

HAWLEY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

January 26, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kara Brager, Jeff Lee, Emily Odland, Steve Olson, Austin Peterson, Mark Sellin and Bobbi Siegel

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Jensen, Chris Ellingson, Maria Beringer, Jen Miller, Sean Mork, Jen Tjaden, Emily Helgeson, Christine Hvidston, Laura Morken, Nick Bircham

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sellin at 7:00 p.m.

Peterson/Olson to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

Member Olson nominated Member Sellin as Chairman of the Board; Member Peterson nominated Member Brager as Chairman of the Board , Member Sellin was elected by a 6-1 vote.

Member Lee nominated Member Brager as Vice Chairman of the Board; there being no other nominations, Member Brager was declared elected by acclamation.

Member Olson nominated Member Lee as Clerk of the Board; there being no other nominations, Member Lee was declared elected by acclamation.

Member Brager nominated Member Olson as Treasurer of the Board; there being no other nominations, Member Olson was declared elected by acclamation.

Odland/Lee approve the 2026/2027 board meeting dates as presented minus the February 11th Community Ed Meeting.

Motion carried: 7-0

Brager/Olson approve the Board/Committee stipends as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

Brager/Odland approve the Mileage/Meal reimbursements as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

Brager/Siegel to approve the Hawley Herald as the official school newspaper.

Motion carried: 7-0

Lee/Odland to approve the district depositories as follows: Valley Premier Bank, Bell Bank, PMA, and Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund.

Motion carried: 7-0

Siegel/Lee to approve Pemberton Law as the school district legal counsel

Motion carried: 7-0

Olson/Peterson to approve the committee assignments as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

The following Committee Reports were given: Member Sellin– Activities; Member Lee– Finance; Member Peterson-Negotiations;

Chris Ellingson presented the Elementary Principal's report.

Superintendent Jensen presented the Administrative report.

Enrollment numbers for January 1, 2026 were presented – 1,081 students K-12.

Scheduled Meetings: Special Board Meeting – Supt. Interviews – Tuesday, January 27th @ 4:45 p.m.
Regular Board Mtg – Monday, February 23rd @ 7 pm

Olson/Siegel to approve the consent agenda:

- 5.1 January 21, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- 5.2 Musical Choreographer Director – Jill Brenden 2.% - Step 7 [\$1,198]
- 5.3 Resignation – Shantel Enfield - Elementary Sped Para
- 5.4 Head FB Coach – Nathan Brager [\$7,359 – 12% - 8]
- 5.5 Special Education Para – Juanita Schill [\$20.76/hr Lane 8 Step H]
- 5.6 Resignation – Cordell Lundon – Cleaner [Effective 1/19/26]

Motion carried: 6-0 (Brager Abstained)

Siegel/Peterson to approve agenda items 6.1 - 6.5 totaling \$2,000 in donations for Archery.

Motion carried: 7-0

Lee/Olson to approve the \$901.15 MSHSL Foundation Form B Grant for Coaches Education and Student Leadership

Motion carried: 7-0

Siegel/Brager to approve the \$50 Custom Card donation from Bell Bank.

Motion carried: 7-0

Lee/Siegel to approve the \$40,835 CTE Grant for the Trade & Industries Program.

Motion carried: 7-0

Lee/Siegel to approve the \$5,982.06 CTE Grant for the FCS Program.

Motion carried: 7-0

Olson/Brager to approve the January board bills totaling \$2,576,801.51 ACH & Checks (#75435-75558), and Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

Current Selection Sizes & Course Offerings (Information Only)

Enrollment projections (Information Only)

Member Lee introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for
Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditure must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 150, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Olson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: Brager, Lee, Odland, Olson, Peterson, Sellin, Siegel, and the following voted against: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Lee/Siegel to approve the 2026/27 school calendar as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

Brager/Olson to approve the corporate partner requests as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0

Odland/Peterson to approve the EMH contract approval as presented.

Motion carried: 4-0 (members Brager, Lee, Olson abstained)

Lee/Siegel to approve the Lift-a-Thon Football Fundraiser.

Motion carried: 7-0

Lee/Olson to approve the HS Gym Floor Replacement as amended with a \$450,000 cap.

Motion carried: 7-0

Lee/Siegel to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

Motion carried: 7-0