

Minutes of the February 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Korth with members: Huettner, Vering, Herchenbach, Brandl, Schemek, Baumgart and Preister present. Member Sell requested an excused absence.

Open meetings act is posted in the Humphrey Public School library.

The meeting was legally advertised for public notice in the Humphrey Democrat January 28, 2026.

Visitors present: Patrick Murphy - Humphrey Democrat

During public comment time there was no one present who wished to speak.

The minutes from the January 12, 2026 regular board meeting were reviewed. The minutes will stand as written.

The February financial report was reviewed by the board.

It was moved by Vering and seconded by Baumgart to approve the February general fund and special building bills and claims as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

Maintenance/Custodial Report – Bus barn garage door, bus barn cameras, hot water mixing valve, flooring.

Secondary Principal Report – District FCCLA, NHS induction, FFA events, class schedule, staff professional development, JH/HS activities update.

Elementary Principal Report – School Improvement, PT conferences, Valentine’s Day, 100th Day of School, 3rd grade field trip, LETRS training, Science of Reading training.

Superintendent Report – Legislative Session, 2026-2027 calendar, state bowling, Wayne State teacher fair, preschool applications, update from committee on American civics.

It was moved by Korth and seconded by Herchenbach to approve the teacher contract for Dan Barton for the 2026-2027 school year as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Huettner to approve the proposed ESU #7 Levy/Core Services plan for the 2026-2027 school year as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

It was moved by Brandl and seconded by Baumgart to approve the 2024-2025 annual report according to policy #1040 as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Schemek to go into closed session of the board at 8:08pm for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiation updates for 2026-2027. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, ABSENT; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 - YES
 - 0 - NO
 - 0 - ABSTAIN
 - 1 - ABSENT

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Vering to come out of closed session at 9:57pm. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, ABSENT; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 - YES
 - 0 - NO
 - 0 - ABSTAIN
 - 1 - ABSENT

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Vering to approve the salary increase for Mr. King for the 2026-2027 school year at 3.5% as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

It was moved by Preister and seconded by Herchenbach to approve the salary increase for Mr. Kirby for the 2026-2027 school year at 3.5% as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

It was moved by Herchenbach and seconded by Brandl to approve the salary increase for Mr. Rathje for the 2026-2027 school year at 3.5% as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

It was moved by Brandl and seconded by Huettner to approve the salaries/wages increase for non-certified employees for the 2026-2027 school year as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

The next regular school board meeting date is Monday, March 9, 2026 @ 7:30p.m.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Baumgart to adjourn the meeting at 10:00p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

Julie Preister, Board Secretary