



# BRIDGE Elementary

Bridge Elementary

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17, 2026

Location: <https://zoom.us/j/99737499735?pwd=1I1Sl9m6TSDQ6R3gxXeIrCdhb82ysw.1>

Board Members Present: Trent Ady, Marianne Henderson, Lance Eastman, Linda Nilson

Others Present: Janey Stoddard, Lalani Williams, Sara Tucker, Susan Lindsay, Marie Steffensen, Ron Hubbard

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Marianne Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – January 2026

Linda Nilson made a motion to approve the January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Lance Eastman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. Voting “aye”: Trent Ady, Marianne Henderson, Lance Eastman, and Linda Nilson.

Linda noted that the minutes needed to be updated to reflect the correct time she left the prior meeting. Lalani will make this correction.

## **Training – Governance and Management Roles**

### **Presented by: Marie Steffensen, State Charter Director**

Marie reviewed governance concepts from Brian Carpenter’s charter school board framework. She emphasized that the Board’s role is to govern—not co-manage.

She explained the analogy of the airplane and control tower: The Board addresses “How well?” and Administration addresses “How will?”

Marie stressed the importance of the Board speaking with one voice through formal votes.

Additional points included financial transparency, charter changes requiring Board approval, and administrative responsibility for field trip planning.

Scenario- Financial overview. Lance mentioned that the financial committee stays transparent. All information is shared to the entire Board.

Scenario- Director changing charter direction. This would need explanation for the Board and a vote by the Board to change the charter.

Scenario- Field Trip planning- Director's assignment. Board does not need to be involved.

Marianne expressed appreciation for Marie's time.

Marie exited the meeting following the training.

### **Director's Report – Janey Stoddard**

Bridge received certification that all criteria for School Land Trust funds were met.

Website issues were corrected following a recent redesign.

### **Data Review – Susan Lindsay**

Teachers and the math mentor are implementing strategies that are showing strong growth. The focus includes Tier 2 interventions and monitoring data bi-monthly. Bridge is making strong progress according to i-Ready. Administration will focus monitoring on 1st and 6th grades.

### **Finance Report – Ron Hubbard**

Finances are stable and trending as expected. Lunch balances remain a concern, and a plan is being developed. Adjustments were made to the salary category. SHINE funds were approved in the spring. Eide Bailly completed the 2024–2025 audit. School bonds mature in 2051.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:12 p.m., Marianne Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Trent Ady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.