



Monday, January 26, 2026

Board Minutes

6:00p.m.

Meeting Location: 6201 Noble Avenue North, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

[January Virtual Meeting Link](#)

Mission

Through a global-minded education, we empower and prepare all students with the empathy, knowledge, and skills to take risks and pursue goals that contribute meaningfully to their community.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER -

Name	January
James Cosgrove	x
Malaney Peterson	
Jeremy Gharineh	x
Paige Lund	
Badrudin Aden	x

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role

2.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by: James Cosgrove Seconded by: Badrudin Aden

James Cosgrove	Yea: x	Nay
Jeremy Gharineh	Yea: x	Nay
Paige Lund	Yea:	Nay
Malaney Peterson	Yea:	Nay
Badrudin Aden	Yea: x	Nay

4.0 COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT:

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of routine matters of business taken as one motion. Board members may request to remove from the consent agenda any items they believe warrants board discussion or a separate vote. These consent items include:

- December Meeting Minutes- [December Minutes](#)
- Personnel Report- [January Personnel Report](#)

Motion by: Badrudin Aden Seconded by : James Cosgrove

James Cosgrove	Yea: x	Nay
Jeremy Gharineh	Yea: x	Nay
Paige Lund	Yea:	Nay
Malaney Peterson	Yea:	Nay
Badrudin Aden	Yea: x	Nay

6.0 MONTHLY FINANCIALS

6.01 December Financials-

- [December Financials](#)
- [December Financial Details](#)

Motion by: James Cosgrove Seconded by: Badrudin Aden

James Cosgrove	Yea: x	Nay
Jeremy Gharineh	Yea: x	Nay
Paige Lund	Yea:	Nay
Malaney Peterson	Yea:	Nay
Badrudin Aden	Yea: x	Nay

Current reimbursement for meals is being challenged in court as the federal government has halted payments. Joe and Jason are meeting with Propel this week to secure a line of credit for \$150,000. Still waiting for one more ERC check that needs to be reissued. There are some concerns around daycare students who were approved for funding through scholarships but have never received those funds. These date back to last year. We may need to consider switching to a pay to attend model depending on what information we receive around why payments have not yet been sent. Jason will have an update on the daycare situation at next month's board meeting.

7.0 PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 Executive Director's Report:

- Enrollment: 157 K-8, 36 Daycare
- ADM Report: 162
- Safety and Security Update
- Winter Academic Growth Update
 - [25-26 Academic Goals](#)

Enrollment and recruiting: There are 2 potential student additions, including one middle school student, who are considering transferring. Mailers have gone out and the 2026 readers choice award advertisement will be running starting next week.

Safety and security: heads up that we can close our board meeting should we need to discuss any safety and security concerns. All staff security meetings were held to make sure that all staff are informed and prepared to enact safety protocols as needed. Jason has been in contact with Brooklyn Center police and has an open line of communication should assistance be needed. If students are missing school because of safety concerns they are currently excused without risk of being dropped.

Academic growth: completed iready. Fall and winter results for math and literacy are ahead of the 10% growth achievement goal. We are also ahead of our VOA comparison schools which impacts our contract renewal.

- 7.02 Policy Review- 1st Reading- **Deferred to February board meeting**
[515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records](#)
[516 Student Medication](#)

- 7.03 Board Training and Development Update

Jason asked VOA if they have any resources to assist with training around long-term strategic planning. Board members are encouraged to complete online training for strategic planning. The board discussed a half day work session after all training is completed to draft a long-term strategic plan.

- 7.04 VOA Contract Renewal Update

Jason previewed the contract renewal guidelines and asked board members to become familiar with the renewal standards ahead of future discussions.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 8.01 Policy Review- 2nd Reading
- [210 Conflict of Interest](#)
 - [413 Harassment and Violence](#)
 - [102 Equal Educational Opportunity](#)
 - [481 Group Health Insurance](#)
 - [490 Suspected Misconduct and Dishonesty](#)
 - [493 Nepotism](#)

- [494 Teacher Evaluation](#)
- [506 Student Discipline](#)
- [514 Bullying Prohibition](#)

Motion by: Badrudin Aden Seconded by: James Cosgrove

James Cosgrove	Yea:	x	Nay
Jeremy Gharineh	Yea:	x	Nay
Paige Lund	Yea:		Nay
Malaney Peterson	Yea:		Nay
Badrudin Aden	Yea:	x	Nay

9.0 FEBRUARY AGENDA ITEMS

- [Board Calendar](#)
- Finance Training
- Daycare Financial Update
- First/ Second Readings
 - 515 and 516
 - [801 Access to School Facilities](#)
- Policy Review

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Jeremy Gharineh Seconded by: Badrudin Aden

James Cosgrove	Yea:	x	Nay
Jeremy Gharineh	Yea:	x	Nay
Paige Lund	Yea:		Nay
Malaney Peterson	Yea:		Nay
Badrudin Aden	Yea:	x	Nay