

# Maple School District

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## Board Minutes

October 10, 2024  
Thursday, 3:00 P.M.  
Old Maple Library

Regular Board Meeting

A. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President Joel Akerknecht.

Members Present: Joel Ackerknecht, Tyler Rogers, Randy Bloemhof  
Others present: **Bryan Easter, Superintendent**  
**Angelica Fernandez, Administrative Assistant**  
**Christy Nelson - Principal**  
**John Campbell - MOT Director**

B. FLAG SALUTE - Led by  
Joel Ackerknecht

C. CORRESPONDENCE, HEARINGS, DELEGATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by Maples 3rd Grade Class - Mrs. Clark Maples 3rd grade teacher and a few of her students presented pictures they drew to the board and shared some genes and traits they learned in class.
2. Kern County School Boards Association Trustee Dinner - Mr. Easter shared date and details of the trustee dinner.
3. Budget Approval Letter (KCSOS) - Mr. Easter shared that Maples's Budget has been approved along with some updates on Maple's fiscal analysis.

D. COMMUNITY COMMENT - N/A

E. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD - N/A

F. REPORTS

1. MOT Director, John Campbell
  - a. Transportation Update - Mr. Campbell shared that the grass seed will go in after the Veterans Day Assembly.
2. Principal, Christy Nelson
  - a. Student Discipline - Mrs. Nelson reports that we had two suspensions.
  - b. CAASPP Score Report—During our back to school meeting, we came up with 4 commitment goals as a whole staff. Mrs. Nelson also shared Maple CAASPP scores and the growth our students have exceeded, along with some comparisons from years past.
  - c. A Teacher Praise -
  - d. Motivating Mustangs - This is done at Shafter High School which has student mentors who take some of our students under their wing to encourage them academically, discipline, and in life choices.
3. Superintendent, Bryan Easter
  - a. Enrollment: 289 - Our enrollment is 289 and we have two students who are preschool-age but receive speech services.

- b. Attendance Rate Update - We have offered the additional 2 hours Community Coordinator position to Sarah Poettgen she will go ahead and work diligently to improve our attendance amongst other things that Niki used to do.
- c. Facility Update: We are waiting for the plans to be approved, but all the parts have been ordered. We are holding a small dedication ceremony soon for our new kindergarten building and Library, I will share those details with you soon.
- d. Foundation Update - The foundation golf tournament is next weekend. We are excited and look forward to it.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consider approval of the September MIDA & EOM payrolls totaling \$230,868.17  
Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nayes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Consider approval of commercial warrant batches 8 & 9 for the 2024-25 school year totaling \$546,759.05  
Motion Rogers Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Nayes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints (Info Only) - **No Complaints**

- 4. Consider approval of Agreement between WUHSD and Maple School District regarding Developer Fee Revenue  
Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nayes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. Consider approval of Resolution #24-1010 Authorizing the Maple School District to apply for the SJVACPD EV Grant  
Motion Rogers Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Nayes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

- 6. APPOINTMENT OF LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code section 54957.6)  
The Board will consider approval to appoint a labor negotiator to represent the Board in discussing salary and benefits with candidates for the following represented employee positions: Certificated Teacher, Psychologist, Speech Language Pathologist, and Ed. Tech Specialist. The Board will identify any representative designated during the open session.

***President Joel Ackerknecht nominated Bryan Easter as the Appointed Labor Negotiator.***

- Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nayes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

- 7. Consider Approval of updated Board Policies and Administrative Regulations (2nd Reading)
  - a. BP 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications (w/ Exhibit)
  - b. BP/AR 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves
  - c. AR 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal illness/Injury Leave
  - d. AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves
  - e. BP/AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses
  - f. BP 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications
  - g. BP 6177 - Summer Learning Programs

- Motion Bloemhof Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nayes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

H. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

1. Consider approval of the agreement with KCSOS #25-172757 for SELPA Special Education Services
2. Consider approval of Proposal from CIS for DSA Inspection Services for the new Staff Lounge and Executive Meeting space
3. Consider approval of the resignation letter for certificated employee Melody Gebhardt October 8, 2024

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the September 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

J. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Time: 3:39pm

Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)**

Agency Designated Representatives: As approved and announced in open session  
represented Employment Positions: Certificated Teacher, Psychologist, Speech Language Pathologist and Ed. Tech Specialist

K. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/RECONVENE OPEN SESSION Time: 4:03pm

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

1. Report of actions taken in closed session (Info Only)

L. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Time: 4:04pm

Motion Ackerknecht Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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