

Special School Board Minutes - Melrose Area Public Schools
Monday, January 5, 2026

Chair Seanger called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following members were present: Chair Seanger, Vice Chair Feldewerd, Clerk Thieschafer, Treasurer Rosenberger, Director Wieling, Director Toenyan & Director Poepping.

Vice Chair Feldewerd moved, with a second by Clerk Thieschafer, to approve the agenda.

Chair Seanger was nominated for Chair, Vice Chair Feldewerd was nominated for Vice Chair. Clerk Thieschafer was nominated for Clerk. Treasurer Rosenberger was nominated for Treasurer. They take their positions by acclamation.

Vice Chair Feldewerd moved, with a second by Director Wieling, to approve the current salaries for board members for 2026:

- Chair - \$350.00
- Vice-Chair - \$300.00
- Clerk - \$275.00
- Treasurer - \$275.00
- \$65.00/meeting
- \$125.00 for meetings over 5 hours

The Motion was carried unanimously.

Director Poepping moved, with a second by Director Wieling, to approve the school board meeting dates for the 2026-27 school year:

- July 27, 2026
- August 24, 2026
- September 28, 2026
- October 26, 2026
- November 23, 2026
- December 14, 2026 (The 4th Week Falls Over Christmas)
- January 4, 2027 (Organizational Meeting)
- January 25, 2027
- February 22, 2027
- March 22, 2027
- April 26, 2027
- May 24, 2027
- June 28, 2027

The Motion was unanimously carried.

Vice Chair Feldewerd moved, with a second by Clerk Thieschafer, to approve the following 2026 Board Committees:

Committee Assignments	2026 Board Rep(s)
Budget/Finance	Full Board
Community Ed Advisory	Becky
Health & Safety	Eric
DAAC	Becky, Joe
Discipline Advisory	Ad Hoc
District Advisory: Curriculum, CACR, Integration & Federal Programs	Melissa, Jason
Exit Interview	Becky, Joe
Facilities: Buildings, Grounds, Land Sales & Purchases	Josh, Jason
Wellness	Jason & Becky
Insurance Advisory	Ad Hoc
LMC (Support Staff)	Ad Hoc
LMC (Teachers)	Ad Hoc
MSHSL/Title IX	Becky
Policy Review	Full Board
PTA	Admin
School Advocating for Fair Funding (SAFF)	Becky, Josh
Professional Development	Admin
Stearns County Collaborative	Becky
Technology	Eric
Transportation	Ad Hoc
Trip Committee	Admin
WCED	Joe

Negotiating Committees	2026 Board Rep(s)
Achievement & Integration	
Administration (Principals)	Josh, Melissa Joe,
Curriculum Coordinator	
Custodial Supervisors	
Custodians	Joe, Becky
Food Service (Director & Staff)	Eric, Allen
Notice of Assignment	
Paraprofessionals	Becky, Melissa, Allen
Secretaries	
Superintendent	
Teachers	
MARSS	Becky, Allen
Administrative Asst. to the Office of the Superintendent	Becky, Eric
Payroll Specialist	Jason, Allen
Technology Director	Jason, Joe
Dutchmen Explorer's Club Coordinator	Jason, Josh
Activities Director	Eric, Melissa

The Motion was unanimously carried.

Clerk Thieschafer moved, with a second by Vice Chair Feldewerd, to approve the Magnifi Financial & PMA as the district school district depositories. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Toenyan moved, with a second by Director Wieling, to approve the Star Post as the official publication for 2026. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Vice Chair Feldewerd moved, with a second by Director Toenyan, to approve the district travel, accommodation & meal allowance:

- Mileage - Federal Mileage Reimbursement Rate
- Workshops or training sessions that need accommodations in reference to hotel stays will only be reimbursed if the workshop or training sessions that exceed 60 miles one way from the school district. Any acceptance to this guideline would need prior approval from the Superintendent.
- Breakfast - \$12.00
- Lunch \$17.00

➤ Supper - \$22.00

The Motion was unanimously carried.

Clerk Thieschafer moved, with a second by Director Wieling, to approve MSDLAF+ as the official depository. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Rosenberger moved, with a second by Vice Chair Feldewerd, to approve the use of facsimile signatures on all district checks. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Vice Chair Feldewerd moved, with a second by Clerk Thieschafer, to approve the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, to make short term investments of school district funds and to perform the duties of the clerk and treasurer.

Director Poepping moved, with a second by Director Toenyan, to approve the agents of the board to lease, purchase, and contract for goods and services within the general budget categories. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Wieling moved, with a second by Vice Chair Feldewerd, to approve to pay claims/bills before the regularly scheduled board meeting. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Vice Chair Feldewerd moved, with a second by Director Poepping, to approve Squires, Waldspurger & Mace PA for our legal counsel for 2026. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer Rosenberger moved, with a second by Director Toenyan, to approve authorizing the Superintendent of Schools and designees to make electric funds transfers of District 740 funds. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Poepping moved, with a second by Vice Chair Feldewerd, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Josh Thieschafer, Clerk