

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Election Township of Oak

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of Oak Township that the Township Annual Election will be held on March 11, 2025. The polls will be open from 3pm-8pm at the Oak Town Hall located at 28801 County Road 30, Freeport MN. The positions being voted on are as follows,
 (1) Treasurer for a two-year term.
 (1) Supervisor for a three-year term.

Tom Roelike
 Oak Township Clerk
 P-49-1B

**Notice of Public Hearing
 Stearns County, Planning Commission**

Notice is hereby given that the Stearns County Planning Commission, in and for the County of Stearns, will conduct certain public hearings as follows:

To consider a conditional use permit request submitted by **Jerome and Cyndi Humbert, Paynesville MN** according to Sections 6.9.3 E and 9.2 of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to expand an existing animal feedlot facility and increase the permitted animal units within 100 feet of a stream classified as Shoreland in the Agricultural 80 zoning district. The property is in part of the W1/2 of the NW1/4 in Section 01 of Spring Hill Township (124/33). The property address is 31683 320th Ave, Melrose MN.

When and where is the meeting?
 Date and Time: **December 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**
 Location: Stearns County Service Center
 3301 County Road 138,
 Waite Park, MN 56387

How do I participate?

Public Testimony: If you would like to provide public testimony, you may do so by appearing at the above hearing, by telephone or other electronic means, please contact Alicia Gohmann at Alicia.Gohmann@stearnscountymn.gov by calling (320) 656-3613.

Written Testimony: You may submit written testimony by emailing Alicia Gohmann at Alicia.Gohmann@stearnscountymn.gov by 3 p.m. on December 18, 2024. Written testimony may also be mailed to the Stearns County Environmental Services Department, Service Center, 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387.

Comments on this public hearing are not limited to those persons receiving copies of this notice. If you know of any interested person who for any reason has not received a copy of this notice, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Where can I view the application?

A copy of the application can be viewed approximately one week prior to the meeting at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Action taken on this request will be available shortly after the meeting at the same website location.

What if the meeting changes?

This meeting is subject to change. Please sign up for automatic updates for this meeting at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Call the Department for assistance.

What is the next step?

The Stearns County Board of Commissioners will consider this request on **January 7, 2025**. The agenda can be found at: <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Interim Use and Conditional Use Permits will be placed on the consent agenda which is heard at the beginning of the agenda. To inquire how to request an item be placed under the regular agenda for discussion, please contact the Department. If the Board of Commissioners do not concur with the Planning Commission, they will hold another public hearing and new notice will be sent.

Stearns County Planning Commission

Barrier Free Status: This meeting will be accessible to the handicapped. Attempts will be made to accommodate any other individual need for special services. Please call (320) 656-3613 early so arrangements can be made.

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**Special School Board
 Minutes - Melrose Area
 Public School
 Thursday,
 November 14, 2024**

Chair Heller called the meeting to order at 7:00 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following members were present: Chair Heller, Vice Chair Dufner, Treasurer Heidgerken, Clerk Feldewerd, Director Uphoff, Director Poepping & Eric Seanger. Also present was Superintendent Greg Winter & Business Manager Stephanie Uittenbogaard.

Vice Chair Dufner moved, with a second by Director Uphoff, to approve the agenda. The Motion was unanimously carried.

The Board and Superintendent Winter reviewed from Stearns County and the MN Secretary of State Office. No action was taken.

Treasurer Heidgerken moved, with a second by Director Seanger, to approve the November 5, 2024 election results. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Vice Chair Dufner moved, with a second by Director Seanger, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 am. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Becky Feldewerd, Clerk
 P-49-1B

**Special School Board
 Minutes - Melrose Area
 Public Schools
 Wednesday,
 November 6, 2024**

Chair Heller called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following members were present: Chair Heller, Vice Chair Dufner, Treasurer Heidgerken, Clerk Feldewerd, Director Uphoff, Director Seanger & Director Poepping. Also present was Superintendent Winter & Business Manager Uittenbogaard.

Director Uphoff moved, with a second by Vice Chair Dufner, to approve the agenda. The Motion was unanimously carried.

The Board held a discussion on the format of Open Forum. No action was taken.

The Board listened to presentations from 3 Superintendent Search Firms. No action was taken.

The Board tabled the selection of the Superintendent Search firm as it was a Working Meeting. No action was taken.

Director Seanger moved, with a second by Director Poepping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Becky Feldewerd, Clerk
 P-49-1B

**TOWNSHIP OF AVON
 NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Notice is hereby given that due to conflicts with holidays, the following meetings have been rescheduled: (1) The Planning Commission (PC) meeting originally scheduled for Dec. 25, 2024 was rescheduled to Dec. 18, 2024; (2) the Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for Jan. 1, 2025 was rescheduled to Jan. 8, 2025; and (3) the PC meeting scheduled for Dec. 31, 2025 was rescheduled to Dec. 17, 2025. All meetings will be held in the Avon Township Hall (16881 Queens Road, Avon, MN 56310) beginning at 7:00 PM. The Town Hall is handicap-accessible and these meetings are open to the public.

Stephen Saupe, Clerk
clerk@avontownship.org

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**ALBANY TOWNSHIP
 AFFIDAVITS OF CANDIDACY**

Affidavits of Candidacy for the Township of Albany, Stearns County MN, shall be filed with the township clerk beginning on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 8:00 A.M and continue until Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. The Clerk's office will be open January 16, 2025 from 1 to 5 P.M for filing purposes.

Office to be filled at the Annual Meeting on March 11, 2025 are for a supervisor for a three year term now held by Brian Schneider.

Annual Election and Township Meeting will be held at the City of Albany, Fire Hall 231 Fourth Street, Albany MN.

Affidavits of candidacy shall be filed with the Township Clerk at 20929 330 St, Albany MN 56307, or contact her by email at albanytwp@albanytel.com. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Diane Noll- Clerk
 Albany Township
 320-224-9616

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Posted December 4, 2024.

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**Regular Board Minutes - Melrose Area Public Schools
 Monday, October 28, 2024**

Chair Heller called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following members were present: Chair Heller, Vice-Chair Dufner, Treasurer Heidgerken, Clerk Feldewerd, Director Uphoff, Director Poepping & Director Seanger. Also present were: Superintendent Winter, Business Manager Uittenbogaard, Principal Pearson, Principal Doetkott & Principal Anderson.

Treasurer Heidgerken moved, with a second by Director Seanger, to approve the agenda. The Motion was unanimously carried.

There were some citizens at Open Forum asking questions on parking lots costs, Handicap doors for Doors 4, 21, & 25 & Vaping detectors in the bathrooms. No action was taken.

Board reports were given. No action was taken.

Administrative reports were given. No action was taken.

Director Uphoff moved, with a second by Vice-Chair Dufner, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- September 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- October 7, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Bills & Wires in the amount of \$1,717,234.20
- New Hire - Brooklyn McChesney - DEC - Community Education - Part time - Effective 10-1-24
- New Hire - Gabriela Martinez Olarte (Step 1) - Paraprofessional - Elementary - Full time - Effective 10-4-24
- New Hire - Isaac Herkenhoff (Step 2) - GBB Coach - Middle School - Part time - Effective 10-23-24
- New Hire - Cassie Herkenhoff (Step 2) - GBB Coach - Middle School - Part time - Effective 10-23-24
- Resignation - Ally Dockendorf - Paraprofessional - MS/HS - Full time - Effective 9-20-24
- Retirement - Stephanie Salto (13 years) - Teacher - Elementary - Full time - Effective 6-30-25
- Resignation - Carol Thielen - Cook - High School - Full time - Effective 10-29-24
- Change of Assignment - Amy Stumler - Daly Sub Teacher - District - Full time - Effective 8-22-24

The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Poepping moved, with a second by Vice-Chair Dufner, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer Heidgerken moved, with a second by Director Uphoff, to approve the following donations:

- 9-27-24 - Freeport Lions - High School - DPC - Speed training laser - \$275.00
- 10-9-24 - Freeport State Bank - FFA - Harrisburg Contest - \$5,500.00
- 10-9-24 - St. Rosa Jaycees - Community Education - Adult Basic Education - \$750.00
- 10-9-24 - Melrose Lions - Community Education - Adult Basic Education - \$1,000.00
- 10-9-24 - Pierskalla Insurance Agency - Community Education - Summer rec t-shirts - \$744.00
- 10-21-24 - Melrose Lions - High School - Girls Swimming - \$750.00

Upon a roll call vote being taken those voting in favor thereof: Chair

Heller, Vice-Chair Dufner, Clerk Feldewerd, Treasurer Heidgerken, Director Uphoff, Director Poepping & Director Seanger

Those voting against the same: None

The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Seanger moved, with a second by Vice-Chair Dufner to approve Policy 205 - Open Meetings & Closed Meetings. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Uphoff moved, with a second by Treasurer Heidgerken, to approve Policy 207 - Public Hearings. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer Heidgerken moved, with a second by Director Uphoff, to approve Policy 209 - Code of Ethics. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Vice-Chair Dufner moved, with a second by Director Seanger, to approve Policy 212 - School Board Member Development. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Uphoff moved, with a second by Director Seanger, to approve Policy 506 - Student Discipline. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Vice-Chair Dufner moved, with a secondary by Treasurer Heidgerken, to approve Policy 507 - Corporal Punishment. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Uphoff moved, with a second by Vice-Chair Dufner, to approve Policy 534 - School Meals Policy. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer Heidgerken moved with a second by Director Poepping, to approve the MOU - Read Act. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Seanger moved, with a second by Director Poepping, to approve MSHSL Form A. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Uphoff moved, with a second by Director Poepping, to approve MSHSL Form B. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer Heidgerken moved, with a second by Director Uphoff, to approve the Custodial Seniority list. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Poepping moved, with a second by Vice-Chair Dufner, to approve the Paraprofessional Seniority list. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Director Poepping moved, with a second by Director Seanger, to approve the Preschool Teacher Seniority list. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer Heidgerken moved, with a second by Director Uphoff, to approve the Teacher Seniority list. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Poepping moved, with a second by Director Seanger, to approve the Custodial Contract for the 2024-25 & 2025-26 school years. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Uphoff moved, with a second by Director Poepping, to approve adding a Girl's Wrestling Program. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Director Poepping moved, with a second by Vice-Chair Dufner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Becky Feldewerd, Clerk
 P-49-1B