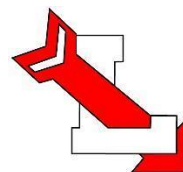


Board Briefs



Regular Meeting of August 10, 2026

ACTION ITEMS

- Minutes for July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Payment of bills for July, 2026
- Laurie Kuna and Annie Whitlock were approved as MASB delegates
- Approval of Cherry Creek Elementary Furniture
- Approval of the freshman center servery renovation
- Approval of purchase and installation of a security server
- New Hires:
 - Keana Fahrni, Bushnell First Grade
 - Ava Lenting, High School Spanish
 - Brian Seper, High School Science
 - Ava Klug, Middle School Art
 - Greta Forward, Bushnell First Grade
 - Kristen Covell, Middle School Drama
 - Heidi Bolen, Speech/Language Pathologist
 - Kayleigh DeVries, High School Special Education Teacher
 - Emily Fantuzzo, Bushnell Music
 - Jacquelyn VanderPloeg, GSRP Lead Teacher

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Dustin Cichocki stated the para bid meeting was held on July 28. Mr. Cichocki is continuing to interview for open positions (custodians, support staff, one teacher). Staff professional development will take place on August 24 and 28. New staff orientation will take place on August 20. The Administrative Assistant meeting and professional development will take place on August 12.

BUDGET UPDATE

Sonia Hodge stated that auditors were in the district the last week of July. By the end of September the district should receive audit results. Fleet cards (fueling purchasing) have been received. The Business Office will be coordinating groups of staff, from various positions throughout the district, to pilot new time tracking systems.

CURRICULM UPDATE

Steve Gough stated that 10 staff members attended the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) conference in Grand Rapids. He thanked the Board for their support in continuing to send staff to these conferences. Administration is continuing to plan for the 2026-2027 staff professional development days. Administrative professional development will take place on August 13. Mr. Gough read a statement responding to a July public comment regarding library books. He clarified the status of the books in the library collections and reviewed library collections procedures, parental controls, and policies for review of library materials.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Three public comments. No action taken.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Fowler stated that there are differences between specific classroom curriculum policies and library material policies. School offices opened today. Athletics and band are in full swing. Fowler was impressed with how our students cared for their animals at the Kent County Youth Fair. New seats in the LPAC have been installed and the high school elevator is completed and waiting for inspection. Other projects that were completed this summer include the Murray Lake roof, Bushnell water line and the Cherry Creek asphalt. Mr. Lang, new Cherry Creek Elementary principal, has sent out parent communication regarding the temporary pick-up and drop-off instructions for the start of school as well as the new path for walkers and bikers. Fowler thanked the community for their support during the August election. August 25 is the first day of school!

BOARD COMMENTS

- Jared Blough stated summer is winding down and kids are getting excited to start school.
- Annie Whitlock thanked the community for their support during the August election.
- Laurie Kuna thanked the community for their support during the August election.
- Jessica Curtis thanked the community for their support during the August election as well as all of the staff behind the scenes that work over the summer.
- Pat Nugent thanked the community for their support during the August election.
- Brian Krajewski thanked the community for their support during the August election.