

Board of Education Workshop
Monday, April 13, 2026
4:30 PM
Hanover Elementary School
274 LaBeaux Ave NE
Hanover, MN 55341

REPORT

Present: Bob Sansevere, Amanda Lawrence, Sheila Smude, Matt Hoffman, Adam Bjorklund, Mike Honsey (arrived at 4:34 PM)
Absent: Angie Greig

1. Presentation: Hanover Elementary School

Brad Koltes, Principal

Mr. Koltes gave an update on the school year, fun celebrations, work that they're currently doing. 5th graders got to decorate city snow plow – hopefully a new tradition.

Mr. Koltes shared HES Classroom Instructional Framework, 25-26 SIP (school improvement plan), MCA trend data.

Our Vision: Preparing all students for success in a global society.

Our Mission: We at Hanover Elementary School believe that all children can learn and succeed. We will provide children with a supportive, caring environment which fosters the development of a growth mindset, positive self-esteem, intrinsic motivation, and a sense of responsibility. We will create an atmosphere where all children can grow academically, socially, and physically to lay the foundation for college and career readiness. We will utilize teaching strategies that are designed to ensure that all children are making progress towards meeting the state standards. We will establish effective partnerships between home, school, and the community.

HES Focus: increase rigorous learning for all students. How? Collaboration through PLC and AVID Support Teams to identify and utilize best practice strategies; increase the effectiveness of MTSS model for student support.

Parent Survey Results: 97 parents responded. Academically challenged, enjoys going to school, school environment is positive, strong sense of belonging.

Celebrations: Best Elementary Schools in MN (US News & World Report), high percentage of students at or above grade level standards, positive staff moral and collaboration, strong parent satisfaction survey results, outdoor learning experiences, community support from PTO and local organizations and businesses.

2. SPED Extended School Year (ESY)

Amy Ernst, Director of Special Services

ESY services are individualized special education services provided beyond the traditional school year for students whose IEP teams determine that continued support is necessary to ensure access to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). ESY is a data-driven decision centered on maintaining meaningful educational progress.

Each year, IEP teams engage in a thoughtful review process to determine ESY eligibility. The figures represent the current number of students identified for ESY services: 141 total students; 31 in early childhood, 99 in K-12th, 11 in PRIDE.

3. CE Summer Programs

Eric Erlandson, Director of Community Education

Our summer offerings reflect our continued commitment to providing high-quality, accessible, and engaging opportunities that support student growth, family needs, and community connection.

- KidKare: site based, 446 children served with 28 on a waiting list
- Enrichment Programming: 42 offerings including private music lessons, drivers ed, camp invention
- Recreation Programming: 45 offerings of camps, clinics, Bison Strength
- Bison Academy (formerly Targeted Services Program): math and reading focus for K-3, referred by teacher
- Aquatics Programming: 43 offerings
- Youth Theatre – Sidekick Theatre

4. Committee Reports

MH: pork chop dinner - preliminary numbers just over \$3000

AB and Dr.MH: custodians reached agreement

AL: NWISD hired interim exec director; AMSD leg updates

BS: WT staff negotiating

Dr T: Day at Capital. Call out BHS grad rate 93% to 96%; Buffalo Chamber sponsoring State of the City