



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026  
New Heights School Room 105  
3:30pm - 5:00pm

MINUTES

I. Opening of Meeting/Call to Order

Board Chair Stephanie Bagwell called the meeting to order at 3:31pm.

A. Attendance

Board of Directors:

Stephanie Bagwell \_\_X\_\_

Angie Bohnert \_\_X\_\_

Sofie Engbretson \_\_X\_\_

Cressida (CJ) Silver \_\_X\_\_

Rikk Sorenson \_\_A\_\_

Ex-Officio

Tom Kearney (Principal/Superintendent)

Lindsay Berberich (Bookkeeper)

Visitors:

None

B. Welcome Guests/Visitors

Board Chair Stephanie Bagwell welcomed those present.

II. Review of Agenda and Minutes (action)

A. Review Agenda and Conflict of Interest

The agenda was reviewed with no changes recommended. A roll call was completed to see if anyone had a conflict of interest with the Agenda items. Votes are as follows: Stephanie- no, Sofie- No, Rikk- Absent, Angie- no, CJ- No.

B. Approval of the [January 14, 2026 Minutes](#)

On a motion by Steph, seconded by Sofie, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve the Board of Directors' minutes from January 14, 2026.

III. Financial Report (action)

A. Financial Review

Lindsay presented and answered questions on the January 2026 Check Register Report (available on the Board of Directors shared drive).

On a motion by Steph, seconded by CJ, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve the Check Register as presented.

IV. Old Business (action)

A. Authorizer Goal Review

Goal 1: FastBridge Reading

Goal 2: MCA Reading

Goal 3: MCA Math

Goal 4: MCA Science

Goal 5: Graduation

Winter FastBridge testing in progress. Graduation rate is looking good. Career stuff happening in advisory, career week in April.

B. [2025-26 Board Goals](#) Review

Goal 1: Fundraising

Goal 2: Policy Manual

Goal 3: Crisis Management

Goal 4: Develop plan to purchase building

Goal 1: Angie and Steph met and developed lists. Focusing on community fundraising vs. only relying on our families.

Goal 2: Ongoing. Going well, especially compared to other schools.

Goal 3: Person came to do digital building mapping for free through a grant. Plans are up to date with correct phone numbers, contact people, etc. Next step is to meet with local police department to review plans. Crisis management policy was reviewed in October and updated. A new camera was added to the outside.

Goal 4: Agreement finalized with municipal advisor. Weekly and monthly meetings with updates on progress.

## V. New Business (information/action)

- A. Approve calendar for 26-27 School Year/FY 27

*Postponed until March to review for needed changes.*

- B. Appoint Board Members for ABC Building Company

*Board members for building company need to be appointed to move forward with purchasing the building. Tom recommended the following, based on their strong skills in related areas:*

*Duane Sorenson: Construction superintendent, strong communication skills.*

*Tony Tierney: Facilities management professional (maintenance, security, operations, etc)*

*Dan Wald: Project management, marketing.*

*On a motion by CJ, seconded by Angie, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve the appointment of Tony Tierney, Duane Sorenson, Dan Wald to the Board of the ABC Building Company.*

## VI. Policy Review (action)

- A. Policy Revisions for Approval

1. [#214: Out-of-State Travel by School Board](#) - CJ

*CJ led a discussion on this policy and recommended no changes.*

*On a motion by CJ, seconded by Angie, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve Policy #214 as presented.*

2. [#413: Harassment and Violence](#) - Sofie

*Sofie led a discussion on this policy and recommended minimal changes (definitions).*

*On a motion by Sofie, seconded by CJ, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve Policy #413 as presented.*

3. [#533: Wellness](#) - Angie

*Angie led a discussion on this policy and recommended minimal changes, including changing it to annual review, changing it to reviewing in August, and adding a description of the wellness committee.*

*The [Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment](#) was also discussed/reviewed.*

*On a motion by Angie, seconded by Steph, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve Policy #533 and the Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment as presented.*

4. [#616: School System Accountability](#) - Steph

*Steph led a discussion on this policy, including descriptions of site teams and advisory committees, and recommended minimal changes (“World’s Best Workforce” to “Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness”).*

*On a motion by Steph, seconded by Sofie, with no discussion and all present voting yes, motion passed to approve Policy #616 as presented.*

- B. Assign Policies for March:

1. [#507: Corporal Punishment](#) - Sofie

2. [#509: Application and Enrollment Policy](#) - Angie

3. [#514: Bullying Prohibition](#) - Rikk

## VII. Administrator’s Report

*Tom Kearney gave a report on the state of the school, including the following:*

- *Today was 107th day of the school year!*
- *104 total enrollments this year- lots of interest: some are good fits, some are not.*

- *ADM: 94.75. Currently have 92 enrolled.*
- *Attendance: 91.23%... addressed in the newsletter. Majority have great attendance, a handful have terrible.*
- *Discipline Referrals: 27 total- 14 kids. 11 language, 4 academic dishonesty, 4 defiance/noncompliance. 1 student has 5 referrals, 9th grade has 10/27 referrals.*
- *Staffing: Back to our full staff! More staff absences than in previous years. Not much turnover expected- maybe 3 people will be leaving.*
- *Building acquisition in progress: Moving fast! Because the total building project is under \$2 million, that should help with MDE approval process.*
- *Possible changes for next year: 8:20-2:50 student day. 7:30-3:30 staff day.*

**VIII. Receive Donations**

*Culver's Night \$395.75*

**IX. Other**

*None*

**X. Set Agenda for Next Meeting (March)**

- *Review Agenda and Minutes*
- *Financial Review*
- *Authorizer Goal Review*
- *Board Goals Review*
- *Approve Calendar for 26-27/FY 27*
- *Policy Reviews: #507, 509, 514*
- *Assign Policies for April: #410/410.1, 609, 206*
- *Administrator's Report*
- *Receive Donations*
- *Other*
- *Set Agenda for next meeting*

**XI. Adjournment**

*On a motion by CJ, seconded by Angie, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm.*

**Next Meeting:**

*The next Board of Directors Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, at 3:30pm in Room 105.*

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If you cannot attend the meeting, please call Angie Bohnert, (651) 439-1962 [abohnert@newheightsschool.org](mailto:abohnert@newheightsschool.org)