

**NORTH LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 22, 2026  
NORTH LAKE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

Marty Iverson called the meeting of the North Lake School District Board of Education to order at 5:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

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

**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 Rich Hawkins seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.*

**3. Public Comments**

- None

**4. Approval of the March 18, 2026 Regular and Closed Session Minutes and the April 13, 2026 Board of Canvassers Meeting Minutes**

*Bob Gatchel moved and Rich Hawkins seconded to approve the March 18, 2026 Regular and Closed Session Minutes and the April 13, 2026 Board of Canvassers Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.*

**5. Approval of the March 2026 Checklist and Treasurer's Report**

*Deb Schaber moved and John Marchek seconded to approve the March 2026 Checklist and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.*

**6. Communications and Reports**

**a. Lake Country Kindergarten Report**

- Dr. Ackley gave an overview of the state of the Lake Country Kindergarten Cooperative as submitted by Mrs. Kari Graziano, LCK Director. Key takeaways include: 3K enrollment is stable with upward growth projected; 4K enrollment shows year-to-year variability; open enrollment plays a significant role in 4K numbers; strong and steady demand for extended care programs; and Summer Bridge program available this school year.

**b. Special Milk Program Report**

- Dr. Ackley explained that the Fund 50 Special Milk Program has a negative fund balance. This year's negative fund balance will be covered by the lunch program. The Board may decide to charge a milk fee. Ms. Jennifer Sellhausen recommended charging \$15.00 for one milk taken at snack **or** lunch or \$30.00 for snack **and** lunch milk for the year.

**c. Teaching & Learning Report**

- Ms. Meister reported that all Forward exams have been completed. Based on recommendations from Eric Larsen from CESA #6, we went with a different testing schedule which will hopefully improve our testing scores. We continue to have a valuable partnership with CESA #1: Nancy Meister attends Teaching & Learning Network focusing on curriculum regarding America 250; Donna Andorfer attends Social Studies development group; and Dr. Ackley, Lauren Mays, Nancy Meister, Melissa Ruck, and Mike Shannon have been and are involved in attending AI Team Workshops.

**d. Facilities Update**

- Mr. Karl Ashenfelter reported that one of the historic pine trees in the front of the building came down and damaged one of the railing to the front steps of the building during the April 14<sup>th</sup> storm. Joe Frederickson from Creative Earthscapes removed the fallen tree, and Dean from Comet Inc. is providing a quote for the replacement of the railing.
- He stated that PML has agreed to restripe the parking lot including the map because it did not wear well. The work will take place in late summer.

- Karl is looking to resurface the gym floor this summer and has requested money be set aside in the 2026-2027 budget.
- Johnson Controls is scheduled to replace a bad heat sensor in the basement. We are also looking at quotes to repair the doors that are not automatically closing when the fire alarm goes off. We are potentially looking to have Johnson Controls monitor the fire system and/or have any alerts go to them or to EMS responding.
- Karl mentioned that the roof faired very well during the April 14 storm; however, there were a few leaks in the windows.

**e. District Initiatives**

- Dr. Ackley stated that we have been working thoughtfully over the past two years to figure out how we were going to integrate AI into our educational programming. Gemini is currently turned on selectively for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade lessons. Lauren Mays is embracing the use of AI in her classroom. We are educating ourselves and our students on AI. While we are rolling this out slowly, we need to encourage academic honesty and what cheating looks like. We should not be afraid of AI and our students need to understand the appropriate uses for AI.

**7. New Business**

**a. Discussion and Action on Arrowhead District Transportation Cooperative (ADTC) 66.0301 Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year**

- Dr. Ackley stated this is an amendment to the current 66.0301 ADTC agreement. She reviewed the changes that Arrowhead High School has made regarding the transportation schedule.

*Bob Gatchel moved and Rich Hawkins seconded to approve the Arrowhead District Transportation Cooperative (ADTC) 66.0301 Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 5-0.*

**b. Discussion and Action on Agreement for Private Pay Transportation Service for the 2026-2027 school year**

- Dr. Ackley reported that we only have three families who use the Private Pay Transportation. She would recommend that we continue to offer this service at a discount as it helps out our busy families.

*Deb Schaber moved and John Marchek seconded to approve the Agreement for Private Pay Transportation Service for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 5-0.*

**c. Discussion and Action on Student Supervision & Welfare Updates to Policy Numbers 1213, 3213, and 4213 related to ACT 57**

- Dr. Ackley reviewed the policies related to ACT 57.

*Deb Schaber moved and Rich Hawkins seconded to approve the Student Supervision & Welfare Updates to Policy Numbers 1213, 3213, and 4213 related to ACT 57. Motion carried 5-0.*

**d. Discussion and Action on Purchase of Furniture for Rooms 220, 212, and 214**

- Dr. Ackley stated that we will be upgrading the furniture in room 220 which will now be referred to as “The Cove.” This special area will be used for indoor recess, student presentation, community room, NLEF Board room, and a general multi-purpose classroom. She also stated that we will refresh the look of office 212 and office 214. NLEF will be making a donation for toward the funding of this project.

*Rich Hawkins moved and Bob Gatchel seconded to approve the Purchase of Furniture for Rooms 220, 212, and 214. Motion carried 5-0.*

**e. Action on Occupational Therapy Services 66.0301 Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year**

*Deb Schaber moved and John Marchek seconded to approve the Occupational Therapy Services 66.0301 Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 5-0.*

**f. Action on Spanish Teacher 66.0301 Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year**

*Bob Gatchel moved and Rich Hawkins seconded to approve the Spanish Teacher 66.0301 Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 5-0.*

**8. Adjourn to Closed Session (per ss. 19.85 (1)(c)(e))**

*Bob Gatchel moved and Rich Hawkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.*

- Discussion on Handbook Changes**
- Discussion on Personnel**

**9. Reconvene to Open Session**

*Rich Hawkins moved and John Marchek seconded to reconvene the school board to open session at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.*

**10. Action on Any or All Matters from Closed Session**

**a. Action on Handbook Changes**

*Bob Gatchel moved and John Marchek seconded to approve the Handbook Change titled Retention Compensation. Motion carried 5-0.*

**b. Action on Personnel**

*No action was taken.*

**11. Adjourn**

*John Marchek moved and Rich Hawkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.*

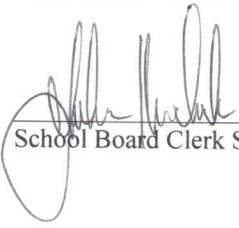
**NORTH LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026  
NORTH LAKE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The closed session meeting was called to order by Marty Iverson at 6:14 p.m.

The Board discussed the Handbook Changes and Personnel.

*Rich Hawkins moved and John Marchek seconded to adjourn the closed session meeting at 7:09 p.m. by roll call vote. Marty Iverson aye, Deb Schaber aye, Bob Gatchel aye, John Marchek aye, and Rich Hawkins, aye. Motion carried 5-0.*

Respectfully submitted by,

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School Board Clerk Signature & Date