

Board of Education Workshop
Monday, August 10, 2026
4:30 PM
Board Room
214 – 1st Ave NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

REPORT

Present: Bob Sansevere, Amanda Lawrence, Sheila Smude, Adam Bjorklund, Mike Honsey, Angie Greig, Matt Hoffman (left at 4:50)

Absent: none

1. 2026-2027 Handbooks Review

A. Elementary Handbook

Mat Nelson, DES Principal

Updates presented; will request final approval at board meeting.

B. Buffalo Community Middle School Handbook

Katie Gohl, BCMS Assistant Principal

Updates to cell phone policy and grading system; final approval at board meeting.

C. Buffalo High School Handbook

Ed Cox, BHS Assistant Principal

Updates to graduation requirements, clarifying use of online and AI tools, update to electronic device storage during class periods; final approval at board meeting.

D. PRIDE Transitions Handbook

Amy Ernst, Director of Special Services

Several updates since we obtained PRIDE again; final approval at board meeting.

E. Early Childhood, KidKare, Volunteer Handbooks

Jen Greenhagen, Director of Community Education

Updates to Early Childhood and KidKare, no updates to volunteers; final approval at board meeting.

2. Buildings and Grounds Update

Tim Helppi, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Final inspections scheduled for Thursday and final completions scheduled for Friday.

Teachers welcome to return to buildings Monday. Building security enhanced at elementary schools by restricting access from the school offices into the rest of the building. People will need to get buzzed in or use fob.

BHS: partial re-roofing project, BAC floor refurbishment

BCMS: mechanical project phase 2, partial re-roofing project

Parkside: remodel of two classrooms, flooring replacement in one classroom

Hanover: mechanical upgrades, painting of exterior canopy supports and signage

Montrose: locker replacement

Tatanka: parking lot lighting revisions, re-grading of west side of building

Discovery: mechanical upgrades, remodel of five classrooms, remodel of Teaching and Learning offices

Northwinds: repaving of pedestrian paths, repaving of a portion of parking lot

3. Cardiac Emergency Response Plan Review

Amy Ernst, Director of Special Services

Tim Helppi, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Annual review; tabletop drills

4. Committee Reports

SS: Principal negotiations

BS: Principal and ESP negotiations; Wright Tech

AL: AMSD