

FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL
Independent School District #599
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
8:01 p.m., March 10, 2026
Fertile-Beltrami School Board Conference Rm

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 8:01 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The following were present Matt Erickson, Paul Stromstad, Nathan Rasch, Ryan Opdahl, Mark Sorenson, April Grunhovd, Tia Gullickson, Bookkeeper Jessica Vanderplaats, Principal Messick, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Mary Olson, Samantha Stock, Kayla Campbell, Taylor Sannes

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m..

Rasch moved, Stromstad seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 10, 2026, Informational Meeting February 24, 2026. UC

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

The following made public comments: Taylor Sannes provide information regarding request for paid Assistant Baseball coach.

Cash balances for February were reviewed.

Grunhovd moved, Sorenson seconded to approve payment of the March bills in the amount of \$362,074.76 (checks 70668-70766 \$184,925.67 and wires \$177,149.09). UC

Principal Messick reported on the following: MN Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl- HS and Elem, Lionheart Speaker- Crookston, 6th Grade Read Bowl.

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: budget update, projected enrollment, reduced Compensatory funding.

Member Opdahl introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING AND REDUCING
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the School board of Independent School District No. 599 adopted a resolution on January 13, 2026, directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions, and WHEREAS, said recommendations have been received and considered by the school board, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 599 as follows:

That the following programs and positions be discontinued:

1. Elementary: a) teaching grades kindergarten - six, [including instructional consultants and elementary special education teachers], b) physical education and other appropriate subject matter areas.
2. Secondary: a) agriculture; b) art; c) business education; c) language arts; d) mathematics; e) physical education; f) science; g) social studies; h) vocational shop and other appropriate subject matter areas.
3. K-12: a) instrumental music; b) vocal music; c) Special Education; d) Speech/Language; e) dean of students; paraprofessionals and other appropriate subject matter areas.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Stromstad and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Opdahl, Sorenson, Gullickson, Grunhovd, Stromstad, Rasch, Erickson

and the following voted against: none whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Rasch moved, Grunhovd seconded to approve signatures for the 2025-2027 Teacher Master Agreement. UC

Rasch moved, Gullickson seconded to authorize notice of assignments for: Karin-Sorenson-Jr High Golf, Asst. Softball-Lisa Orre, Jenna Schrom-Jr. High, Neil Steffes-Track, Maggie Coauette Head VB Coach, Aimee Pederson Interim Activities Director. UC

Stromstad moved, Sorenson seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Catherine Langenfeld- Band. UC

Sorenson moved, Rasch seconded to approve the bid from Culinary Depot in the amount of \$17,544.95 for kitchen dishwasher replacement. UC

Rasch moved, Opdahl seconded to approve the following volunteer coaches: Chad Hitchen-track. UC

Rasch moved, Gullickson seconded to accept a \$5,000 donation from Garden Valley Telephone for technology purchases. UC

Stromstad moved, Gullickson seconded to approve security monitor (\$3,595) and hard drive (\$2,554.25) upgrades from Garden Valley. UC Grunhovd-abstain

Discussion was held regarding participation increase for baseball and jr high girl's golf, need for additional coaching positions.

Chairman Erickson adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m. UC

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., April 14, 2026.

_____ Chairperson _____ Clerk