I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Present: Kathy Buchholz, Amy Burback, George Hoeppner, Tom Lehmann, Paula O'Loughlin, Shelley Pearson, Mike Ptacek, and Superintendent Pontrelli (ex-officio)

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Board Chair Hoeppner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. District Mission and School Board Goals: The mission statement was read by Member Burback and the goals were read by Member Buchholz.

V. Approval of the Agenda
The agenda for the meeting was accepted.
Motion By: Lehmann; Second by O'Loughlin; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.

VI. Introductory Items
A. Student Report
Ms. Emera Balok and Ms. Bridget Smith, introduced themselves to the school board. Emera and Bridget are the student school board representative for the 2016-17 school year. Bridget provided a sports update. Emera reported that the sophomores have learned which side of the hall to walk on and upperclassmen are filling out college applications. She also reported that the fall play will be Alfred Hitchcock’s The 39 Steps.

B. District Recognition
Superintendent Pontrelli recognized the district summer programs: Early Childhood Special Ed, Extended School Year, Credit Recover, Summer Success and Community Education. Summer Success student helpers received a certificate of appreciation.

VII. Open Forum
There were two speakers.
1. Michelle Deziel of 2783 Legion Ave N, Lake Elmo, thanked the school board for quality programming and the great start to the new school year.
2. Alison Sherman of 10954 Ashley Lane, Woodbury, inquired about the cost of the lawsuits and FOIA requests.

VIII. Consent Agenda
A. Minutes of August 11, 2016 School Board Meeting
B. Disbursement Register August 4 - 31, 2016
C. Human Resources Personnel Report
D. Field Trip: For 1 coach, 1 chaperone and 12 athletes of the Girls Nordic Ski Team to travel to Yellowstone, MT November 19-25, 2016 for a training camp
Motion By: Buchholz; Second by Pearson; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.
IX. Reports
A. First Day of School
Ms. Hoheisel, executive director of finance and operations, reported that on the first day of school there 7,286 students transported, 233 breakfasts served, 3,844 lunches served. There were 8,466 students enrolled in k-12 plus, 275 enrolled in preschool and 746 students in School Age Care.

B. Building the Future Update
Mr. Drommerhausen, principal on special assignment, shared a video of the bond construction projections to date.

The meeting recessed from 6:48 – 6:56.

C. Thought Exchange Presentation
Ms. Keister, manager of community engagement, introduced Kevin Skelcher from Thoughexchange, who provided an overview of the new community engagement software system in which the public can submit, prioritize and reveal importance of district matters.

X. Action Items
A. Naming the Middle Schools
Ms. Keister, manager of community engagement, requested approval to form a naming committee. In the fall of 2017 we will transition from junior highs to middle schools and the community is invited to submit names for the schools via our website through October 31. The board expected to vote on a name at their December business meeting.

Motion By:  Lehmann; Second by O'Loughlin; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nay, Motion Carried.

XI. Board Member Reports
A. Superintendent Report
Superintendent Pontrelli reported on the participation of community education offerings over the summer; thanked Ms. Hoheisel and Mr. Willger for their work in getting buildings ready for the school year, announced the formation of a learning leaders group, and reported the legal cost for the three lawsuits is $118,214 to date.

B. Board Chair Report
1. Chair Hoeppner reported on the August 25 learning session where board members received executive summaries from the district directors and previewed a calendar of community engagement events. The board then hosted a meet and greet with the school board candidates.

C. Board Member Reports
1. Mr. Hoeppner announced reported on the August 17 Equity Alliance board meeting.
2. Mr. Lehmann reported expressed disappointment in the comments that were made by the community about the judge in the Melissa Douglas lawsuit. He requested a webpage be formed to make factual information about the lawsuits available to the public.
3. Ms. Burback reported that Open Forum is back on the business meeting agenda, announced she is attending the AMSD meeting Friday morning, and reported she attended the cross country Twilight event at SJHS.
4. Ms. O'Loughlin thanked Superintendent Pontrelli and her staff for a seamless beginning of the new year, announced that this year is a legislative funding year, and the music department’s annual rummage sale will be held at the Washington County Fair Ground this year. The community is invited to drop off rummage at the fair grounds on September 23 for the September 24 sale.
5. Mr. Ptacek announced that a flag football game is scheduled.
6. Ms. Pearson thanked Ms. Sallman and the community education for staff for all of the programs that were available this summer. She also noted that SJHS 7th grade orientation was well done and each 7th grader opened their locker to find a note welcoming them to school.
7. Ms. Buchholz reported on the August 30 Partnership Plan meeting and announced they are hosting a Back-to-School event for parents on September 16 upstairs at Pub 112.
8. Ms. Burback publically thanked former mayor RT Rybak for speaking at the all staff meeting.

VIII. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.
Motion By: O’Loughlin; Second by Burbak; Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, Motion Carried.
Respectfully submitted, Paula O’Loughlin, Clerk