

Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

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

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

The meeting was legally advertised for public notice in the Humphrey Democrat on December 31, 2025.

Visitors present: Patrick Murphy - Humphrey Democrat and Kris Heinen.

During public comment time Kris Heinen addressed the board about his request to be granted an easement to access his property.

The minutes from the December 8, 2025 regular board meeting were reviewed. The minutes will stand as written.

The January financial report was reviewed by the board.

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

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

Maintenance/Custodial Report – Power washer repairs, Van windshield replacement, Lighting project, Kitchen garbage disposal, Walk-in freezer repairs.

Secondary Principal Report – Mr. Kirby was absent for the meeting. The board reviewed his written report.

Elementary Principal Report – School Improvement, Winter break, PT conferences, Spring assessments, PK/K round up.

Superintendent Report – Legislative Session, Lighting project, Americanism Bill, Spring NRCSA conference, 2026-2027 school calendar.

President Korth turned the meeting over to Superintendent King for the 2026 school board reorganization and election of officers. The members elected will serve for one year.

Aaron Korth was nominated for President by Baumgart. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Preister to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Aaron Korth as the 2026 Board President, seconded by Vering. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, ABSTAIN.

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

Superintendent King turned the meeting back over to President Korth who continued with the election of the other officers.

Paul Schemek was nominated for Vice-President by Baumgart. No other nominations were made. It was moved by Korth to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Paul Schemek as the 2026 Board Vice-President, seconded by Herchenbach. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, ABSTAIN; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

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

Julie Preister was nominated for Secretary by Korth. No other nominations were made. It was moved by Korth to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Julie Preister as the 2026 Board Secretary, seconded by Baumgart. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, ABSTAIN; Korth, YES.

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

Mike Brandl was nominated for Treasurer by Schemek. No other nominations were made. It was moved by Schemek to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Brandl as the 2026 Board Treasurer, seconded by Vering. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, ABSTAIN; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

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

The Humphrey Democrat was designated as the official newspaper.

Bank of the Valley in Humphrey was designated as the bank depository.

Perry, Guthery, Haase, & Gessford Law Firm and KSB School Law were designated as the district's attorneys.

President Korth appointed the board members to the following committees for 2026:

- Negotiations
 - Jenny Baumgart
 - Julie Preister
 - Paul Schemek
 - Aaron Korth
- Curriculum, Americanism and Staff Relations
 - Kory Vering
 - Jenny Baumgart
 - Julie Preister
- Transportation / Facilities
 - Kory Vering
 - Mike Brandl
 - Alan Huettner
 - Kevin Herchenbach
- Budget & Policy
 - Payton Sell
 - Aaron Korth
- Safety & Wellness
 - All Board Members
- Humphrey/Lindsay Academy Cooperative
 - Julie Preister
 - Mike Brandl
 - Aaron Korth
 - Kory Vering
- Pool Interlocal Agreement Representatives (Non-Voting)
 - Payton Sell
 - Kory Vering
- Bond Committee
 - Jenny Baumgart
 - Mike Brandl
 - Kevin Herchenbach
 - Kory Vering

Superintendent King was authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Education of Humphrey Public Schools when making applications and requesting reimbursement of all State and Federal Programs.

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Baumgart to approve the amendment to the construction manager at risk agreement with Hausmann Construction for a possible new 7-12 facility as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

It was moved by Vering and seconded by Korth to approve the architect agreement for a possible new 7-12 facility as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

It was moved by Brandl and seconded by Schemek to approve the amendment to policies 3131 and 3132 as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

It was moved by Korth and seconded by Huettner to approve the resignation of Ashlen Brockhaus at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year as presented to the Board of Education and thank her for her years of services to Humphrey Public Schools. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

Action item #5 to go into closed session died of lack of motion.

It was moved by Herchenbach and seconded by Schemek to adopt the 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

The next regular school board meeting date is Monday, February 19, 2026 @ 7:30p.m.

Superintendent King shared the small group meetings pertain to the bond have been positive.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Baumgart to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
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Julie Preister, Board Secretary