

School Boards' general election scoreboard: 9 new members, 9 incumbents returning, 4 leaving

by Bryan Olson
Special to the *Anoka County Record*

The Nov. 8 general election brought a mixed set of results for incumbents on Anoka County-area school boards.

Three members of the St. Francis School Board, Suzanne Erkel, Scott Schwarz and Janet Hunt, will not be returning in January, along with long-time school board member in Columbia Heights, Ted Landwehr.



Jill Anderson was elected to the 2-year seat on the St. Francis School Board

Incumbents running in the Elk River, Centennial and Forest Lake school districts were returned to office.

Several new candidates were elected.

Four seats, and a fifth as a special election, were on the ballot in ISD 15, the St. Francis school district. It was the first time this school board was elected in the even year — the body voted to make the switch about a year and a half ago.

Mike Starr was the number one vote-getter for one of the four seats, garnering 6,528 votes. Starr has served previously on the school board, elected in 2001.

In second place was Sean Sullivan, who decided to run for the school board rather than re-election to his Oak Grove city council seat. Sullivan collected 4,710 votes.

Incumbent Amy Kelly placed third with 4,510 votes and the fourth seat was won by Rob Shoenrock with 4,495 votes. Kelly lives in Andover; the others in Oak Grove.

There were a total of 10 candidates for the four seats. The remaining unsuccessful candidates were Meri Hass (4,053 votes), Sarah Hunt (3,518), Laura Waterworth (3,444), Alicia Johnson (2,968) and incumbents Suzanne Erkel (2,868) and Janet Hunt (2,309). There were 174 write-ins.

The fifth seat was a special election to a two-year term to fill a vacant seat caused by the death of school board chair David Roberts this past summer.

A resident of East Bethel, Jill Anderson, won the seat in a three-way race.

Anderson received 5,677 votes, Peter Onstad (3,508) and Scott Schwarz

(2,934). Schwarz had been appointed to the school board in June 2015 after the resignation of Betsy Roed. That seat was one of the four seats that were on the ballot for four-year terms. Schwarz instead filed for the 2-year seat but lost his bid to Anderson. This seat will be on the ballot again in 2018 on its normal, four-year election cycle.

Landwehr loses Columbia Heights school board seat

Lorien Mueller, who won the 2014 “Humanitarian of the Year” city award in Columbia Heights, won a seat on the ISD 13 Columbia Heights School Board. Ted Landwehr was seeking his third consecutive term but placed last in a field of four candidates vying for three seats. Incumbents John Larkin (5,339 votes) and Naty Severson (4,674) were successful. Mueller came in second with 5,059 votes. Landwehr had 4,310 and there were 156 write-ins.

Incumbents win in Centennial, Forest Lake and Elk River school districts

Three seats were on the ballot for the ISD 12 Centennial School Board. Two incumbents Christina Wilson (8,718 votes) and Ray Culp (5,958) placed first and third. Taking the second-place spot was Chris Bettinger with 7,782 votes. There were 190 write-ins. A fourth, unsuccessful candidate was Roland “Ron” Parrucci, who received 5,068 votes. Parrucci had previously been a city councilor in Brooklyn Park.

All three incumbents who filed in Forest Lake ISD 831 won re-election to their school board seats — a total of four seats were elected.

Gail Theisen was the leading vote-getter with 10,538, followed by Julie Ann Corcoran (9,896), newcomer Jeff Peterson placed third with 9,540 votes and Rob Rapheal came in fourth with 8,435 votes. Three other



Mike Starr was elected to a 4-year term on the St. Francis School Board

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Anoka City Council appoints Wesp to Schmidt seat

Vacant council seat in Spring Lake Park to be appointed

by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record*

Former Anoka city councilor Brian Wesp was appointed Dec. 5 to take the City Council seat vacated by Steve Schmidt on Nov. 17. Schmidt turned in a letter of resignation nine days after being elected, unopposed, to another four-year term. Two members of city commissions, Tracy Kelly, chair of the Economic Development Commission, and Eric Skogquist of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, also applied. Schmidt wrote a letter of recommendation to the city council endorsing Wesp.

The council deliberated at its off-camera “work session” meeting of Nov. 28, where it was decided to advertise the vacancy the next day, Tuesday the 29th, and to set a deadline for applications of two days later at 10 a.m. This is how the chain of events were described by city manager Greg Lee at the council’s Dec. 5 televised meeting.

The reason for the rushed process is the city’s charter requires a council decision within 30 days, or else the

appointment must be made by the mayor.

Council asked if a simple majority could suffice — which lead to questions about the charter language, “if the council is unable to agree on an appointment to fill the vacancy within 30 days from the occurrence of the fact giving rise to the vacancy, the mayor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy.”

City attorney Scott Baumgartner interpreted the language, “if the council is *unable to agree* (italics

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Steve Schmidt resigned his council seat nine days after being re-elected

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candidates competed: Julie La Fleur (5th place with 7,675 votes), Colleen Barksdale (5,934) and Jeremiah Boe (5,239). There were 342 write-ins. Dan Kieger did not file for re-election, thus creating the open seat that Peterson won.

Only one incumbent, Holly M. Thompson was on the general election ballot which had three seats for the Elk River School Board. She received 13,708 votes. Christi Tullbane had 10,203 and Joel Nelson 9,902. Three other



Rob Shoenrock won the fourth seat on the St. Francis School Board

candidates included Kristian Mortenson (9,487 votes), John Parker (9,426) and Gary Kowalkowski (8,589 votes). 417 voters made write-ins. In the primary election in August, the candidates placed in the same order except Kowalkowski had a handful of votes more than Parker.

There was little interest in the ISD 728 School Board race during the primary election. Thompson had 1,203 votes in the primary, but 13,708 in the general — an 11-fold increase. Other candidates had about the same increase — 11 to 12-fold, over their primary totals. That same primary election had a special election decided, where Gregg Peppin won the seat that Jane Bunting had resigned in early 2016. (See *Record*, Aug. 16, 2016).

Other School Board news

Readers of the *Record* may recall the farmer from Gaylord, Minnesota, Nathan Kranz and his legal challenge with the Sibley East school district. He contended that a recent voter referendum was not conducted properly. The school district responded by suing Kranz, but a judge ruled against the school district's efforts to make an example of Kranz and muzzle any criticism about school district bonding.

Kranz later won a school board seat in a special election held in April 2016. Kranz's seat however had to be put on the ballot again in the Nov. 8 general election. He came in fourth place but needed to finish in the Top 3. (See *Record*, Mar. 29, 2016 and June 14, 2016).

School District ballot questions

53 questions were put on the ballot by 42 different school districts around the state. 19 of those 53 questions were defeated. No school district questions appeared on any Anoka County-area ballot.

Renewal of a levy in the Minneapolis school district was cheerfully approved by 83% of the voters.

The Mendota Heights-West St. Paul-Eagan district ISD 197 received 64% voter approval to renew a \$964 per pupil levy. The district has had difficulty in getting other questions passed in recent years, however this one sailed through.

ISD 622, the North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale school district got approval for a \$630 per pupil increase. The enthusiasm however was lukewarm, as it passed with only 54% in favor. This district also has long had difficulty getting levies passed.

There were two questions where the vote difference between Yes and No was 15 votes or less.



Ted Landwehr (left) will be leaving the Columbia Heights ISD 13 School Board. Replacing him will be Lorien Mueller (right).



ISD 742, the St. Cloud Area Public Schools asked voters to approve a \$104 million building plan, and they did — by a narrow 315 votes, 23,011 to 22,696. A second question wanted another \$38 million to renovate an existing high school, however this was defeated by 1,352 votes.

The majority of the ballot questions were outside the metro area. The school district in LeRoy asked for \$16 million for construction, but was shot down by a whopping 85% of voters. In Worthington, the bonding asked for was \$79 million, which was soundly rejected by 65%. Increases in the “per pupil” funding of school operations went down to defeat in towns such as Litchfield, Maple Lake, Rush City, LaCrescent, Battle Lake, Greenbush-Middle River, and two questions were defeated in Rockford with 60% against.

86% of voters in Red Lake, in ISD 38, wholeheartedly approved increasing the number of school board seats to seven.

Nashwauk-Keewatin (ISD 319) voters said no to a \$250,000 tax increase to fund technology initiatives in the schools. 61% voted against. — *ACR*

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supplied) on an appointment...” as meaning a unanimous vote was required. “If even one didn’t agree, the council did not agree,” Baumgartner opined.

Mayor Phil Rice said the city’s Charter Commission should take up this language question on a future commission agenda. When reminded the commission meets annually in October, Rice said the council can decide at a future meeting if they would like the Charter Commission to meet sooner to discuss the matter. Rice said he advocates changing the language to include a clear call for a simple majority vote, explaining that a mayor could prevent a unanimous vote in order to appoint his own choice. He also said the commission should perhaps look at how the mayor’s seat is to be filled when vacated. He suggested that the mayor pro tem should move into the vacant mayor’s seat and an appointment should be made to fill the council seat vacated by the mayor pro tem.

The council voted unanimously by paper ballot to appoint Wesp, and administer his oath of office at the Dec. 19 City Council meeting. The city charter requires that the seat be put on the next regular city election ballot, which would be in November 2018. That election will be for a full four-year term.

Wesp was elected to two terms as an Anoka city councilor in 1994 and 1998, however resigned in 2000. Prior to the vote, Wesp addressed the council and explained that he resigned because his employment in the financial services industry began to require travel on his part. He and his family resided in Florida for a few years, later coming back to Ramsey and three years ago back to Anoka again.

Wesp said he had been prompted to find a list of goals he had written while

on the council twenty years ago. He said one of the goals was “a zero levy increase — that is kind of my style, if you will. It’s about the taxpayers and the people who live in Anoka who pay our way. It’s important that they get the biggest ‘bang’ for their buck.”

Wesp also served on the city’s library board in the early 1990’s when the city joined the county library system. Dick Mussell was appointed to Wesp’s council seat in 2000.

Vacant council seat in Spring Lake Park to be appointed

The Spring Lake Park City Council also held its regular meeting Dec. 5, and decided to interview applicants for the council seat of the late Jeanne Mason at an off-camera “workshop” meeting scheduled for Dec. 12, beyond the deadline for this edition.

Mayor Cindy Hansen said she would like to interview all six applicants and that narrowing the field would have been “unfair.” Councilors Bob Nelson and Ken Wendling did not raise objections.

The applicants are Jack Angerhofer, 724 Holland Ln NE; Steve Coyle, 601 Manor Dr NE; Bradley J. Delfs, 8172 Polk St NE; Maryann Graba, 8049 Madison St NE; Hans W. Hansen, 8331 Able St NE; and Dan Lambert, 8130 Polk St NE. Mason’s unexpired term runs to January 2019.

It is expected the appointment will be made at the council’s next regular televised meeting, Dec. 19, where the council will also approve the final levy for 2017. — *ACR*



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December 9th, 2016

Quote of the Week:

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again

- Author Unknown

WHERE NOW, DFL?

In surveying the wreckage from last month, it's helpful to start with a recap of exactly where things stand for the Democrats as we stand at the dawn of 2017.

While we all know that Donald Trump will be the next president and that the GOP has majorities in both houses of Congress, it helps to take a broader look at just how high the tide has risen for the GOP and how far it has fallen for the Democrats.

The GOP controls 37 state senates. The Dems control 13.

The GOP controls 31 state houses to the Dems 18.

In Kentucky, the GOP took control of the state house for the first time since 1921.

The GOP boasts of 33 governors to the Dems 16.

Across the country, there are 1,056 more GOP than Democrat legislators.

During the reign of Barack Obama, the Democrats lost a staggering 958 legislative seats.

By comparison, only 324 were lost during the George W. Bush presidency.

While Democrats crow about Hillary Clinton winning the popular vote, she only did so by winning the vote in California by a whopping margin, 61-33%.

About half of the entire Democrat caucus in the U.S. House represents either the west coast states or New England.

You can drive from Minnesota's western border all the way to the outskirts of Seattle without touching a House district represented by a Democrat.

If the congressional map were made to look like land and water features, the Democrat map would look like islands and archipelagos.

Man, it was bad.

So where does the DFL go from here?

Without sounding smug or dramatic, it looks like the Democrat coalition has broken up and it's not coming back.

That's because various elements in the coalition hold principle and values that are now diametrically opposed to one another.

Essentially, the shift has happened as the DFL has moved from a party with strong rural and working class leadership ("farmer" and "labor") to one that is centered on the urban core and now lead by elite, upper crust who live in that same urban core.

As this publication has noted many times, look at the leadership of the party on a national and state level.

U.S. Senate Minority Leader: Chuck Schumer (New York City)

U.S. House Minority Leader: Nancy Pelosi (San Francisco)

President: Barack Obama (Chicago)

MN Governor: Mark Dayton (Minneapolis)

MN Lt. Governor: Tina Flint Smith (Minneapolis)

MN House Minority Leader: Melissa Hortman (Brooklyn Park)

Yes, Tom Bakk of Cook is the MN Senate Minority

Leader, but that is really a bit of tokenism these days and more of a nod to Bakk's personal ambition rather than an acknowledgement of rural importance.

The simple fact is that the value system (such that it is) of the urban Democrats conflicts with that of rural Democrats.

You can see that schism erupting in two issues prominent in the last two election cycles.

In 2014, the state's decision to legalize gay marriage, under the cute euphemism of "love is the law", played a large role in rural campaigns that November.

The result was a Republican pick-up of 11 seats in the MN House, with 10 of those wins coming in rural areas.

Polling data and anecdotal observations across rural Minnesota clearly demonstrated that rural voters were upset with the gay marriage vote.

In 2016, the urban/rural divide was exposed on an economic issue, that of jobs in general, but in particular, construction trade jobs in the fields of mining and pipelines.

On the one hand, a faction of the DFL strongly opposed those jobs, with environmentalists and Indian tribes as the face of that group.

On the other side stood union labor, in particular the skilled construction trades (electricians, pipefitters, carpenters, etc.).

The result was a disaster for rural DFLers, which is best illustrated in two long-time rural DFL strongholds in Districts 5 and 17.

In District 5, all three DFL incumbents in the legislature were wiped out, including two long-serving DFLers, Tom Anzelc and Tom Saxhaug.

The DFL dominance in these districts has waned over time, with a strong tipping point in 2016 to the GOP, with the unprecedented sweep.

In District 17, the change was more pronounced. Long a DFL stronghold, the district started tipping in 2010 when Bruce Vogel won a House seat in the district.

The DFL won the seat back in 2012, but Dave Baker recaptured the seat for the GOP in 2014 as one of the ten pick-ups that year.

In 2014, the GOP also captured the House seat on the other side of the district, a sea-change win in a deep blue area.

The 2016 cycle brought high hopes for the DFL in District 17. Both House seats were targeted by the DFL while there was no thought that they would lose the Senate seat.

In 17A, targeted Republican Tim Miller won re-election by an astonishing 60-40% margin.

State Senator Democrat Lyle Koenen lost on that side of the district 56-44%.

In 17B, incumbent Republican Dave Baker won by a similar 60-40% win.

The Senate vote was a 58-42% win for GOP challenger Andrew Lang.

The real question is whether this result is a one-time anomaly or evidence of a true political re-alignment in favor of the GOP in rural Minnesota.

In a real sense, the answer depends upon how each major party responds to the 2016 result.

So far, it doesn't appear that the DFL got the message.

After the election, DFL Chairman Ken Martin observed his party's need to fashion "initiatives" to appeal to rural Minnesota.

Of course, "initiative" is simply code for welfare and other government programs.

What rural Minnesota wants is good jobs, particularly in mines and on pipelines.

There will be a momentous showdown tomorrow

when the DFL considers a resolution to formally oppose mining.

This consideration was delayed during the election cycle to paper over this showdown.

The importance of this issue cannot be understated.

The Watchdog has spoken with a number of DFL opinion leaders from greater Minnesota who have noted that the passage of this resolution means their permanent split from the DFL.

UPDATE: The Watchdog has learned that there will be a motion to "table" the resolution until 2018.

So what. Kicking the can down the road won't paper over this schism.

DFL candidates are already announcing for governor. You can bet that various DFL constituencies will be working hard to pin down the candidates regarding mining.

There will be no place to hide.

On the Republican side, leadership must grasp the opportunity, which means making some tough choices.

It's easy to support mining and pipelines. It's easy to support guns.

But it isn't as easy to support other issues like prevailing wage laws.

Internal polling from some construction trade union showed that over 50% of their membership voted for Donald Trump and other Republicans down ticket.

Maintaining those numbers will be very, very difficult if the GOP pushes for prevailing wage repeal bills, for example.

Regardless of where one stands on this issue, members of the skilled construction trades see prevailing wage laws as a protection against low-cost, low-skill (sometimes illegal) labor undercutting Minnesota's high-skill higher-cost model.

In short, when you tell a man or woman who has put in many thousands of hours to learn and perfect a trade that they should make less money in order to be on par with crews of unskilled, illegal workers from Alabama and Mississippi, it's not a winning message.

Telling rural Minnesota that blue collar people in their communities make too much money is about as popular as telling them that mining should be illegal.

Unfortunately, the Minnesota GOP has a demonstrated history frequent tone-deafness.

If the party is serious about taking advantage of an emerging re-alignment in their favor, they would do well to listen carefully to rural voices like state Rep. Jason Rarick and incoming Senator Mike Goggin regarding what skilled trades men and women are thinking.

Let the GOP not snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

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Thefts & Damage to Property

Nov. 25 — 158xx Sycamore St NW - fish house and trailer stolen from the property

Nov. 26 — 156xx Avocet St NW — a female reported her credit card information was used fraudulently

Nov. 28 — 11xx 160 Ave NW - a female reported her credit card was used fraudulently

Nov. 29 — 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW — business; purse stolen from a cart

Dec. 1 — 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW — vandalism to a vehicle; scratched

Dec. 1 — 24xx 138 Ave NW — a male reported his credit card was used fraudulently

Dec. 2 — 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW — wallet stolen out of a purse in a cart at Walmart

Dec. 3 — 10xx 142 Ave NW — vehicle door handle super glued shut

Dec. 5 — 26xx 166 Ave NW — a vehicle damaged the ball fields at Lunds Park

Dec. 6 — 15740 Yellow Pine St NW — package stolen from front step

Dec. 7 — 143xx Quinn Dr NW — package stolen from front step

Arrests

Nov. 27 — 36xx 140 Ln NW — 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of a property damage accident at the location. One of the driver's appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.276)

Nov. 28 — Marigold St NW/138 Ave NW — 2nd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for failure to signal and lane violations. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. (.233)

Nov. 29 — 15000 Block of Prairie Rd NW — 4th Degree DWI; a deputy located a vehicle in the corn field at the location. The driver was next to the vehicle injured. The male was taken to Mercy Hospital for his injuries. Legal blood was drawn. The male was arrested.

Dec. 1 — 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW — 3rd Degree DWI, Speed; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding and running a red light. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. (.178)

Dec. 3 — Crosstown/Bluebird — 4th Degree DWI, Open Bottle; a deputy stopped a driver for a signal violation. The driver appeared intoxicated and failed field sobriety and refused to PBT. He was arrested (.11)

COLUMBUS

Arrests

Nov. 29 — 85xx 181 Ave NE — mail stolen from the property

Dec. 4 — West Broadway/Lexington Ave NE — 3rd Degree DWI, .08 or More; a deputy stopped a driver because he was traveling in the wrong lane of traffic towards his squad. The driver appeared intoxicated and failed field sobriety. He was arrested. (.22)

Thefts & Damage to Property

Nov. 28 — 182xx Bender St NE — female reported her SS# was used fraudulently to open a credit card

Dec. 3 — 148xx Lake Dr NE — Business: suspect took a car for a test drive and never returned

Dec. 6 — 140xx Lake Dr NE — Business: 2 snowmobiles on a trailer stolen from a storage facility

EAST BETHEL

Burglaries

Dec. 2 — 19xx Klondike Dr NE — business; forced entry through a window; cash box

Thefts & Damage to Property

Nov. 27 — 1xx Sims Rd NE — license plate stolen off a vehicle

Arrests

Nov. 29 — Hwy 65 NE/Sims Rd NE — Warrant Arrest, 5th Degree Possession of a Narcotics, DAR; a deputy stopped a driver for having multiple objects suspended from the rear-view mirror. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. A K-9 was requested to do a sniff of the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The female and two male occupants were arrested.

Nov. 30 — Baltimore St NE/Briarwood St NE — 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for having expired vehicle registration. After speaking to the driver and passenger a K-9 was ordered to perform a sniff of the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male and female were both arrested.

Dec. 2 — 221 Ave NE/University — Criminal Vehicle Operation/Personal Injury Crash; deputies responded to a crash where someone ran a stop sign at a high speed. One driver appeared intoxicated; he was transported to the hospital for legal blood. Charges are pending.

Dec. 3 — 300 Block of Hawthorne Rd NE — Domestic Assault, DUI, Damage to Property; deputies responded to a call of an unwanted person attempting to break in but was now leaving. The suspect was located after crashing his vehicle. He had a strong odor of alcohol and failed field sobriety. He was arrested.

Dec. 4 — Sims Rd NE/University Ave NE — Driving After Cancellation, IPS; a deputy observed a male driving that he knew didn't have a valid license. He stopped the driver arrested him.

HAM LAKE

Thefts & Damage to Property

Nov. 26 — 14xx 165 Ave NE — business; forced entry through a service door; tools

Nov. 27 — 16xx 143 Ln NE — Christmas décor vandalized

Nov. 30 — 3xx 167 Ln NE — personal information was used fraudulently to open a credit card

Nov. 30 — 7xx Bunker Lk Blvd NE — business; golf cart stolen from the property

Dec. 2 — 23xx 133 Lane NE — golf tee and flag stolen from a yard

Dec. 5 — 19xx 134 Ave NE — Fraud: victim's credit cards used at Walmart

Dec. 6 — 17215 Kenyon St NE — rear license plate stolen off a vehicle in the driveway

Dec. 6 — 154xx Hwy 65 NE — theft of vehicle; keys were in it; recovered in Stillwater

Dec. 7 — 6xx 173 Ave NW — Identity Theft; social security # being used in Indiana for employment

Arrests/Incidents

Dec. 3 — Hwy 65/Crosstown Blvd NE — 5th Degree Possession, Warrant, Obstructing, Driving After Revocation, No Proof of Insurance; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he did not have a driver's license. When stopping, the passenger jumped out and ran. Deputies secured the driver and located the passenger hiding in the woods. Drugs and paraphernalia were found in the vehicle. Both men were arrested.

Dec. 5 — 16xx Block of Deerwood — 5th Degree Domestic Assault, Trespass; deputies were called to a male/female domestic. The male left prior to deputies arriving but he was located at another address and arrested.

Dec. 7 — Hey 65/Bunker Lake Blvd

NE — 3rd Degree DWI Refusal, Wong Way Driving, Reckless Driving, Minor Consumption, Open Bottle; four callers reported a wrong way driver on Hwy 65. A deputy located the vehicle and safely stopped it. The driver appeared intoxicated and she was arrested. .28

Burglaries

Nov. 27 — 137xx Aberdeen St NE — business; front window smashed; e-cigs

Dec. 5 — 156xx Central Ave NE — Vacant Home: widow broken; nothing of value

LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

Arrests

Nov. 26 — Thames St NE/Fawn Lake Dr NE — 4th Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle property damage crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested.

Dec. 7 — 9400 Block Viking Blvd NE — No Insurance, Driving After Revocation, False Info; on routine patrol a deputy ran a license plate and the owner came back revoked. He stopped the vehicle and identified the driver who did not have a license or insurance; this was her third stop with no insurance. She was arrested.

Thefts & Damage to Property

Nov. 28 — 228xx East Martin Lk Dr NE — personal information was used fraudulently to open a credit card

Dec. 1 — 237xx Mackenzie St NE — Christmas décor vandalized

Burglaries

Dec. 2 — 232xx E Martin Lake Dr NE — unlocked garage service door — backpack

NOWTHEN

Arrests/Incidents

Nov. 27 — 224xx St Francis Blvd NW — 5th Degree Assault; deputies responded to staff/client assault. The male client was arrested.

OAK GROVE

Thefts & Damage to Property

Nov. 29 — 228xx Raven St NW - a female reported her credit card was used fraudulently

Dec. 4 — 225xx Zion Parkway NW — theft form an unlocked vehicle; wallet, speakers

Dec. 5 — 41xx 210 Ln NW — theft of mail

Dec. 6 — 9xx 192 Ave NW — package stolen from front porch

Arrests

Nov. 25 — 217xx Cedar Dr NW — 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a front license plate. The driver had an active felony warrant. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male and female occupants were arrested.

Nov. 28 — 22300 Block of Rum River Blvd NW; 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle property damage crash at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

Dec. 5 — Viking Blvd/197 Ave NW — Driving After Cancellation, No Proof of Insurance; on routine patrol a deputy ran a plate and the owner came back revoked. The deputy stopped the driver and identified her. She was revoked and did not have vehicle insurance. She was arrested.

Burglaries

Dec. 2 — 192xx Woodbine St NW — Model Home: broke basement window — accessories stolen

Assistant Anoka County Attorney Ostrow Appointed Chair of Non-Partisan Civic Caucus

The Civic Caucus, a Minnesota-based non-profit public policy educational organization, today announced a transition in its top leadership effective January 1.

Paul Ostrow, assistant Anoka County attorney, former president, Minneapolis City Council and a member of the Civic Caucus Board of Trustees and the Interview Group, will become chair of the Trustees and the Interview Group, succeeding Dan Loritz, president, Center for Policy Design.

Janis Clay, lawyer and secretary-treasurer of the Civic Caucus, will become executive director, succeeding Paul Gilje, who is retiring. Dana Schroeder will continue serving as associate director, chiefly responsible for writing up reports on the weekly interviews.

Ostrow, Loritz, Clay and Gilje will continue serving on the Civic Caucus Interview Group, which is responsible for conducting weekly interviews and preparing public-policy reports. Loritz has been chair of the Civic Caucus since the death of Verne C. Johnson, the organization's founder, in 2012. Gilje has been executive director since Johnson founded the organization in 2005.



Assistant Anoka County Attorney Paul Ostrow



Janis Clay

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The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **Lindell Media**
2. Principal Place of Business:

7700 Sunwood Dr NW, Apt 440 Ramsey, MN 55303

3. Nameholder(s): **Scott Robert Lindell 7700 Sunwood Dr NW, Apt 440 Ramsey, MN 55303**

4. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

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The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **Crystal Barbers, I**
2. Principal Place of Business:

11133 - 7th Street NE Blaine, MN 55434

Nameholder(s): **M. Keith Roehmildt 11133 - 7th St. NE Blaine, MN 55434 Myron O. Roggemann 12731 Bayview Rd. South Haven, MN 55382**

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this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

FILED: 11/30/2016, # 917833700026 /s/ M. Keith Roehmildt, Partner /s/ Myron O. Roggemann, Partner (Published 12/6, 12/13, 2016 ACR) #560

PUBLIC NOTICES UNPAID

CITY OF BLAINE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPTION OF FINAL PAYABLE 2017 PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND 2017 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Blaine, Minnesota will meet on December 15, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive, Blaine, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing at which the final 2017 budget and property tax levy will be adopted. All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above.

Individuals unable to attend the public hearing can make written comment by writing to Joe Huss, Finance Director, City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive, Blaine, Minnesota 55449-8101. Written comments must be received prior to the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BLAINE CITY COUNCIL
Cathy Sorensen, Clerk

CITY OF FRIDLEY ORDINANCE NO. 1339 AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING CHAPTER 113 OF THE FRIDLEY CITY CODE: SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING COLLECTION, A SUMMARY

I. Title
An ordinance of the City

of Fridley, Minnesota, amending the Fridley City Code to modify Chapter 113.

II. Summary
The City Council of the City of Fridley does hereby ordain as follows:

That Chapter 113, the Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Collection is hereby amended to define source-separated compostable materials, also referred to as organics; to create licensure categories for yard waste collection and single licensure for collection of organics. Chapter 113 is further amended to address the prohibition of burning of garbage, recyclables, yard waste or organics and to not allow outdoor storage of bags of leaves in view of the public right of way. Maintenance and accessibility language was updated for mixed municipal solid waste, organics and recycling dumpsters that require screening enclosures. Code enforcement language in regard to violations of Chapter 113 was added.

III. Notice
This title and summary has been published to clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the Fridley City Code. A copy of the ordinance, in its entirety, is available for inspection by any person during regular business hours at the offices of the City Clerk of the City of Fridley, 6431 University Ave N.E., Fridley, MN.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIDLEY THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.
Scott Lund, Mayor
Deb Skogen, Clerk

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS RESOLUTION 2016-69 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 226, SECOND SERIES AMENDING SECTION 2-9-1 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS

WHEREAS, authorized as by

Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.191, subd. 4, the City Council has determined that publication of the title and summary of Ordinance 226, Second Series will clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance; and WHEREAS, a printed copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection during regular office hours in the office of the City Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following summary of Ordinance 226, Second Series is approved for publication:

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, MINNESOTA ORDINANCE 226, SECOND SERIES

Section 1. The St. Francis City Code is hereby amended to include the following ordinance summarized below:

St. Francis City Code is hereby amending Section 2-9-1 the previously adopted Fee Schedule.

Section 2. The full ordinance will be in effect 30 days from this summary publication.

Section 3. The full ordinance is available for review during regular office hours in the office of the City Clerk.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS THIS 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.
Steve Kane, Mayor
Barbara Held, City Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (Anoka-Hennepin School District)

The School Board of Anoka-Hennepin Independent School District No. 11 held a work session meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016, at the Educational Service Center, Anoka, Minnesota.

Chair Heidemann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Nicole

Hayes, Tom Heidemann, Jeff Simon and William Fields. Marci Anderson arrived after the Consent Agenda was approved. Bill Harvey was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA
Jeff Simon moved and William Fields seconded the motion to approve the following consent agenda items.

1. Minutes from the October 24 26, 2016, Board meeting.
2. Personnel items as follows:

RETIREMENTS
Kenneth Kisner ESC-Driver 12/30/2016

Norma Smith Comm Ed-Teacher 2/3/2017

Brian Sorenson S.T.E.P.-Custodian 11/4/2016

A detailed list of the Resignations/Terminations, Layoffs and Recalls, Leave of Absence, Modified Leave of Absence, Appointments, Extra Service Agreements, Curriculum Writing, Behind the Wheel and Cash Disbursements is available through the Anoka-Hennepin ISD 11 home page on the Internet or at the district office located at 2727 N Ferry Street, Anoka, MN 55303. If you would like a printed copy of this portion of the minutes, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the attention of Debbie Koffski at the above address.

3. Approved the Substitute, Temporary, and Seasonal Pay Rates.
4. Approved the Anoka Ice Arena Agreement.
5. Approved the Willis Insurance Broker Renewal.
6. Approved the 17012B - Anoka High School Chiller Replacement.
7. The immunization exclusions—names and specifics are not included because of data privacy.

Motion passed.

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Superintendent Law one for one year, the student being allowed Board and reviewed to return on probation the Board calendar. on December 6, 2016, He highlighted the pending completion of week's activities a chemical dependency including Coffee with evaluation. Jeff Simon the Superintendent on called the roll. The Saturday, November following voted in favor 12, at Caribou Coffee in the motion: Tom Blaine; Superintendent's Heidemann, Nicole Lunch & Listen Hayes, William Fields, at Eisenhower on Marci Anderson, and Jeff November 17; and the School Board & Cabinet Planning against the motion, the session on Saturday, November 19, at Bunker Hills. Superintendent William Fields seconded the motion to expel student number two for one year, the student being allowed to return on probation on March 20, 2017, pending completion of a chemical dependency evaluation. Jeff Simon called the roll. The following voted in favor of the motion: Tom Heidemann, Nicole Hayes, William Fields, Marci Anderson, and Jeff Simon. There being five votes for and no votes against the motion, the motion passed.

The meeting then continued with the work session portion of the agenda: Reading Wonders Implementation, Special Education Audit Update, Technology Plan Update, Policy 529: Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students, and Policy 532 (replacing 506.2) Use of Peace Officers & Crisis teams to remove students with IEPs from school grounds.

Chair Heidemann proposed under Minnesota State Law 13D.03 sub 1 that they move into a closed session to deal with matters of labor negotiations and that will take place after a closed session on matters of data privacy. The closed session will be held in the George Petty Room. Marci Anderson seconded the motion to go into closed session. Motion carried. Chair Heidemann recessed the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The meeting reconvened in closed session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss matters requiring data privacy. Jeff Simon moved and Marci Anderson seconded the motion to expel student number

8:34 p.m. The meeting reconvened closed Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss negotiations. The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:45 p.m. Nicole Hayes moved and William Fields seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, MN
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

December 1, 2016
Revised for Publication
The following unapproved minutes have been revised for publication and will be approved at the next School Board Meeting. The full text is posted on the district web site, available by standard or email, and for public inspection at the school district offices during normal business hours.

The annual Truth-In-Taxation Hearing was held on Dec 1, 2016 at 6:03 pm. At roll call the following mmbrs were present: Julie Corcoran, Dan Kieger, Karen Morehead, Luke Odegaard, Jill Olson, Robert Rapheal, and Supt Dr. Linda Madsen, ex officio. Member Gail Theisen was absent. Dir of Business Svcs L. Martini presented the district's proposed tax levy, followed by an oppty for public Q&A. There was no citizen input or questions from the audience.

At 6:25 pm Mmbr Kieger moved, 2nd by Mmbr Olson to adjourn the hearing. All mmbrs present voted aye and the hearing was adjourned.

The mtg of the Schl Bd of ISD No. 831, Forest Lk., MN, was called to order by Rob Rapheal at 7:00 p.m. on Dec 1, 2016, at the Schl District Offices. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following mmbrs were present: Julie Corcoran, Dan Kieger, Karen Morehead, Luke Odegaard, Jill Olson, Robert Rapheal, and Supt Linda Madsen, ex officio. Mmbr Gail Theisen was absent.

The mtg agenda was revwd and unchanged.

Due to the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing there was no Listening Session.

Student Achievement: Century Jr. High Principal Jacobson updated the Schl Bd on PBIS implementation and results, reading scores, last year's site goal, and three Century students spoke about WEB Orientation.

Positive Happenings: Schl Bd Mmbrs rptd on schl prog and events attended the past month.

Reports: Communications - Mmbr Morehead rptd the cmtee recvd the 2015-16 World's Best Workforce Rpt, discussed new website header, there is a new Welcome Center at the district office for student enrollment or families can continue to go directly to the schl, the district will be transitioning to a new student info system over the summer.

Equity Alliance MN - Mmbr Morehead rptd they recvd \$25K from the St. Paul Foundation and continue to look for more funding, she asked the Bd to consider participating in "Culturally Responsive Leadership for Schl Bd Mmbrs".

Bldgs & Grounds - Mmbr Olson rptd the health clinic at the high schl is open, concrete walls for the field house will be arriving soon, the district has saved over \$18 million thus far in the Reshaping Oppty for Success 2015-2020 project.

Staff Welfare - Mmbr Rapheal rptd the cmtee discussed budget reductions and staffing.

Finance - Mmbr Odegaard rptd the audit revw is done and results will be recvd in the next few weeks, talked about the FY 17 budget status/budget adjustments, LED guaranteed energy savings contract, and the bond sale equated to \$18 million in taxpayer savings.

City of Forest Lake - No rpt.
916 -No rpt.
Reshaping Oppty for Success 2015-2020 - Business Dir Martini introduced Chad Rettke from Kraus Anderson who gave an update on seven elem schls.

Supt. report: Dr. Madsen rptd that holiday concerts are beginning, the holiday break will be Dec 26- Jan 2 and school resumes Jan 3,

reception at Jan 5 Schl Bd mtg beginning at 6:30 pm for outgoing Bd Mmbr Kieger and incoming Bd Mmbr Peterson. Feb 25 is the Rotary Plunge. On Nov 30 seven Project SEARCH students were recognized by Gov. Dayton and she and the students had lunch with the governor at the capitol. She concluded her rpt reading a letter to the Bd stating her retirement effective 6/30/17.

Consent agenda: Mmbr Morehead moved to appv Consent Agenda items 7.1-7.4. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Odegaard. All mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Appvd the min of Nov. 3 and 17, 2016

Appvd the bills as of Dec 1 totaling \$5,618,164.87 broken into the following funds: Gen Fund \$249,658.22, Food \$30,950.81, Transp: \$75,205.60, Comm. Services \$10,279.63, Maroon Gold Spt Ctr \$3,537.04, Grants SDE \$103.40, Capital \$89,885.56, Internal Dental Ins. \$19,701.45, Internal Health Ins. \$690,961.75, Internal HRA CHP \$84,956.18, Internal HRA Rollover \$45,306.75, Bld Fund \$4,297,334.63, Pop Fund \$2,552.72, Federal prog. \$3,193.73, Special Ed \$14,537.40

Appvd Classified Personnel: Resign -1; Employ -4; Trans. -1; LOA -4; Add'l position -2

Appvd Licensed Personnel: Non-Curricular Assign - 27; Employ - 1; Resign - 1

Donations: Mmbr Odegaard moved, 2nd by Mmbr Kieger, to adopt the resolution accepting donations: \$115.38 from D. Peterson, \$30 from K. Harrell and \$45 from A. Sederholm, FL, all through Wells Fargo Community Support to Wyom Elem for gen ed; \$500 from J. Traylor, Wyom, to Wyom Elem for gen ed; 1988 Chevrolet pickup valued at \$2000 from D. Livingston, FL, and a 1992 Dodge Colt valued at \$1000 from C. Hill, Scandia, both to FLHS Auto Tech class for teaching and learning; \$5000 from anonymous donor to Wyom Elem for "Maker Space"; \$60 from Lakewood Chiropractic, FL, to Lino Lakes Elem for sch needs; \$3,311.49 from Full Court Club, FL, to FLHS boys' basketball

Mmbr Morehead moved to appv New Course -Immersion Spanish 4. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Corcoran, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mmbr Kieger moved to appv Wellness Policy 546. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Olson, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

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for pmt of an asst coach; \$6,898.93 from Blue Line Club, FL, to FLHS boys' hockey for pmt of 2 asst coaches. All mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Old Business: Mmbr Kieger moved to appv Student Sex Nondiscrimination Policy 421. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Corcoran, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mmbr Corcoran moved to appv Veterans Preference Policy 441. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Olson, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

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Mmbr Kieger moved to appv New Course - Media & Tech Support (MATS) II. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Olson, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mmbr Morehead moved to appv Guaranteed Energy Saving Contract Related to LED Lighting Retrofits. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Corcoran, by roll call

vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mmbr Kieger moved to appv Budget Adjustments. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Odegaard, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mmbr Corcoran moved to appv Reduction of \$2.5 million for 2017-2018. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Olson, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mmbr Kieger moved to Recommend Award FL Elem Asbestos Abatement to Dennis Environmental Operations. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Corcoran, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mmbr Morehead moved to Recommend Award FLHS Architectural/Mechanical/Electrical Construction Bid Pkg #3. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Odegaard, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mmbr Corcoran moved to Re-examine and Explore Partnerships with the YMCA. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Olson, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mmbr Corcoran moved Consideration of Resolution for Discipline of a Probationary Teacher. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Odegaard, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

New Business: First Rdg: Legislative Platform. This will be placed on the next agenda for further revw and Bd action.

Mmbr Corcoran moved to Authorize RFP's for Employee Group Self Insured Medical and Dental Insurance. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Morehead, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Communications: The Schl Bd revwd communications and upcoming calendar dates.

As there was no further business, Mmbr Odegaard moved, 2nd by Mmbr Olson to adjourn. All mmbrs present voted aye and the mtg adjourned at 8:51pm.

BRUCE OLSON
STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF ANOKA DISTRICT COURT
Estate of PROBATE DIVISION
Bruce Olson a/k/a Bruce C. Olson a/k/a, Court File No.02-PR-16-645
Bruce Clifford Olson, NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT
Decedent OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed James A. Olson, whose address is 2930 Labore Road, Maplewood, MN 55109 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: December 6, 2016 /s/ Peggy Zdon, Registrar
/s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator

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