

FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL
Independent School District #599
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
8:00 p.m., May 12, 2026
(7:30 pm for Advance Com presentation)
Fertile-Beltrami School Conference Rm

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2026. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Paul Stromstad, Nathan Rasch, Ryan Opdahl, Mark Sorenson, April Grunhovd, Tia Gullickson, Principal Messick, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Heidi Mitzel, Jaden Solie

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Rasch moved, Stromstad seconded to approve the minutes of the Negotiation's Committee Meeting, April 9, 2026, Regular Meeting, April 14, 2026, Policy Committee Meeting, April 14, Informational Meeting April 28, 2026. UC

Opdahl moved, Sorenson seconded to approve the agenda as presented/amended. UC

The following made public comments: None

Cash balances for April were reviewed.

Grunhovd moved, Stromstad seconded to approve payment of the May bills in the amount of \$351,895.89 (checks 70896-70983 \$188,405.20 and wires \$163,490.69). UC

Advance Com students reported on the following: community webpage building, job duties for the school year and updates.

AD reported on the following: written report/handout

Principal Messick reported on the following: Concerts, reading reward activity- Red Hawks game, Ed Foundation Banquet, field trips.

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: legislative session, hockey coop, insurance renewal.

Rasch moved, Opdahl seconded to authorize signatures on tier I thru IV teacher contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. UC

Gullickson moved, Sorenson seconded to approve a notice of assignment for Stacy Ofstedal, Special Education. UC

Grunhovd moved, Stromstad seconded to approve a notice of assignment for Pete Ofstedal, Social Studies. UC

Opdahl moved, Rasch seconded to approve a notice of assignment for Shelby Goodwin- Asst. VB. UC

Gullickson moved, Rasch seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Neil Steffes- Social Studies, Asst Football, Track. UC

Sorenson moved, Grunhovd seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Rochelle Choate- Custodian. UC

Rasch moved, Gullickson seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Jodi Petry- Head Cook. UC

Sorenson moved, Opdahl seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Danny Larson- Bus Driver. UC

Rasch moved, Grunhovd seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Karlie Melby- paraprofessional. UC

Gullickson moved, Stromstad seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Brian Nelson- Head Football. UC

Stromstad moved, Rasch seconded to approve the insurance renewal thru Marsh McLennan (Vaaler Insurance) for Property Liability-\$59,076.77, Auto-\$13,593, Worker's Com- \$25,993, Cyber Liability-\$7,355, total=\$106,017.77. UC

Rasch moved, Opdahl seconded to approve kitchen equipment bids from SCR for Metro 597-\$8,282.05, Cooler Tru TMC-58-\$5,578.74, service/freight-\$1,020 in the amount of \$14,880.79. UC

Stromstad moved, Gullickson seconded to approve door replacement bid from Thief River Glass in the amount of \$26,041 for hallway doors (4) and classroom (1). UC

Rasch moved, Grunhovd seconded to approve bid from Gordon Construction in the amount of \$75/hr 10% materials for masonry work for hallway doors (2 areas). UC

Rasch moved, Sorenson seconded to accept the milk bid from Cass Clay for the 2026-27 school year at 1% white-.339 choc-.350, skim white-.329, lactose .59. UC

Rasch moved, Opdahl seconded to approve Ron Sannes and Kolby Hemmah- Volunteers- Baseball. UC

Discussion: posting of Dean/AD job, timeline

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., June 9, 2026.

Chairman Erickson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

_____ Chairman _____ Clerk