

SPIRIT LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2026

The Spirit Lake Community School Board of Directors met in special session at 5:30 p.m. in the High School SAMI Center at 2701 Hill Avenue. Present were board members Jeromy Mouw, Sonja Hamm, Greta Gruys, Mieka Stecker and Brandon Meyer. Also present were David Smith-Superintendent, Jane Loveall & Ashley Weber-Co-Board Secretaries/Treasurers, the Administration/Department Team, School Attorney Steve Avery, Officer Ryan Vos and approximately 160 visitors, staff and students.

President Jeromy Mouw called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Hamm/Gruys moved/seconded to approve the agenda. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Public comment was taken on the Facilities Plan. A total of 18 people gave comment: Roland Schmidt, Lori Bower, Chad Thompson, Marlene Johnson, Olivia Johnson, Brad Travis, Rena Coates, Teresa Beck, Tom Nelson, Steve Koza, Alyssa Naatjes, Anthony Stecker, Maddie Fay, Jorden Coon, Elizabeth Sandy, Michael Myers, Ben Frostestad and Jessica Vancura.

Dr. Smith and Angela Olsen presented on the proposed facility project and the key areas of the district that need to be updated. The total cost of the proposed facility update is \$69,990,000M. Dave Dau presented information on the outdated HVAC and roof. Tim Oswald presented information on the tax implication to Spirit Lake taxpayers.

Meyer/Stecker moved/seconded to move forward to get community support for the plan to update district facilities with a \$69,990,000 general obligation bond. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Dr. Smith said the next step is a petition, signed by at least 150 resident voters, to be presented to the board at a future date. The deadline to get a petition to the County Auditor for the November ballot is August 26, 2026. The district will continue to offer tours to anyone interested in viewing the current state of the facilities.

Gruys/Hamm moved/seconded to adjourn. All aye vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Jane Loveall
Board Secretary

Jeromy Mouw
Board President