

Board of Education Workshop
Monday, February 9, 2026
4:30 PM
Parkside Elementary School
207 – 3rd St NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

REPORT

Present: Bob Sansevere, Angie Greig, Amanda Lawrence, Adam Bjorklund, Sheila Smude, Mike Honsey (arrived at 4:39)
Absent: Matt Hoffman

1. Presentation: Parkside Elementary School

Principal Jake Hockinson

Currently at 325 students, held steady from last year. Within the past year: new leadership, new Parkside Pride framework, behavior and matrix expectations, schedules and system alignment, staff recognition, renewed AVID focus, monthly assemblies (student recognition where families are welcome to attend), commitment to family engagement (strong relationship with PTO).

“Voice of our educators” – As a teaching team, we feel supported and valued this school year...

Academic Snapshot (MCA and FAST Bridge): reading, math, science

Behavior Snapshot (social/academic/emotional)

Chronic Absence Rates: 20% students chronically absent – working w/ families 1 on 1

Incident count – this year vs. last year – major behavior incident count – decreasing

Site Improvement Plan:

Goal 1 – persisting through obstacles and academic growth and achievement

Actions: personalized learning goals in math and reading, AVID training for staff, leadership team learning walks

Results: reading, math and student belonging – all increasing

Goal 2 – student relationships and classroom environment

Actions: intentional morning meeting, buddy classroom (>1 per month), circle of friends, clear behavior expectations

Increase in family and community engagement: PTO collaboration, clear communication, inviting families

2. Quarterly Financial Report

Miranda Kramer, Controller

3rd year of universal free meals – meals served is up so correlating revenue is up.

Comm Service Fund: expenditures exceeding revenue – very common

General Fund: expenditures exceeding revenue – very common in 2nd quarter

3. Quarterly Cash and Investment Report

Ryan Tangen, Director of Finance and Operations

We're in good financial shape.

4. Committee Reports

AL: NWIS, AMSD

AG: SafeSchools, WTC

MH: 877 foundation car wash

BS: WTC

BS: Commended Dr.T and district staff on being proactive to ensure students are protected.