

Fond du Lac Ojibwe School Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday July 2, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.
Fond du Lac Ojibwe School

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| 1. | Call to Order | | | |
| 2. | Roll Call | | | |
| 3. | Reading of Mission Statement & Vision | | | |
| 4. | Approval of Agenda | | | |
| 5. | Approval of Minutes | | | |
| | Regular Meeting Minutes June 11, 2026 | | | |
| | Executive Meeting Minutes June 11, 2026 | | | |
| 6. | Review Ledger | | | |
| 7. | New Business: | RA | IPA | I |
| | i. 26/27 Parent/Family/Student Handbook-Draft | X | | |
| | ii. Activity/Athletic Handbook-Draft | X | | |
| | iii. Student Rights Handbook-Draft | X | | |
| | iv. School Board Member Contact Update | X | | |
| 8. | Old Business: | RA | IPA | I |
| | i. | | | |
| 9. | Supervisor Reports: | | | |
| | i. Tara Dupuis, Superintendent | | | |
| | ii. Blake Ludemann, Education Grants and Accountability Manager | | | |
| | iii. Mace Fonoti, Kitchen Supervisor | | | |
| 10. | Other | | | |
| 11. | Adjourn | | | |

RA: Required Action; IPA: Information for Potential Action; I: Informational

**Fond du Lac Ojibwe School
Superintendent-Tara Dupuis
School Board Report
July 2, 2026**

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Travel/Trainings:

- TNEC
- Directors Meeting June (grievances)

Accomplishments:

- Posted for transportation manager
- Sunbelt contract approved for school psychologist
- Sorting out new procedures with HR, payroll and accounting
- Updated parent student handbook
- BIE audit was successful (done in May but I did not mention)
- ISEP count completed
- Online enrollment is available but needs some changes (will need to send out staff for enrollment)
- 26/27 Language Revitalization Grant Awarded

Challenges:

- Caps on salaries started (Noelle)
- Some teachers signed up for 12 months' pay and did not get any taken out for summer months
- TRA

Employee updates:

- Math teacher accepted Brad Anderson
- Need to post as a science teacher
- Need to post for Cultural Curriculum Coordinator

Other:

Goals within your departments for 2023-2024:

- Continue work on Strategic Plan with the entire staff.
- Continue work on implementing safe school practices.
- We will continue to provide updates throughout the week on our website and Facebook page.

**Fond du Lac Ojibwe School
Grants & Accountability-Blake Ludemann
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Travel/Trainings

- Various webinars, Microsoft Teams calls with BIE staff, monthly training sessions held by BIE.

School Programs Accomplishments

- Comprehensive State Language Development Grant for Option 1 (FACE/Pre-K) was awarded by the BIE. This is a five-year grant funding \$29,100 per year to develop a literacy plan and support FACE students' literacy development.
- Emergency buckets were updated with supplies, new orders for supplies will be made and distributed to all staff with buckets. Thanks to Nurse Tara for her help with this!
- Student/parent handbook was updated with staff member's input.

Facilities/Operations and Maintenance/Environmental Management System

To Protect the health and well-being of students, staff, and visitors to the school and to provide a clean and safe environment for learning and working.

Accomplishments:

- Roof Repair RFP was posted to the Fond du Lac RFPs site. We received one proposal for 10x the dollar amount than what we were funded for this project. I am in contact with the BIE to see if we can move this funding towards a roof replacement rather than repairs given this difference.
- Floor waxing is taking place in high school. Middle school to follow.
- The school will submit five projects to be funded after July 31st. Currently, the list includes projects to replace our existing fire alarm panel, replace our roof, replace the bus barns foundation due to structural issues, replace our generator, and replace all of the handicap buttons and motors on our exterior doors.

Employee Updates

- None

Challenges

- None at this time.

Goals:

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- Continued development and management of school program grants.
- Continued development and management of facility improvement projects.
- Continue improvement with the day-to-day operations, management, and safety of the Ojibwe School.

**Fond du Lac Ojibwe School
Kitchen Supervisor-Mace Fonoti
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Accomplishments:

- The Ojibwe School Kitchen started the Minnesota Summer Lunch Program on June 22nd the program is currently averaging about 100 bag lunches served per day.
- Employee evaluations are almost completed for the kitchen staff.
- A kitchen survey and health inspections from the Minnesota Department of Health and Human Services at MNAW was conducted and found to be satisfactory by those agencies.

Challenges:

- Working on menu plans for next school year
- Coordinating with other programs to contribute to the summer lunch program.

Goals Within the Department:

- To continue to maintain a smooth-running and effective School Nutrition Program through the new school year
- To continue to provide all meals within the MDE & USDA Guidelines and OJS Wellness Policy
- Continue to keep the cafeteria safe for students and staff to congregate within the E.O.C. Guidelines
- To continue resource and incorporate more indigenous and local foods into the OJS menu. To include and introduce meats locally raised and indigenous to area like venison, moose, rabbit, fish, and buffalo.
- To continue to network with all staff and available resources within and outside of the community to provide the best meal experience at the Ojibwe School
- To add signage through the use of technology to the cafeteria for students and staff to consistently be informed about, support programs, available resources, kitchen partnerships, menus, etc.
- Obtain more funding for kitchen staff trainings, equipment, and local foods