

Cedar Mountain School District

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

7:00 PM

Location: Held virtually via Google Meet due to weather conditions

1. Call to Order

Chairman Joe Sullivan called the meeting to order at **7:00 PM**.

Board Members Present (Virtual):

Joe Sullivan

Jennifer Rose

Ashley Heibel

Brycen Christensen

Jill Halla-Helget

Christine Sherman

Jeff Sorenson

John Cselovszki

Others Present (Virtual):

Debora Ziller, Tony Miller, Julia Garms, Tyler Krehbiel, Michelle Thooft, Mary Nachreiner, Chris Humphrey (Senior Project Manager – inByIt), David Parker (Zello), Anna Coffland, Jeanie Tauer, Joshua Beebout, Keegan Foy, Molly Lorang

2. Land Acknowledgment

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. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Heibel, second by Rose, to approve the agenda.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes; Sorenson abstained.

Motion carried.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Organizational Items

Designation of School Board Meeting Schedule

Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, alternating locations between Morgan and Franklin unless designated as a special meeting.

January 21, 2026 — Morgan (Special Organizational; Regular Meeting to follow)

February 18, 2026 — Franklin

March 18, 2026 — Morgan

April 15, 2026 — Franklin

May 20, 2026 — Morgan

June 17, 2026 — Franklin

July 15, 2026 — Morgan

August 19, 2026 — Franklin

September 16, 2026 — Morgan

October 21, 2026 — Franklin

November 18, 2026 — Morgan

December 16, 2026 — Franklin

Election of Officers

Board Chair:

Ashley Heibel moved to nominate Joe Sullivan.

Second by Jeff Sorenson.

Sorenson moved to cease nominations; second by Heibel.

All voted in favor. Sullivan abstained.

Joe Sullivan elected Board Chair.

Vice Chair:

Sorenson nominated Jennifer Rose; second by Heibel.
Motion to cease nominations by Heibel; second by Sherman.
Roll Call Vote: All yes; Rose abstained.

Jennifer Rose elected Vice Chair.

Clerk:

Heibel nominated; second recorded in meeting recording.
Motion for unanimous ballot by Sherman; second by Helget.
Roll Call Vote: All yes; Christensen abstained.

Clerk elected.

Treasurer:

Rose nominated Heibel; second by Sherman.
Heibel accepted.
Motion to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot by Sorenson; second by Rose.
Roll Call Vote: All yes; Heibel abstained.

Ashley Heibel elected Treasurer.

Recorder:

To remain the same.

Board Stipends

Motion by Sorenson, second by Heibel, to keep stipends the same.
Roll Call Vote: All yes.

Motion carried.

Regular and Special/Committee Meeting compensation to remain the same (see policy IX).

Committee Assignments

To be appointed at a later date.
(The Superintendent serves as ex-officio member of all committees.)

Designations**Official District Newspaper:**

Messenger

Motion by Sherman, second by Heibel.
All voted yes.

Motion carried.

District Depository Financial Institutions:

MN Liquid Asset Fund and Morgan Bank
Motion by Rose, second by Heibel.

Roll Call Vote: All yes.

Motion carried.

Authorize Electronic Fund Transfers:

Authorize Superintendent, Business Manager, and Payroll Coordinator.
Motion by Rose, second by Sherman.

Roll Call Vote: All yes.

Motion carried.

District Legal Counsel:

Motion by Sherman, second by Rose.
Roll Call Vote: All yes.

Motion carried.

District Financial Auditor:

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Motion by Sherman, second by Christensen.

Roll Call Vote: All yes.

Motion carried.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate:

Set at the federal reimbursement rate of 72.5¢ per mile (per IRS).
Motion by Sorenson, second by Rose.

Roll Call Vote: All yes.

Motion carried.

Annual Authorization of Facsimile Signatures (MS 47.42):

Motion by Sherman, second by Sorenson.
Roll Call Vote: All yes.

Motion carried.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Rose, second by Christensen, to approve the Consent Agenda.
All voted yes.

Motion carried.

Included:

- Previous Meeting Minutes
- Bills
- Financials
- Donations
- Personnel Items

Check Sequence: 44671–44673 and 44731–44847 totaling \$329,965.26

(Note: January total larger due to bond payments.)

Wire Total: \$1,326,964.92

7. Reports

- Board Committees
 - Superintendent
 - MSHS Principal (Presentation by David Parker – Zello)
 - Elementary Principal
 - Athletics Director
 - Facilities Maintenance
 - Cougar Cub Daycare
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8. Referendum Upgrades Contract

Motion by Heibel, second by Christensen, to contract with SVL in the amount of \$1,997,400 for the 2025 School Referendum Upgrades.

Roll Call Vote: All yes.

Motion carried.

9. Approval of Pay Equity Report

Motion by Christensen, second by Sorenson, to approve the Pay Equity Report and Confirmation.

Roll Call Vote: All yes.

Motion carried.

10. Resolution for Program and Position Reductions (2026–2027)

Motion by Rose, second by Heibel, to approve resolution directing administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions for the 2026–27 school year and reasons therefore.

Roll Call Vote:

Rose – yes

Sorenson – no

Heibel – yes

Christensen – yes

Sherman – yes

Helget – yes

Sullivan – yes

Motion carried.

11. Next Meeting

February 18, 2026

Franklin, MN

7:00 PM

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **8:30 PM** by Chairman Sullivan.

