

July 14, 2025

The School Board of District 261 met in a special meeting in conjunction with the school board from Battle Lake for a Long Term Planning Discussion. This meeting was held at City Hall in Battle Lake. Meeting was called to order by the chair of the Battle Lake School Board at 6:42. Present were Jon Moore, Ben Johnson, Sean Stevens, Melissa Olson, Leslie Anderson, Suzanne Wing, Dallas Rylander, Rob Nudell, Paul Ness, Ashley Altstadt, Jonathan Hartman, Sean Belmont, Bennet Stich, Shiela Newark, Elizabeth Klintworth, Conner W, David Marso, Pete Amundson, Krys Marso, and 4 guests.

Topics of Discussion:

- Which sports BL and Ashby are on their own and pair
- Other activities: FFA, BPA, Foreign Language
- Enrollment: BL 400, Ashby 320
- E-Sports: BL has program and it is growing
- Robotic: Ashby has program
- Both schools are tracking K-12 participation in activities

Meeting Goals:

- Continue conversations between boards
- Get all students involved
- Consider pairing in areas as interest/need arises: Robotics, E-sports, BPA, Speech, Shop/Building trades, Sports

Next Steps:

- Have conversation with individual boards
- Superintendents discuss end of August
- Explore transportation concerns
- AD: Need 1 year for planning
- Share bell schedules

Meeting adjourned @ 7:38

Submitted by

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