

OFFICIAL MINUTES – WORK SESSION

Board of Education
Independent School District No. 423
September 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Garrett Luthens called to order the work session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 423, Hutchinson, MN, at 5:30 pm in the District Office Conference Room.

ROLL CALL - Members present: Diane Jankowski, Erin Knudtson, Garrett Luthens, Michael Massmann, Danny Olmstead (via phone), and Sara Pollmann. Also present were Dan Deitte, Superintendent; Becky Boll, Director of Business Finance; Michael Scott, Director of Teaching and Learning; and recording secretary Tina Vorlicek. Members absent: none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments were received.

FUND BALANCE POLICY 714 DISCUSSION - The fund balance policy is set at a minimum of 28%. We don't have to borrow, we can cash flow. Discussed raising the amount by a percent each year until it reaches 33%. This would put us at four (instead of three) month's operating expenses on hand. It was decided not to do anything now and relook at this in November/December.

CANVASSING WRITE-INS FOR ELECTIONS FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS AFTER 2026 - If write-ins don't statistically impact the election, they don't have to be counted. There is a potential resolution to verify this. Dan is getting more information from the County.

REFERENDUM UPDATE - Draft documents are ready. Feedback should be shared by Thursday at 4 pm for the required mailer and Wednesday at 4 pm for the Fast Facts sheet. The Fast Facts will be shared with parents via Parent Square and Facebook, not sent home in student folders.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE - Roadmap, strategic direction and desired daily experiences were reviewed.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Still discussing this with the Administrative team. More at the November work session.

HCVN - Board meetings are back online. A donation was received to cover the cost. This should be built into the 2028 budget.

BLUE RIBBON - The list of recommendations will be available in October. The legislature will act upon the recommendations during the next session.

ADJOURN - Moved by Michael Massmann, seconded by Erin Knudtson, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the work session at 7:28 pm.



Garrett Luthens, Chair

9/28/2026
Date



Michael Massmann, Clerk

9/28/2026
Date