

Minutes for April 17, 2026

Superintendent Semi-Finalist Interview Meeting

Chair Opatz called the Public Interview Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 8:51 PM in the meeting room.

Board Members present: Ben Christensen, Nicole Burg, Lori Opatz, and Pat Meier.

Also present was: Search Consultant Dr. Eric Skanson with School Pro K12, Com. Ed. Director Amanda McDonough, Secondary Principal Tom Cooper, Teacher Dan Talberg, District Adm. Assistant, Secondary Adm. Assistant Ashia Berscheid, and Parent Carla Fowler.

The first interview was with Candidate Jona Deavel, followed by Corinna Erickson, then Dave Oehrlein, and lastly Brad Johnson.

The meeting was recessed while the other groups finished up their interviews. The meeting reconvened at 3:23 PM with the other groups joining the meeting. Deliberations took place discussing each candidate followed by a motion by Christensen to move forward with Jona Deavel and Dave Oehrlein as finalists, second by Knettel. Motion carried. All In Favor. Finalist Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Board Chair Opatz thanked everyone that took part in the interview process for their time and input. The meeting was closed at 4:25 PM with a motion by Christensen to adjourn and a second by Knettel. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Clerk Evelyn Martini