

Regular School Board Meeting February 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 32 was held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in the High School Media Center.

Members present: Jacob Lien, Cynthia Nord, Jesse Carey, Jenna Gross, Tog Anderson, Grant Mystic, and Superintendent Peter Bahr. Members absent, None

I. The meeting was called to order by Jacob Lien at 7:00 a.m.

II. Under Items for Discussion add #2, AI Committee, and #3, After School Detention. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Gross to approve the agenda changes. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. Chairperson's Announcements

A. Good Things Happening

1. The district spelling bee was held on January 14th with the following participants: 5th graders Mason Rustad, Aria White, and Brantley Ziegler; 6th graders Russell Nehl and Joseph Nissen; 7th graders Elliot Ruffing and Aurora Steele, and 8th graders Maci Dufesth, Blake Pierce, and Lucas Woodward. 1st place was Mason Rustad, 2nd place was Russell Nehl, and 3rd place was Lucas Woodward. Mason advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee in Thief River Falls on February 4th.

2. Despite the cold, Blackduck's One Act subsection event was still held on January 23rd where we competed in RLCC. The One Act directors, cast, and crew would like to thank and show extreme appreciation to the School Board, Superintendent Peter Bahr, High School Principal Kelly Stultz, AD Josh Zeigler, and Bus Garage Manager Ben Frenzel for working diligently together in a short time frame to ensure Blackduck could still attend their competition safely. This year's One Act play was called Figment by Dave Tucker which consisted of 4 cast and 5 crew members. We placed 4th out of 5 schools and we are proud of the hard work they put in this year!

3. The 5th - 8th grade choirs did a great job singing the national anthem at the double header basketball game on Friday, Jan. 30th! We are very proud of them! They will be having a St. Patrick's Day concert on Tuesday, March 17th at 7 p.m.

4. Kurt Anderson, from local VFW Post 1260, presented Robin Mystic with Teacher of the Year and a National Citizenship Education Teacher Post Recognition Award.

B. Open Comments from General Participation – None

IV. Meeting Agenda

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Approve Treasurer's Report
3. Approve January bills
4. Approve Donations

Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the consent agenda items. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Items for Individual Action

1. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross, to hire the following 2025/26 spring coaches:

Dan Hangaard, Head Golf Coach, Level II, Year 2, \$3,483

Amos Bessler, Head Track, Level II, Year 7, \$4,377

Sarah Duquette, Asst. Track, Level III, Year 5, \$3,147

Judd Shogren, Head Softball, Level II, Year 9+, \$4,677

Jay Cheney, Asst. Softball, Level III, Year 5, \$3,147

Tori Nipp, Jr. High Softball, Level IV, Year 5, \$2,447

Destinee Benson, Jr. High Softball, Level IV, Year 4, \$2,279

Dillon Lundin, Asst. Baseball, Level III, Year 9+, \$3,594

Motion approved unanimously.

2. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Gross to hire David Olderman as a long-term substitute Phy. Ed/Health Teacher for the 2025/26 school year Motion approved unanimously.

3. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross, to reassign Andrew Dubra from an Elementary SPED Para to an Elementary SPED Management Para effective February 3, 2026. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross to accept Jody Wagner's resignation effective 1/23/2026. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Gross to approve the purchase of a school bus, from Hogle Bus Company, in the amount of \$22,609.75. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross to accept Mark Hall's request for retirement at the end of the 2025/26 school year. Motion approved unanimously.

C. Items For Discussion

