

**NORTH LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2026
NORTH LAKE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM 116**

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Marty Iverson called the meeting of the North Lake School District Board of Education to order at 5:40 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marty Iverson, Debra Schaber, John Marchek, and Rich Hawkins

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Superintendent, Dr. Liesl Ackley; Manager of Business Services, Jennifer Sellhausen; and Director of Teaching & Learning, Nancy Meister.

2. Confirmation of Posting, Open Meeting Clarification, Final Agenda Approval

- Public notification was reviewed, and clarification of the open meeting's ruling was given.

John Marchek moved and Deb Schaber seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Public Comments

- None

4. Approval of the December 17, 2025 Regular and Closed Session Minutes

Deb Schaber moved and John Marchek seconded to approve the December 17, 2025 Regular and Closed Session Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Approval of the December 2025 Checklist and Treasurer's Report

Rich Hawkins moved and Deb Schaber seconded to approve the December 2025 Checklist and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Communications and Reports

a. Teaching & Learning Report

- Ms. Nancy Meister mentioned that we have three newly engaged teachers: Ms. Dankmeyer, Ms. Mays, and Ms. Orendorff.
- She commented that it is midyear assessment time to mark progress and set goals for the rest of the year. K-3 is using aimswebPlus and grades 1-8 are using iReady for assessments.
- During the teachers' inservice on Monday, January 19th, grades 3-8 math teachers came together to review the Forward exam scores and identify ways to target improvement on our math scores.
- K-4 literacy teachers met to work together on their Professional Practice Goals for writing and learn more about Into Reading curriculum to build a benchmark assessment portfolio for students.
- Melissa Ruck and Lauren Mays joined a collaborative group from the AHS area feeder schools to discuss the literacy scope and sequence including curriculum and materials. Will Krieger joined a collaborative group of specials teachers.
- Literacy Lights the Night is being led by Jennifer Toczyski. This event will be held on Thursday, February 5th and has once again had a great response with 51 students signed up to participate in this 16th annual event.
- Dr. Ackley, Melissa Ruck, Mike Shannon and Nancy Meister attended an AI workshop at CESA last week. They will share the expectations and responsibilities of implementing AI guidelines with 5th-8th grade teachers.
- Dr. Ackley and staff are committed to a screen free indoor recess time.

b. Facilities Update

- Dr. Ackley stated that the new 7th and 8th grade bathroom doors will be installed on Thursday and Friday of this week.
- Dr. Ackley has been working with the Waukesha county highway department and new No Parking signs will be installed on Hwy VV. The signs will state that there is no parking during school pickup and drop off times and should be installed by the spring.

c. District Initiatives

- Dr. Ackley stated that the whole child is being supported here at NLS including student mental health through a key partnership with the GALS Institute which was established during my principalship. North Lake's six-year partnership with GALS provides essential on-site mental health services for students. Students receive therapy during the school day which maximizes instructional time and prevents learning loss.

7. New Business

a. Discussion and Action on 2026-2027 Proposed North Lake School Calendar

- Dr. Ackley recommended to the Board that the proposed school calendar for 2026-2027 be approved; however, if ongoing transportation changes have an effect on the calendar, we can amend it at a later date.

John Marchek moved and Deb Schaber seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Proposed North Lake School Calendar. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Discussion and Action on Open Enrollment Space Availability for Regular and Special Education for the 2026-2027 school year

- Dr. Ackley presented the current enrollment numbers and the open enrollment seats available for the 2026-2027 school year. She stated that we might have to institute a waiting list and random selection method according to school board policy if open enrollment applications exceed space available.

Deb Schaber moved and Rich Hawkins seconded to approve the following NEW Open Enrollments seats for the Regular Education Program for the 2026-2027 school year based on the criteria in the District Policy 5113 Open Enrollment Program: 4K Kindergarten - 15, Kindergarten - 18, 1st grade - 5, 2nd grade - 18, 3rd grade - 5, 4th grade - 15, 5th grade - 14, 6th grade - 18, 7th grade - 13, 8th grade - 0, as well as the currently-attending open enrollment or tuition waiver students as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

John Marchek moved and Deb Schaber seconded to approve zero (0) new Open Enrollment seats in the Special Education Programs and zero (0) new Open Enrollment seats in the Speech and Language Services Program for all grade levels for the 2026-2027 school year based on the criteria in the District Policy 5113 Open Enrollment Program as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

c. Discussion an Action on Arrowhead Area Summer School Cooperative 66.0301 Agreement for 2026

Deb Schaber moved and Rich Hawkins seconded to approve the Arrowhead Area Summer School Cooperative 66.0301 Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

d. Discussion and Action on Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Psychologist for the 2026-2027 school year

Rich Hawkins moved and Deb Schaber seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Psychologist for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

e. Action on Hiring 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

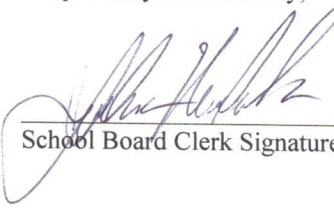
- Dr. Ackley explained that Chris Pyatt, previously approved in November as the 6th grade Boys Basketball Coach is now unable to fill the position.
- We will be instituting a different background check for coaches modeled after the system used by the summer school directors.

John Marchek moved and Rich Hawkins seconded to approve the hiring of Briana Cech as 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Adjourn

Deb Schaber moved and Rich Hawkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



School Board Clerk Signature & Date