

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda



January 13, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location:

Heartland AEA
6500 Corporate Drive, Johnston
Conference Room 113

Phone:

Dial: 1-669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 996 8731 0355 followed by #
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Zoom Link:

<https://heartlandaea.zoom.us/j/99687310355>

Participants:

Ms. Liz Brennan Board President	Ms. Tiara Mays-Sims Board Vice President	Vacancy, DD1 Board Member	Ms. Jenny Ugolini Board Secretary
Mr. Shawn Holloway Board Member	Ms. Mary Poulter Board Member		Dr. Kristi Upah Chief Student Svcs. Officer
Mr. Kasey Huebner Board Member	Ms. Margie Schwenk Board Member	Mr. Kevin Fangman Chief Human Res. Officer	Dr. Cindy Yelick Chief Administrator
Mr. Mark Lane Board Member	Ms. Heather Sievers Board Member	Dr. Susie Meade Chief Academic Officer	Mr. Brian Whalen Director of Business Services

President: Liz Brennan **Recorder:** Jenny Ugolini

Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Time	Topic/Process	Presenter	Outcome
5 min.	1.01 Roll Call & Welcome	Liz Brennan	Roll call and approval of the agenda.
	1.02 Approval of Agenda		
	1.03 Approval of minutes from Dec. 9, 2025.	Liz Brennan	Review and approval of minutes from Dec. 9, 2025.
	1.04 Public Forum and Correspondence	Liz Brennan, Cindy Yelick	Hear comments from members of the public and share Board correspondence.

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2. Public Hearing at Approx. 4:00 p.m.

Time	Topic/Process	Presenter	Outcome
5-7 min.	2.01 Public Hearing on the Provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)	Amy Wichman	Board members will hold a public hearing to meet the Provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act, as outlined in Board Policy 505 – Internet Acceptable Use and Safety. Are there any persons present to share their concerns?

3. Discussion Items

Time	Topic/Process	Presenter	Outcome
30 min.	3.01 Fiscal year 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEA Funding • Staffing 	Brian Whalen	Board members will discuss the FY2025-26 and FY2026-27 budgets.
20-25 min.	3.02 Chief Administrator Professional Development Goals	Cindy Yelick	The Board will be updated on the professional development goals of the chief administrator.
15-20 min.	3.03 Special Education Data Dashboard Demonstration	Kristi Upah	Board members will be given a brief demonstration of the Special Education Data Dashboard.
10 min.	3.04 Spirit Lake CSD Service Request for 2026-27	Cindy Yelick	Board members will be informed about the service request from Spirit Lake CSD.
10 min.	3.05 Heartland Board Policy Process Update	Cindy Yelick	Board members will discuss the process for updating board policies.

4. Consent Agenda

Time	Topic/Process	Presenter	Outcome
10 min.	4.01 Personnel Report	Kevin Fangman	Handout: Personnel Report Admin. Recommendation: approval
	4.02 Board Financial Reports	Brian Whalen, Tiara Mays-Sims	Handout: Financial statements Admin. Recommendation: approval
	4.03 Ahlers Cooney Informed Consent Conflict Waiver Agreement	Brian Whalen	Handout: Waiver Agreement Adin. Recommendation: approval

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	4.04 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Heartland AEA and Kerri Baish (Dyslexia services) for 2026-27	Susie Meade	Handout: MOU Adin. Recommendation: approval
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5. Chief Administrator Comments

- Governor's Condition of the State Address

6. Board Comments

7. Adjourn

FYI - Upcoming Events

Upcoming Meetings - February 10 Board Zoom meeting, with a legislative update from Kate Walton and exempt session for negotiations.