

CEDAR MOUNTAIN I.S.D. #2754
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MORGAN CONFERENCE ROOM 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

1. Call To Order
2. The Cedar Mountain School District respectfully acknowledges that the areas in which our schools are located are the ancestral homelands of the Dakota people. We pay our respects to these stewards both past and present.
3. Public Comments
4. Approval Of Agenda
5. Reports
 - a. Superintendent's Report
The annual MSBA Conference is January 16th and 17th at the Minneapolis Convention Center. I encourage school board members to attend. I will inform the school board when registration for the conference begins. A preview of the conference is [here](#).

Another major repair to the elementary school heating system is underway. The project will be completed during winter break. The system is scheduled for replacement as part of the facilities project which will be submitted to public vote on May 13.
 - b. Principals' Reports
 - c. Activities Director/Comm Ed Report
 - d. Board Committee Reports
6. Consent Agenda
The superintendent recommends approving the consent agenda.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - b. Approve Checks in the amount of \$361,481.69 and wire transfers in the amount of \$203,178.47.
 - c. Accept Donations
 - d. Approve Personnel Items
7. Approve FY 24 Financial Audit
The FY 24 Financial Audit will be presented by CLA, our financial auditors.
 - i. The general fund balance increased by \$199,551 from \$3,436,535 to 3,636,086. This includes the required transfer from the general fund to the daycare fund of \$141,070.
 - ii. The deficit in the daycare fund is due to
 - \$46,000 less tuition from families, counties, and other government agencies
 - \$27,000 reduction of county grants
 - \$35,000 salary/stipend increases
 - \$9,000 supply expense increase
 - \$6,000 transportation reimbursement to general fund not included in FY 23
 - iii. **The superintendent recommends approving the FY 24 financial audit.**
8. Change regular meeting to January 8, 5:00 p.m. (Morgan).
The superintendent recommends designating January 8 as the regular January meeting. The meeting schedule, previously approved by the school board is below. Additional dates will be designated in June.

February 19, 2025 - Franklin, 5:00 pm

March 19, 2025 - Morgan, 5:00 pm

April 16, 2025 - Franklin, 7:00 pm

May 21, 2025 - Morgan, 7:00 pm

June 18, 2025 - Franklin, 7:00 pm

9. Combined Polling Places Resolution

The superintendent recommends approving the combined polling place resolution (attached). This resolution remains in effect until revoked no later than December 31 of each year, by the school board.

10. Approve Review and Comment Submittal to MDE

MS 123B.71 Requires that, prior to conducting a bond referendum election, the school board approve and submit the required information for "review and comment" to the MDE Commissioner of Education. The commissioner must return the review and comment within the statutory timeline (March 14, 2025). Then the school district must publish The Commissioners review and comment response and conduct a public meeting to afford public input.

The superintendent recommends that the school board approve the review and comment application pertinent to the May 13, 2025 bond referendum election. Thanks to Ehlers and Apex for completing the review and comment application.

11. Shared Superintendent Agreement

The attached Shared Superintendent agreement was approved by the Sleepy Eye School Board on December 11. The Sleepy Eye board acknowledged that The Cedar Mountain school board will complete a superintendent evaluation each year to be considered by the Sleepy Eye board. Furthermore, the Sleepy Eye School Board agreed that representatives from each board should meet annually to discuss the superintendent evaluations completed by both boards and the shared superintendent arrangement.

12. Approve Indian Policies and Procedures for FY 26 Federal Impact Aid Application

The Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) is part of the Federal Impact Aid application. The IPP complies with the statutory requirements. The superintendent recommends approving the Indian Policies and Procedures for FY 26.

13. Truth and Taxation Hearing

14. Certify Pay 2025 Levy

The superintendent recommends approving the payable 2025 levy in the amount of \$1,870,195. This represents a 0.64% decrease compared to the 2024 levy.

15. Adjourn