

## Minutes of Maple Valley School Board

Meeting: Regular

Location: Tower City, ND

When: February 12, 2025

Present: George Richman, Dan Wendel, Bryce Kasowski, Megan McKay, Sara Zaun, Dustin Theurer, Jennifer Koller.  
Call in: Amanda Olauson. Arrived at 603p: Joey Bata. Attending: Cathy Janish, Dan Larson, Courtney Storhoff, Mike Nygaard.

1. Call to Order (Dustin): 6:00 pm.

2. Additions to the Agenda:  
None.

3. Minutes: Review and approval of the 1/8/25 minutes were tabled until next meeting as there were technical difficulties accessing some of the folders in the board packet, which included minutes.

A motion was made by M.McKay and seconded by D.Wendel to table minutes until next meeting. MCU.

J. Bata arrived, continuing on with the meeting.

4. Bills to Approve:

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

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 1,422.34, AMPLIFY 34,273.98, BEK COMMUNICATIONS 201.80, BEST WESTERN ROOSEVELT 99.00, CINTAS 545.76, CITY OF TOWER CITY 882.03, COMBS, JODI 132.66, CULINEX 56.20, DOCU SHRED 54.46, FAT MAN TRASH 1,333.50, FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE 12.57, FMJ Electric 590.00, HANDY HOME & HARDWARE 7.99, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 120.00, HOOTS, NATHAN 126.60, HOPE AUTO GLASS 575.00, JOHNSON, LINDSEY 48.10, KAPAUN, CINDY 64.32, KEITH'S AIR CONDITIONING 2,060.78, MAPLE VALLEY ACTIVITY 31,352.64, NAPA Auto Parts 35.56, NDCEL 1,650.00, OTTERTAIL POWER 140.30, PRESTON, MCKENZIE 91.08, R&H MAINTENANCE 4,235.00, RSCHOOLTODAY 120.00, SANFORD HEALTH OCC MED 115.00, SHEYENNE VALLEY AREA CAREER -TECH 42,632.50, SHEYENNE VALLEY SP. ED 10,912.47, STEIN'S 1,699.20, SUPERPUMPER 3,591.87, TRENDAS AUTO REPAIR 68.00, VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE 2,666.00, WAHPETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1,248.75, WEX 50.00, WINDSTREAM 38.96, XCEL ENERGY 2,727.19, Total 145,981.61.

5. Accounts:

A motion was made by D.Theurer and seconded by B.Kasowski to approve the Accounts. MCU.

6 Reports:

Superintendent: The 4 year old program on the agenda tonight is part of the "Best in Class" grant and does support the 4 yr old program financially. Electric Bus venture has stalled, bankruptcy pursued, new presidential actions are impacting grants and possibly the electric bus opportunities. New activities bus is getting wrapped and Friday should be the big reveal. Bus 10 engine warranty expiring and will have a thorough check-up prior, plans to acknowledge donors for the Gym/Building construction project.

HS Principal: Online Classes pursued, Snow Week activities lined up including Dance, Speech meeting being held at our school coming as well. Starting the planning processes for next school year schedules.

EL Principal: 100 days of school mark has now passed, Barnes County Spelling Bee has MV's Teresa Peterson winning and on her way to State. Amplify Curriculum arrives tomorrow.

Career & Tech: Trying to work out members school calendars for 25-26. With input from Mr. Bopp as well as M.McKay there was talk of ways to increase CTE enrollments including possible a mandatory class taken in CTE – ex: first semester of Junior year. There are scholarships for CTE classes available. Mr. Bopp ran through the various offering of classes now scheduled.

President: Review of ICON billing. Thorough review of all invoices, contracts etc and it was concluded there was an outstanding charge to be paid: \$22,500. Proceed to pay out of Building Auth. Acct. Attending Negotiations seminar: Bata, Olauson, McKay, Larson. Review of many bills in legislation that will impact schools ex: School of Choice may channel tax based dollars to private or home Schools and not just public schools. Be aware.

7. Old Business:

No Old Business to report.

8. New Business

A. Pledge of Assets Review.

Board review of the BankNorth statement and supporting documents presenting their pledge of assets for the Quarter.

B. Superintendent Evaluation

President reviewed the process used for previous evaluations and board agreed the process is complete and user friendly. Proceeding with current process and evaluations to be back to J.Bata by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

C. MVEA recognized as Negotiating Unit.

A motion was made by S.Zaun and seconded by J.Koller to recognize MVEA as negotiating unit. Pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-10, the Board of Maple Valley School District recognizes as the appropriate negotiating unit all Employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as classroom teachers. MCU.

D. School Calendar

Superintendent presented two options of the 2025-2026 school calendar for board review. Overall adjustments were to drop Professional Development days from 7 to 5 for upcoming year. Looking at when Graduation Day would fall- early v. Memorial Day, also the need to align schedules with SVCT and Hope/Page if possible. Finalizing in March.

E. Certificat of Deposits Review

School has two CD's with BankNorth, all interest has been and will continue to be sourced funds to be used for scholarships. Future interest check will now be going to the Maple Valley Dollars for Scholars.

F. 4 year old Program

A review of the current 4 year old program, its ties to the ND Department of Health and a recipient of funding from the Best in Class grant, currently.

A motion was motion was made by M.McKay and seconded by G.Richman to approve the 4 year old program for Maple Valley School- 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. MCU.

G. FAC's teacher's position

Applicant being recommended to the board is K.Kramlich, 8 years of teaching experience, wealth of background work experience to support a strong FAC's background.

A motion was made by B.Kasowski and seconded by J.Koller to approve K.Kramlich's FAC's teachers, FCCLA contracts. MCU.

H. Policy.

Policies being reviewed were those included in the Teachers handbook, which is currently being update. Policy committee met prior to board meeting and did a thorough review of policies involved.

A motion was made by S.Zaun and seconded by J.Koller to adopt the first reading of policies DFAA, DHA, DDBD, DGGA as written and waive the second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA. MCU.

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

9. Meetings to schedule.	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Regular Board
	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Negotiations Committee
	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Policy Committee
	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Finance Committee

10. Adjournment: A motion was made by D.Wendel and seconded by B.Kasowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm MCU.

Business Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Board President : \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_