

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

January 5, 2026

A special meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 518, Worthington, Minnesota, was held at the District Office, 1117 Marine Avenue, Worthington, Minnesota on January 5, 2026, at 7:15 a.m.

The following were present: BOARD MEMBERS – Erin Schutte, Matt Widboom, Adam Blume, Lori Dudley, Darla Agard, Ann Mills and Eric Parrish

ADMINISTRATORS – Joel Heitkamp, Superintendent, Josh Noble, Assistant Superintendent, Carmen Johnson, Human Resources Director

1. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve the agenda for the January 5, 2026, Special School Board meeting.
2. Motion by Member Schutte, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve Adam Blume as Board Chair for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.
3. Motion by Member Parrish, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve Erin Schutte as Vice Chair for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.
4. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve Matt Widboom as Clerk for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.
5. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve Lori Dudley as Treasurer for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.
6. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve Eric Parrish as Director for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.
7. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve Darla Agard as Director for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.
8. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve Ann Mills as Director for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.
9. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Agard and unanimously passed to appoint Lisa Ahrenstorff and Carmen Johnson Deputy Clerk for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.
10. Motion by Member Schutte, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to appoint Ryan Swanson and Carmen Johnson Deputy Treasurer for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.
11. Motion by Member Agard, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to appoint Carmen Johnson as the designated Food Service Authority for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027.
12. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to appoint the following board members to the Instructional Committee for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027:
Lori Dudley
Ann Mills
Eric Parrish

13. Motion by Member Parrish, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to appoint the following board members to the Operations Committee for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027:
Matt Widboom
Erin Schutte
Darla Agard
14. Motion by Member , seconded by Member and unanimously passed to appoint the following Board Representatives to District 518 Committees for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027:

Communications Committee-Erin Schutte and Ann Mills
Community Education Advisory Council – Erin Schutte
Minnesota State High School League – Adam Blume
Worthington-Crailsheim International, Inc. Committee – Lori Dudley
MSBA Legislative Liaison – Darla Agard
District Technology Committee Board Representative – Darla Agard and Eric Parrish
MSBA Communication Network – Josh Noble, Alternate – Ann Mills
District Staff Development Committee – Matt Widboom and Eric Parrish; Alternate-Ann Mills
Learning Center/VIBE Governing Board – Lori Dudley
Studio 3 Joint Powers Board – Matt Widboom
Nobles County Integration Collaborative – Erin Schutte
Joint City, County, College, School Committee – Lori Dudley and Darla Agard; Alternate-Erin Schutte
Facilities Sub Committee-Lori Dudley, Matt Widboom and Darla Agard
Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness Committee-Eric Parrish, Alternate-Lori Dudley
15. Motion by Member Schutte, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to appoint the following board members to the Classified Negotiations Committee for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027:
Matt Widboom
Darla Agard
Eric Parrish
16. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Parrish to appoint the following board members to the Licensed Negotiations Committee for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027:
Lori Dudley
Erin Schutte
Ann Mills
17. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to appoint the following board members to the Compensation Committee for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027:
Matt Widboom
Erin Schutte
Darla Agard

18. Motion by Member Parrish, seconded by Member Agard and unanimously passed to appoint the following board members to the Meet and Confer Committee for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027:
Lori Dudley
Ann Mills
Erin Schutte
19. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to appoint the following board members to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee for January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027:
Lori Dudley
Eric Parrish
Alternate-Ann Mills
20. Motion by Member Parrish, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve a mileage reimbursement rate equal to the IRS rate per mile for the 2026 year.
21. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve a maximum meal reimbursement rate of \$75.00 per day for the 2026 year.
22. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve compensation for positions of the District 518 School Board for 2026 as follows:

Chairperson	\$5,950
Vice Chairperson	\$5,675
Clerk	\$5,675
Treasurer	\$5,675
Directors	\$5,200

Negotiations, Meetings of Appointed Committees, Special Board Meetings, Board Workshops and meetings of board Members out of region - \$80.00 for up to two hours; \$160.00 for two to four hours; \$240.00 for four to six hours; and \$320.00 for more than six hours up to a full day (not including regular monthly meetings).

Motion by Member Parrish, seconded by Member Agard and unanimously passed to approve to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 a.m.

Matt Widboom, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk