

Minutes for April 13, 2026 Special School Board Meeting

Chair Opatz called the Special Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #738 to order at 5:03 PM in the meeting room.

Members present: Ben Christensen, Nicole Burg, Lori Opatz, Rob Knettel, Pat Meier, Sarah Hansen and Evelyn Martini via Interactive technology.

Member absent: None

Also attending was: Director of Finance and Operations Garrity Gerber, Administrative Asst. Linda Zapzalka and Search Agent Dr. Eric Skanson with School Pro K12.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Christensen, second by Knettel, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All In Favor. (AIF)

Agenda Items

Review and select candidates to be interviewed for Superintendent. Chair Opatz opened the conversation and explained Search Agent Eric Skanson has summarized the Board input gathered from the application review process. He compiled the Board selection input into a graph to visualize the candidates they would like to invite to a round one interview, they would like more discussion on or they do not want to interview.

Nine candidates applied, one withdrew because they accepted another position.

Discussion ensued on each candidate. The Board narrowed down the candidate pool to four to invite for first round interviews.

Motion by Martini, second by Burg to interview candidates Jona Deavel, Corinna Erickson, Dave Oehrlein and Brad Johnson. Motion carried. Dr. Skanson will contact candidates, schedule interviews and send information to interview committee members. Round one interview day is scheduled for Friday, April 17th, 2026. The finalist interviews will take place on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026.

The Board reviewed the interview groups. Motion by Christensen, second by Knettel, to approve the interview groups as presented. Motion carried. AIF.

Adjourn

Agenda completed at 7:55 PM with a motion to adjourn by Christensen, second by Knettel. Motion carried. AIF.

Respectfully Submitted by
Clerk Evelyn Martini