

Proceedings of the Board of Education  
Independent School District #787  
Browerville, Minnesota 56438

Regular Meeting #11  
December 8, 2025  
Conference Room 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Bob Bryniarski, Treg Schultz, Jodi Hillmer, Keith Noska, Kelly Callahan, Gram Bentz, and Marty Host

Others Present: Scott Vedbraaten - Superintendent, Patrick Sutlief – K-12 Principal, Renee Hiebert-Business Manager, Ribsby Petermeier – Activities Director, and Debra Meyer-Myrum, *Independent News Herald*

Superintendent Vedbraaten entertained questions relating to the proposed property tax levy. There were no patrons present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Bryniarski at 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Noska second by Hillmer and carried to approve the agenda presented and the minutes of November 19, 2025 as reviewed and published.

Motion by Host, second by Bentz and carried to approve the vender claims in the following accounts.

General Fund	\$231,000.35
Food Service	\$37,736.98
Transportation	\$57,588.80
Capital Expenditures	\$305.12
Community Service	\$28,444.31
Building Construction	\$387,007.93
Student Activity	\$18,874.93
Insurance Fund	<u>\$1,069.77</u>
TOTAL	\$762,026.19

### **Reports**

Mr. Sutlief reported on the following: ASVAB Testing is scheduled for December 9, 2025. Triple A applications are due next week. The National Honor Society did a temporary tattoo fund raiser. He concluded his report by reminding the board of the winter concerts this week.

Mr. Vedbraaten reported on the following: Gave an update on the building project. We will be finishing everything up and the open house is scheduled for January 17 from 1-3.

Mr. Petermeier reminded the board that winter sports are in full swing, even though people think the gym isn't being used. He reminded the board that the concerts are this week forcing all basketball games to be away. We dedicated the floor on December 6 and held a three-team wrestling match this past week as well.

### **New Business**

Motion by Noska, second by Hillmer and carried to accept the retirement of Julie Massmann as presented.

Motion by Callahan, second by Bentz and carried to approve the 2025 pay 2026 levy at the Maximum,

currently \$2,504,821.47.

Motion by Gram, second by Host and carried to approve the driver's training behind the wheel instructor's salary at \$34.00 per hour for 2026.

Motion by Schultz, second by Noska and carried to approve the following behind the wheel driver's training prices: Resident/students attending full-time Browerville High School \$260.00, Extra hours - \$50 per hour, non-resident students (on a space available basis) - \$425, and extra non-resident hours - \$60 per hour.

Motion by Host, second by Noska to approve the Resolution Directing Administration to Make Recommendations for Reduction in Programs and Positions and/or Cost Saving Efficiencies and Reasons Therefore: The following voted in favor: Noska, Bryniarski, Callahan, Host, Hillmer, Bentz, and Schultz. There were no members who voted against the motion. The resolution was approved.

Motion by Schultz, second by Callahan and carried to approve the change in the 2025-2026 calendar to allow for hosting music competition on April 1. There will not be in session instruction that day.

#### Swimming Pool Discussion

Mr. Vedbraaten began the discussion by indicating the swimming pools are in need of an entire facelift. The district has been placing bandages on them for years, both pools, the kiddie and main pool. The estimated cost of fixing the pools is \$237,000. That does not include internal "guts" of the pool system. He reminded the board of the continued difficulty staffing the pool and the loss of revenue each year. The school board requested public comment, for discussion may lead to possible closure. Lessons have already been limited and closing have increased due to staffing needs. Please contact a board member with your concerns.

Motion by Callahan, second by Noska and carried to approve to set the 2026 organizational meeting for January 12, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

At 7:01 Host made a motion to close the meeting, second by Noska and carried to discuss negotiations relating to the BEA. At 7:20 Bentz Motioned to reopen the meeting, second by Hillmer and carried.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Noska, second by Hillmer and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

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Marty Host, Clerk