

WHITEHALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, October 19, 2026 - VAC 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Agenda
Suggested motion: "I move to approve the agenda as presented."
3. Public Comment
Communication from the audience for anything on or off the agenda. Limited to 3 minutes.
4. WDS Spotlight: FFA
5. Student Representative Update
6. Consent Action Agenda
 - Minutes for meetings on [September 21, 2026](#)
 - Disbursements for the Month of [September, 2026](#)
 - [Field Trip Request](#)*Suggested motion: "I move to approve the consent agenda as presented".*
7. Unfinished Business
8. Financial Audit Review – Brickley DeLong
Suggested motion: "I move to accept the audited [financial statements](#), [management letter](#), and [single audit](#) report as presented."
9. Bond Refunding Resolution
Suggested motion: "I move to adopt as authorizing the issuance and delegating the sale of Whitehall District Schools 2027 Refunding Bonds." ROLL CALL VOTE
10. [Wenger Risers](#)
Suggestion motion: "I move to approve the purchase of the Wenger Signature Choral Risers for \$24,363.00."
11. [Monthly Financials](#)
12. Superintendent Report
13. Public Comment
Communication from the audience for anything on or off the agenda. Limited to 3 minutes.
14. Adjourn
Suggested motion: "I move to adjourn."

Item 6

Consent Action Agenda

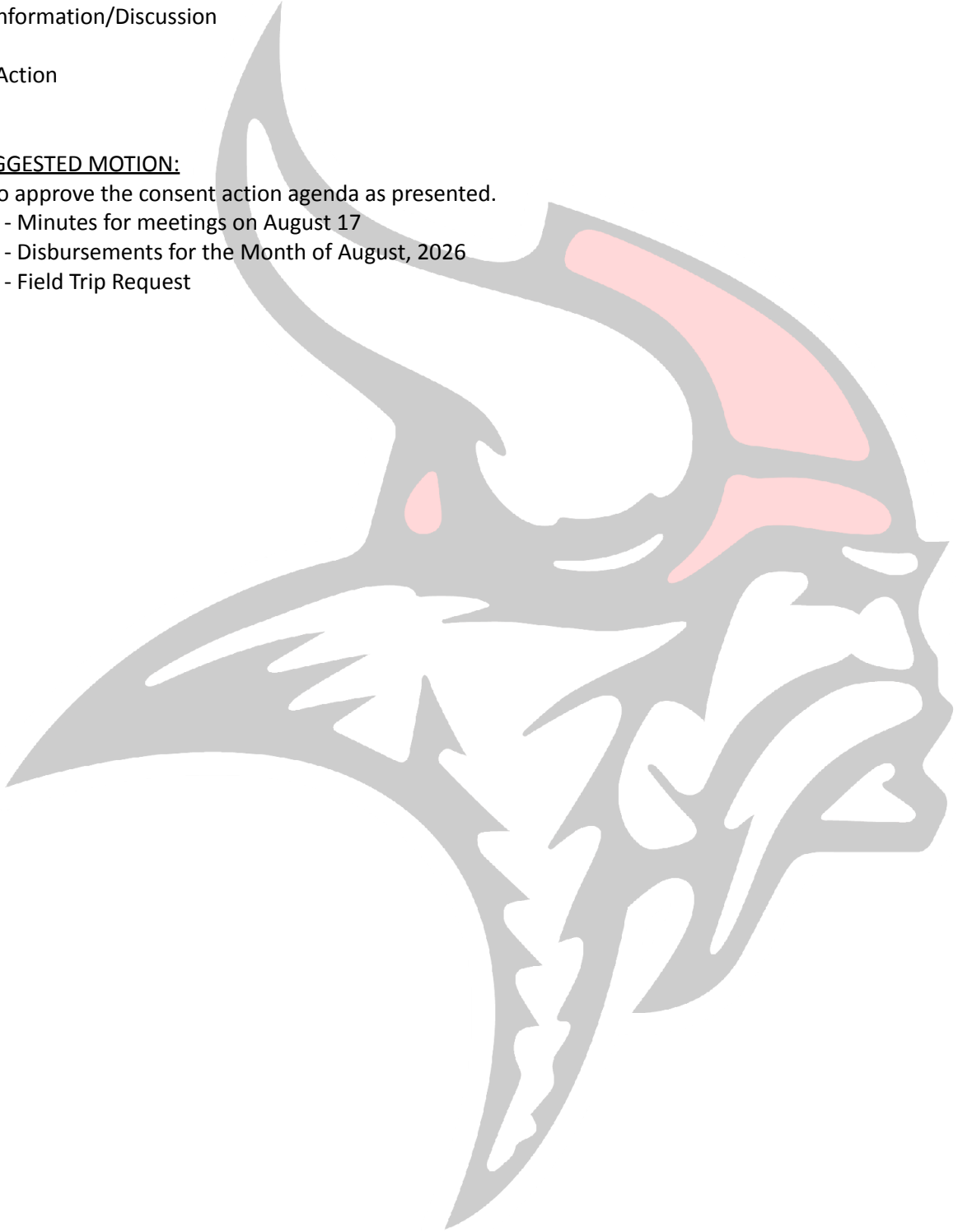
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SUGGESTED MOTION:

...to approve the consent action agenda as presented.

- Minutes for meetings on August 17
- Disbursements for the Month of August, 2026
- Field Trip Request



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Financial Audit Review

☐ Information/Discussion

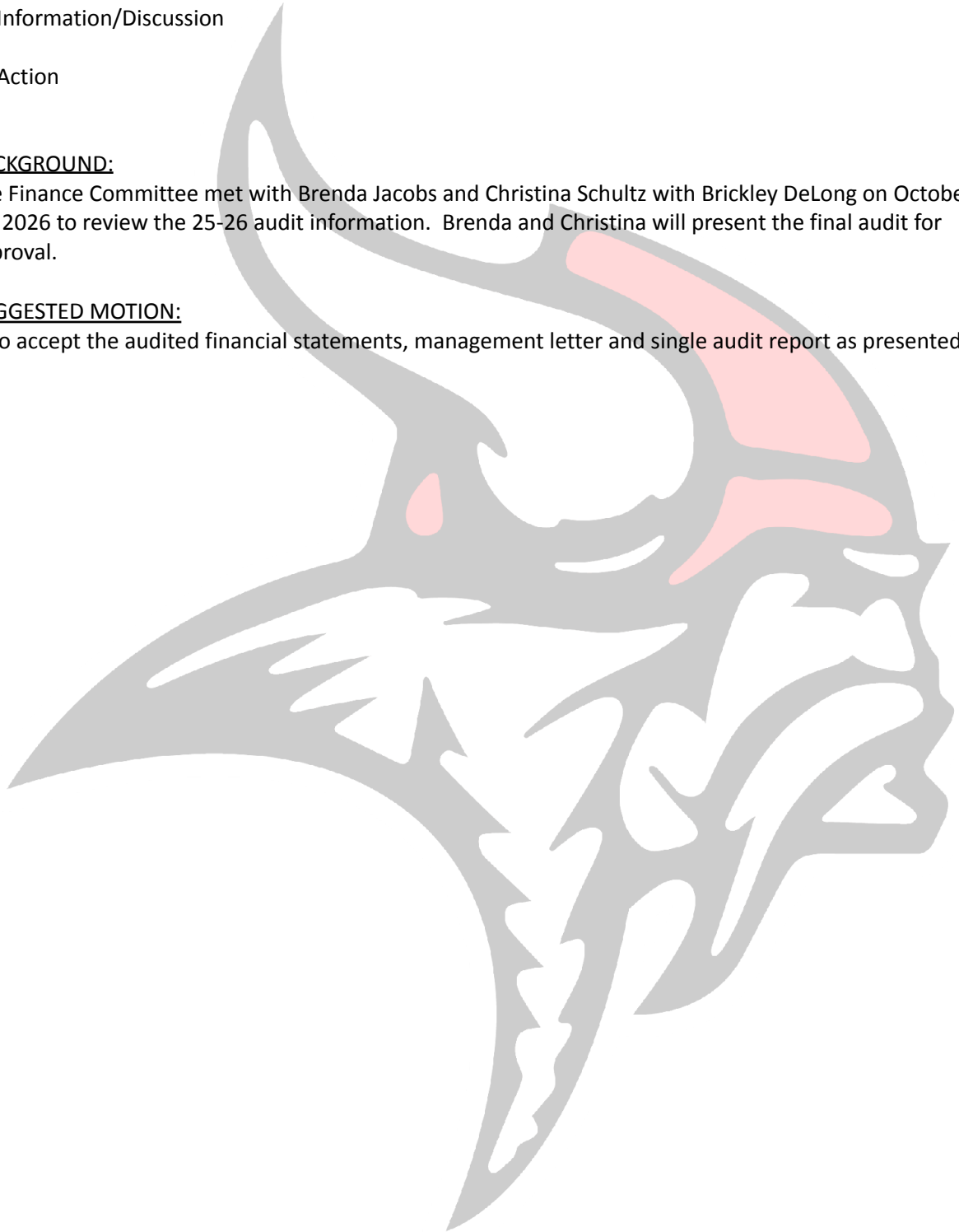
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BACKGROUND:

The Finance Committee met with Brenda Jacobs and Christina Schultz with Brickley DeLong on October 15, 2026 to review the 25-26 audit information. Brenda and Christina will present the final audit for approval.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

...to accept the audited financial statements, management letter and single audit report as presented.



Item 9

Bond Refunding Resolution

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BACKGROUND:

Following is a resolution to authorize the District to issue refunding bonds for the outstanding 2017 School Building and Site bonds. In September, Huntington Capital looked at the current market interest rates and the rates we are paying on these bonds. It appears that there would be significant savings, including an estimated \$498,000 in savings, \$385,000 in NPV savings, and 3.45% rate savings.

A refunding works much like refinancing a home. There is an outstanding debt (mortgage) with interest rates that are higher than the current interest rates. We would issue new bonds (or a new mortgage) at a lower interest rate and then pay off the outstanding balance. The savings are realized over time as the borrower pays less interest over the life of the new bonds (mortgage).

The resolution authorizes us to work with Huntington Capital to check the market to ensure that savings are still possible. It also authorizes us to apply for approval with the State of Michigan. The Board Officers, Superintendent, and Business Manager are authorized to sign documents to finalize the transactions and various reports. We will continue to work with PFM as our financial consultant and Thrun Law Firm as our legal counsel.

A few dates for events are:

November 17 – due diligence call to discuss refunding and requirements

January 6 – pricing the bonds in the market, final rates determined

January 18 – Board of Education adopts ratification resolution

February 3 – closing/finalizing the paperwork

RECOMMENDATION:

...to adopt as authorizing the issuance and delegating the sale of Whitehall District Schools 2027 Refunding Bonds.

Item 10

Wenger Risers

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Why choose the Wenger brand over other risers? Wenger is an extremely reputable company and has been the leader in safe stage products for many years. They offer a 15 year warranty on these choir risers, and their material and build quality has made their company the industry standard for stage products.

Our building currently has Wenger risers that are over 20 years old and have held up well to wear and tear. We also have Wenger brand student chairs in the high school band and choir rooms.

We would like to purchase 10 sets of 3 step Wenger Signature Choral Risers for \$22,280 plus shipping, plus a side rail kit for safety for \$1,103. Shipping looks like it will cost approximately \$980.

Here is the order info for the risers:

<https://www.jwpepper.com/signature-choral-riser-3-step-model-10928189-668365/p>

Side Rail Kit:

<https://www.jwpepper.com/signature-choral-riser-side-rails-set-of-2-11169501/p>

SUGGESTED MOTION:

"...to approve the purchase of the Wenger Signature Choral Risers for \$24,363.00

Item 11

Monthly Financial Reports

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Tayler Zweigle has prepared the monthly financial reports and year-to-date financials.

