

Minutes of Maple Valley School Board

Meeting: Regular

Location: Tower City, ND

When: April 10, 2024

Present: Joey Bata, George Richman, Megan McKay, Dustin Theurer, Amanda Olauson, Dan Wendel, Jennifer Koller, Sara Zaun, Bryce Kasowski. Attending: Cathy Janish, Dan Larson, Mike Nygaard.

1. Call to Order: 6:07 pm.
2. Addition to the Agenda: None
3. Minutes: A motion was made by D.Theurer and seconded by M.McKay to approve the minutes from 3/6 regular . MCU.
4. Bills to Approve:

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by A. Olauson to approve the bills as presented. MCU

ACT 104.00, ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 2,940.85, AFLAC 56.16, APPLE 89.10, APPLE 46,952.58, BEK COMMUNICATIONS 200.92, BCBS-ND 840.94, BUFFALO AREA QUICK RESPONSE 253.50, BURINGRUD, TERRY 56.60, CASH 300.00, CINTAS 414.91, CITY OF TOWER CITY 590.14, COMBS, JODI 60.30, CORPORATE TECHNOLOGIES 250.00, DECKER 19.81, FAT MAN TRASH 556.50, FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS 33.11, GOPROMO 575.18, HANDY HOME & HARDWARE 7.48, HIGH PLAINS WATER 34.00, HOPE AUTO GLASS 467.80, KAPAUN, CINDY 207.03, KASOWSKI-GUBRUD 7,118.02, KRJB-FM 299.00, MV ACTIVITY FUND 164.00, MCCLAFLIN, GLENN 88.60, MENARDS 61.77, MIDWEST PEST 420.00, MIKES CONSTRUCTION 170.00, NDCEL 400.00, NYGAARD, MICHAEL 120.60, OAK GROVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL 120.00, OTTERTAIL POWER 3,828.96, PRESTON, MCKENZIE 105.82, QUADIENT FINANCE 150.00, R&H MAINTENANCE 7,950.00, R&J BROADCASTING 299.00, SAMS CLUB 54.00, SANFORD HEALTH OCC MED 115.00, SHEYENNE VALLEY AREA CAREER AND TECH 35,537.25, SHEYENNE VALLEY SP. ED 10,735.54, STAR ENTERPRISES 3,420.71, STEIN'S 1,231.66, SUPERPUMPER 3,819.70, VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY 447.60, VALLEY CITY TIMES-RECORD 694.08, VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER 1,333.00, WEX HEALTH 50.00, WINDSTREAM 44.24, XCEL ENERGY 2,219.04, Total 136,008.50.

5. Accounts:

A motion was made by D.Wendel and seconded by J.Koller to approve the General Fund, Activities and Hot Lunch accounts as presented. MCU.

6. Reports:

Superintendent:

Looking to expand our C.Preston "Business Course" to fall under CTE programs and therefore qualify for CTE payments, grants and student opportunities. DPI offering a summer Cyber Security grant for Robotics kits, looking at possible Robotics club that could meet before or after school. Best in Class Grant has been pursued and due to increased enrollment for 24-25 school year Pre-K we are looking at 14-15 students and approved for \$120,000 grant. We also have a grant that will allow us to clean up property/tree damage/Elm diseased trees and replant.

HS Principal:

Maple Valley hosted a Mock Car Crash presentation with First Responders, Sheriff's crew etc.. presented on Facebook Live and featured in newspapers after the event.

EL Principal: Many activities- basketball finishing up, Reading Month fun activities, FM Red Hawks game coming up, received Government relief Grant for equipment on learning to ride bike for the younger kids.

AD: Spring season underway, baseball, softball, golf, track. Also, attended State AD conference.

SRO: Staff training on self defense, class coming for senior students on safety as they prepare to move on to the 'real world'.

Career & Tech: working through negotiations and finalizing building project.

President: nothing at this time.

Committees: Finance is working through the Budget to be approved in June.

7. Old Business:

A. Building Project

Progress made with Painting of main building, curtain underway, watch for 4/22- Hoops coming, 5/1- Flooring. Locker rooms underway- sheet rock, painting, flooring. Pre-K room windows in, exterior brick up, Fitness Center- looking at pricing the flooring- recommend floor mats- also looking at gym wall mats, additional Raider chairs- approx. 36-40, Volleyball stands & equip.

A motion was made by D.Wendel and seconded by B.Kasowski to approve \$40,000 to Gerrells for Gym supplies. MCU.

Sidewalks/dirt work starting next week. Discussed the sidewalk /curb in front of new building extending all the way east to street, as well as connecting the 'new' with the 'existing' concrete discussed. Reworking the Handicap parking spaces to be along the front of new gym building. Parking lot considerations included talk of county work next summer on highway and cost sharing school work as well.

A motion was made by G.Richman and seconded by D.Wendel to add concrete at \$22,418. MCU.

Other items discussed: HVAC ducts outside SE corner of new building will get covered with Dark tin, and looking at mezzanine unit in Storage space, approx. \$25,000 to house all storage.

B. Financials

On Schedule.

8. New Business

A Oriska Property/ Weight Room Property

1. Oriska:

Preparing property to sell. City of Oriska expressed interest to have first opportunity to purchase school property. Superintendent did review with legal counsel the requirements of selling school property. Discussion regarding the process with selling the Buffalo school property as a basis for targeted dollar amount at \$50,000. Identifying Lots to be sold as

- Parcel: 56-0400010 Original Oriska Lots 1, 2 & 3 Block 14
- Parcel: 56-0400070 Original Oriska Lots 7-18 Block 14

A motion was made by D.Theurer and seconded by M.McKay to offer all three (3) lots both parcels of school property in Oriska to the City of Oriska at \$50,000 with a response back in two weeks. If rejected then the School goes to the public bid with both parcels .

Roll Call vote: J.Bata-yes, G.Richman-yes, M.McKay-yes, A.Olauson-yes, J.Koller-yes, D.Theurer-y, B.Kasowski-y, D.Wendel-y, S.Zaun-y. MCU.

2. Weight Room

Preparing to sell, Post the Bid and include the "Intent of Use" phrase to review intended use of the building as it is in close proximity to the school. By May board meeting discuss sports equipment needs.

A motion was made by B.Kasowski and seconded by A.Olauson to put the Weight Room Facility up for Bid and to have bids returned by May 31st. MCU.

Roll Call vote: J.Bata-yes, G.Richman-yes, M.McKay-yes, A.Olauson-yes, J.Koller-yes, D.Theurer-y, B.Kasowski-y, D.Wendel-y, S.Zaun-y. MCU.

B. Building Project Grand Opening

Schedule earlier in August, Fund Raising Committee to coordinate, get donor wall completed, decide on food/beverages/décor, invite media. Possibilities- have a few different events- donors night, tie in with ball game, Open house on Back to School night.

A motion was made by D.Wendel and seconded by J.Koller to table the School Calendar decision.

C. 3-5 yr Strategic Plan

Finance Committee working with the Superintendent to develop 3-5 yr Strategic Plan and schedule Special Meeting in first part of June. Regular board meeting & Canvassing is June 24th.

D. School Calendar 2024-2025

A motion was made by D. Wendel and seconded by J.Koller to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar. MCU.

E. Classified Staff and Administration Wages

A motion was made by M.McKay and seconded by J.Koller to approve wage/salary increases as follows:

Classified:	.75¢	Business Mgr	2.75%	
Bus Drivers:	\$1.00 per/Rt	Administrators	1.75%	MCU.

Discussion: Guidance range from Finance: \$20,000 - \$50,000 window, Would like to see district break out Classified staff evaluations involved with individual structure, pay scales for each department, category of job. We did have Category of Technology, and Business Certified/Degree this year.

F. Teacher Contract

A motion was made by M.McKay and seconded by A.Olauson to approve Cassidy Hoyt's Teachers Contract. MCU.

G. Building & Grounds: Planning, Sidewalks/Parking Lot

Covered in Old Business

H. CO-OP Committee Report / Recommendations

Discussed CO-OP future- move toward the Best Use of Facilities approach- with the Football season at Hope-Page and Indoor sports at Maple Valley with the new facility. Make decision by June and layout a best contract for the CO-OP future. Review of basic ground rules of CO-OP- after 3 years if either party wants to drop- they say so and submit paperwork to the state, Any changes to the Agreement- both parties must agree. MV committee presents the proposed structure for best use of Facilities.

A motion was made by G.Richman and seconded by D.Theurer to support the CO-OP Committee's proposal. MCU.

I. Bank Changes- Superintendent

A motion was made by M.McKay and seconded by A.Olauson to approve BankNorth to update the Schools Bank Accounts, notifications etc.. to insert Superintendent Daniel Larson in place of previous Superintendents on all accounts. MCU.

J. Teacher Resignation.

A motion was made by D.Wendel and seconded by A.Olauson to approve the resignation of Tarryn Justesen at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. MCU.

The board would like to thank Ms. Justesen for her time with Maple Valley Public School District and wish her the best in future endeavors.

9. Next Meetings:

Fund Raising Committee: To plan the Grand Opening event

Finance Meeting: To work with Superintendent on 3-5 yr Strategic Plan b/4 June Spec. Mtg.

Building Committee: June 20, 2024 6:00pm Open Bids on Weight Room Facility

Regular Board: May 8th 6:00pm -Wednesday-

10. Adjournment: A motion was made by J.Koller and seconded by D.Wendel to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm MCU.

Business Manager: _____ date: _____

Board President : _____ date: _____