

# APRIL 2026

## Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Franklin, Minnesota

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Joe Sullivan.

### 1. Roll Call

#### Board Members Present

- Joe Sullivan
- Jennifer Rose (remote)
- Ashley Heibel
- Brycen Christensen
- Jill Haala-Helget
- Christine Sherman
- Jeff Sorenson

#### Administration / Staff / Others Present

- Superintendent John Cselovszki (absent)
- Julia Garms, Elementary Principal
- Tony Miller, MSHS Principal
- Molly Lorang, AFSCME Representative
- Senior Class Representatives

### 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 Sorenson, second by Haala-Helget, to approve the agenda with the addition of:

- Senior Class presentation under New Business
- Recognition and thanks to the band teacher for service

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### 4. Public Comment

None.

### 5. Consent Agenda

Motion by Haala-Helget, second by Sherman, to approve the consent agenda, including:

- Previous Meeting Minutes
- Bills
- Financials
- Check sequence: 45101–45214, as well as checks 45059 and 45060 (payroll checks processed but not yet printed as of the March reports)
- Wire total: \$287,021.55

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- Donations
- Personnel Items

### **5A. Amendment to Consent Agenda**

Motion by Christensen, second by Sorenson, to reconsider the consent agenda in order to add the hiring of Kate Koerner for the 2026–2027 school year.

#### **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Sorenson, second by Christensen, to amend the consent agenda to include:

- Hiring of Kate Koerner for the 2026–2027 school year

#### **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to approve amended consent agenda.

#### **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **6. Reports**

(Board reports and supporting documents were included in the shared Google Drive folder.)

### **6A. Board Committees**

- Senior Recognition Night discussed
- Wellness Committee met and reviewed the Tri-Annual Assessment
- Building Committee reported that project plans are progressing

### **6B. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Cselovszki was absent. His report was included in the shared board packet. Board Member Christensen asked about mental health support services that were reduced and how those gaps are being addressed.

### **6C. MSHS Principal Report**

Principal Tony Miller reported on recent updates. Senior class trip information was presented under New Business. The remainder of his report was included in the shared board packet.

### **6D. Elementary Principal Report**

Elementary Principal Julia Garms' report was included in the shared board packet.

### **6E. Athletics Director Report**

Athletics report was included in the shared board packet.

Board Member Christensen asked how many students travel to Redwood Valley for baseball and softball.

### **6F. Facilities Maintenance Report**

Report included in shared board packet.

### **6G. Cougar Cub Daycare Report**

Report included in shared board packet.

## **Old Business**

### **7. Second Reading of Policy 625 – Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence**

Second reading completed.

## **New Business**

### **8. Approve Resolution of Placing a Continuing Contract Teacher on Unrequested Leave**

Motion by Sherman, second by Haala-Helget, to approve the resolution placing a continuing

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contract teacher on unrequested leave.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Sullivan – Yes
- Rose – Yes
- Heibel – Yes
- Christensen – No
- Haala-Helget – Yes
- Sherman – Yes
- Sorenson – Yes

### **Motion carried.**

### **9. Approve Resolution to Declare Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale**

Motion by Sorenson, second by Heibel, to approve the resolution declaring property as surplus and authorizing sale.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Sullivan – Yes
- Rose – Yes
- Heibel – Yes
- Christensen – Yes
- Haala-Helget – Yes
- Sherman – Yes
- Sorenson – Yes

### **Motion carried.**

### **10. Approve MOU Coaches Leave with Education Minnesota Cedar Mountain**

Motion by Sherman, second by Sorenson, to approve the MOU regarding coaches leave.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Sullivan – Yes
- Rose – Abstained
- Heibel – Yes
- Christensen – Yes
- Haala-Helget – Yes
- Sherman – Yes
- Sorenson – Yes.

### **Motion carried.**

### **11. Approve Lawn Mowing Bid**

Motion by Sorenson, second by Christensen, to approve the lawn mowing bid submitted by Baune.

### **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **12. Approve Bus Lane Project Engineering Bid**

Motion by Christensen, second by Sherman, to approve the engineering bid from Bollig for the bus lane project.

### **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Note: Bollig bid forms should be added to the board packet, as they were not scanned in.*

### **13. Approve Adjusted 2025–2026 School Calendar**

Motion by Haala-Helget, second by Christensen, to approve the adjusted 2025–2026 school

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calendar.

## Roll Call Vote:

- Sullivan – Yes
- Rose – Yes
- Heibel – Yes
- Christensen – Yes
- Haala-Helget – Yes
- Sherman – Yes
- Sorenson – No.

**Motion carried.**

## 14. Approve 600 Series Board Policies as Recommended by the Policy Committee

Motion by Haala-Helget, second by Heibel, to approve the 600 series board policies as recommended by the Policy Committee.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 15. Approve the Senior Class Trip

Senior class officers presented their request for approval of the senior class trip to Sioux Falls.

Trip details:

- 38 students signed up
- 4 students not attending
- Departure: May 8, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.
- Chaperones: Welters, Johnson, and possibly Wiebe

Motion by Christensen, second by Heibel, to approve the senior class trip.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## Next Meeting

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026 7:00 PM**

**Morgan, Minnesota**

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Chairperson Joe Sullivan.

Meeting adjourned at **8:15 p.m.**