

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Tuesday, August 26, 2025)

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Members present

Kelly Barrera, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Jennifer Collins, Linda Thomson

Meeting called to order at 9 A.M.**A. Meeting Opening**

1. Call to Order by School Board Chair
2. Roll Call by Superintendent

B. Opening Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Ms. Collins, Dr. Thomson, Mrs. Barrera and Mrs. Slough stated that they are excited for the fresh start to the school year.

Mr. Coleman shared that he and Dr. Asplen are visiting schools throughout the district to provide teachers and other stakeholders an opportunity to meet with district leadership.

Dr. Asplen reported that, as of yesterday, there were only 12 teacher vacancies across the district. He also noted that 39 individuals are currently in training within the transportation department, Kelly has maintained a 95% fill rate for substitutes, and the IT department is performing exceptionally well.

The Regular School Board meeting originally scheduled for November 11, 2025 at 4p.m. has been rescheduled to November 18, 2025 at 4p.m. along with the Reorganization Meeting and Leasing Corp. Meeting, both following the School Board Meeting. In addition, the School Board workshop scheduled for November 25, 2025 has been canceled due to the Thanksgiving holiday week.

C. Workshop Topics

School Calendar, presented by Mr. Wayne King and Mr. Ryan Player.

D. Public Comment

Mrs. Kate Dowdie (online). Mrs. Dowdie, spoke about compensation for teachers with advanced degrees.

Mrs. Tamara Haleem (online) Ms. Haleem spoke about teachers' computers.

E. Closing Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Mrs. Barrera and Dr. Thomson thanked everyone on the calendar committee and Mrs. Slough and Ms. Collins thanked parents for their survey responses.

Mr. Coleman emphasized the Board's commitment to minimizing politics in education, noting the respectful working relationships among board members.

Dr. Asplen commended the Board for their sound decision-making and strong fiscal stewardship. He then stated that the executive session with Mr. King and his team will take place in his office.

F. Adjournment - 10:11 A.M.