

Fall 2025: Review of Academic Governance Plan, November 18, 2025

Spring 2026: TBD

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.