

## Minutes of Maple Valley School Board

Meeting: Regular

Location: Tower City, ND

When: May 21, 2025

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

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm.
2. Additions to the Agenda: Add: New Business J. Tuition Agreement.  
A motion was made by S. Zaun and seconded by J. Koller to approve the change to the agenda.
3. Minutes: A motion was made by G Richman and seconded by A. Olauson to approve the minutes from 4/9/25 regular and the 4/16/25 special board meetings. MCU.
4. Bills to Approve:  
A motion was made by D.Theurer and seconded by D.Wendel to approve the the bills as presented.  
MCU.

BANK OF ND 231,403.40, BEAR, DEREK 129.61, BEK 201.80, BUSINESS ESSENTIALS 1,962.56, CINTAS 307.82, COMBS, JODI 68.34, COMPRENDIO, CYNTHIA 110.00, DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH 11,592.00, FAT MAN TRASH 472.50, FMJ Electric 215.00, GALAXY GLASS 500.00, GO CAKE 48.78, GRAND VALLEY MOTORS 15,500.00, HANDY HOME & HARDWARE 21.98, HARTLEY'S SCHOOL BUSES INC 25.32, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 50.00, HIGH PLAINS WATER 16.05, HOOTS, NATHAN 200.32, JANISH, CATHY 6.00, KASOWSKI TIRE AND SERVICE 6,161.76, LEEVERS SUPER VALU 228.46, MAPLE VALLEY ACTIVITY FUND 1,060.00, MCCLAFIN, GLENN 137.60, MIDWEST PEST CONTROL 120.00, NORTH DAKOTA COUNCIL-NDCEL 300.00, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 5,125.58, PETERSON, JESSICA 200.00, R&J BROADCASTING 199.00, SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL 230.00, SHEYENNE VALLEY SP. ED. 10,912.47, STEIN'S INC. 524.83, SUPERPUMPER 4,394.49, TIM'S PLUMBING 391.00, TREND'S AUTO REPAIR 68.00, VILLAGE FAMILY 1,333.00, WEX HEALTH INC 50.00, WINDSTREAM 56.06, XCEL ENERGY 2,572.20, Total 296,895.93

5. Accounts:  
A motion was made by A. Olauson and seconded by B.Kasowski to approve the Accounts. MCU.

### 6 Reports:

Superintendent: Summer Health & PE course, Strength & Conditioning, 40-50 hours for Hoots & Beilke. Summer School underway, Drivers Ed co-op with Enderlin, Alternate Transportation Grant update- After School Program- Grant potential for \$50,000 for 5 years.

HS Principal: 5/22 last day of school, Graduation practice, Staffing and Schedule completed. Review of the new phone policy developing at the state level. Will need to have this policy in the handbooks for fall. EOY reports underway.

EL Principal: Rescheduled a field trip and went to Page Movie Theatre for the Reading project- field trip.  
Have handbooks for students, Looking at 9 student for Pre-K next year – up from 6, need 11 for state finances.

AD: Baseball & Softball are done, Golf is finishing. Track has regional and next up is State- with many athletes qualified. Still have a few Open post to fill.

Career & Tech: Currently negotiating.

SRO: nothing to report.

President: Read thank you notes for Teachers appreciation and a Retirement. Informed the board on the Robotics teams competition and successes.

7. Old Business:

No old business to report.

8. New Business

A. Open Positions.

\*\*Business Teacher, Cassandra Preston, resignation to become the School Business Manager.

A motion was made by S. Zaun and seconded by D. Wendel to approve the resignation of Cassandra Preston as Business Teacher and seconded by D.Wendel. MCU

Hiring Committee recommends Cassandra Preston as School Business Manager.

A motion was made by J.Bata and seconded by D. Theurer. MCU.

Wages: \$30 per hour, starting “next week” (5/28/2025)

\*\*Open positions update:

-Elementary Instructor/Data Strategist- one applicant last week

-Dishwasher/Custodian- still looking

-Bus Driver(s)- looking for more

B. Auditor Contract

Review Auditor and contract for 2025-2026. Recommendation to Approve.

A motion was made by D.Theurer and seconded by G. Richman to approve the Auditors contract for 2025-2026.

C. School Board Election

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by A.Olauson to approve the election clerks (2) and judges (2) for the June 10<sup>th</sup> School Board election. MCU.

D. Negotiated Agreement

Recap of the Negotiated Agreement – Salary increase to the base \$800 first year, \$500 second year, additional leave identified for Funeral , Berevement, Parental approved, declined additional pay for working through concerts. Looking to get agreement approved so contracts can circulated.

A motion was made by M.McKay and seconded by J.Koller to approve the Negotiated Agreement for 2025-2027.

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

E. Teacher Contracts

A motion was made by J.Koller and seconded by B.Kasowski to approve the teachers contracts.

F. Coaches Contracts

Review of current coaching and Advisor contract, noted that the Head football coaching position is still open. Notice shared that Jayson Kocka has resigned his position as head Boys Basketball position. Board recognized and thanked him for his lengthy commitment to the Program.

A motion was made by A. Olauson and seconded by D. Wendel to accept the resignation of Jayson Kocka as head Boys Basketball Coach. MCU.

A motion was made by B. Kasowski and seconded by A. Olauson to approve the CO-OP contracts.

G. Superintendent & Principal Salaries

Negotiations committee recommends increases for Superintendent & Principals as:  
Superintendent: 2.5% HS Principal: 1% EL Principal: 2.5%

A motion was made by M.McKay and seconded by D. Wendel to approve the admin increases as Superintendent: 2.5% HS Principal: 1% EL Principal: 2.5% .

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

H. Wages- Staff

A motion was made by A. Olauson and seconded by J.Koller to approve 2.5% wage annual increase for all staff- classified and bus drivers and \$1,500 in lieu-of the Single BCBS health insurance policy.

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

I. Activities Schedule-

Review of all Activites currently offered and their respective percentages on the Schedule. Review possible increases for some activities.

A motioni was maded by S.Zaun and seconded by M.McKay to approve an increase in wage percentage for Jr. Class Advisor to 8%. MCU.

J. Tuition Agreement-

A motion was made by B.Kasowski and seconded by M.McKay to approve Tuition Agreement for Kindergarten.

9. Next Meetings:

Regular Board -Canvassing      June 23, 2025 6:00 pm      Wednesday

Regular Board      June 23, 2025 \*Immediately following Canvassing.

10. Adjournment:

A motion was made by A. Olauson and seconded by J.Koller to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm MCU.

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

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