

## Minutes of Maple Valley School Board

Meeting: Regular

Location: Tower City, ND

When: August 13, 2025

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

Attending: Daniel Larson, Cassandra Preston, Courtney Storhoff, Micheal Nygaard, Rochelle Jimenez

1. Call to Order: 6:00 pm by President, Joey Bata.
2. Additions to the Agenda – none.
3. Approval of Minutes:  
A motion was made by D. Theurer and seconded by A. Olauson to approve the minutes for the 7/10 Regular board meeting. MCU.
4. Approval of Bills:  
A motion was made by D. Theurer and seconded by M. McKay to approve the payment of bills as presented. MCU.

AFLAC 96.73, ALLARD TROPHY 44.08, AMPLIFY 3,931.68, ARNTSON STEWART WEGNER PC 375.00, BEK 203.19 BCBS 98.30, CRIMINAL RECORDS SECTION 80.00, DAKOTA B&G RANCH 670.00, DECKER INC. 28.71, DOCU SHRED INC 89.90, EDUTECH- A DIVISION OF ITD 20.00, FAT MAN TRASH 472.50, FMJ Electric LLC 1,525.00, HANDY HARDWARE 54.89, HEKTNER-LYBECK-ERICKSON INS. 31,925.00, HIRSHFIELDS 99.60, HOOTS, NATHAN 69.44, JOHNSON CONTROLS 1,153.91, KASOWSKI TIRE 4,155.45, MENARDS 112.01, MEYER, ABIGAIL 95.73, NDCEL 1,631.00, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 2,898.34, PRESTON, CASSANDRA 23.98, ROBERT GIBB & SONS, INC. 1,298.75, SDI INNOVATIONS 1,016.88, SVSEU 10,912.46, SMITH LUMBER 73.13, STEIN'S 3,378.13, SUPERPUMPER 207.43, THE VILLAGE 1,333.00, WEX 50.00, WINDSTREAM 30.41, WSI 3,392.71, XCEL ENERGY 63.45, Total:71,610.79

5. Approval of Accounts – General, Activity, Lunch  
A motion was made by B. Kasowski and seconded by D. Wendel to approve the General Fund, Activities, and Hot Lunch accounts as presented. MCU.
6. Reports:
  - a. Superintendent: Cooling issues in BM, SRO, Title, and Speech offices. The option to replace parts at \$5,282 or do a full replacement @ \$10,217 was presented. The board members left it up to Mr. Larsons discretion as he sees fit. Razor technology is being installed tomorrow. Families will be notified of how it works as soon as he can get it working. Custodial/Kitchen position – 2 applicants. The paving project is close to completion. Striping will be done on Friday. Back to school night is Monday from 5:30-7:30 pm. Bouncy houses, hotdogs, and meet the teachers. After school program will be run by mainly Abbie Meyer. She is dedicated to being the main component of this project. It will run from 3:30-5pm roughly. Families are to be notified of this opportunity as soon as next week.
  - b. High School Principal: One new freshman and one new exchange student as a junior. Football has begun and handbooks will be talked about on the agenda line item.

- c. Elementary Principal: New sixth and first grader. Ten preschoolers currently and hoping for one more. Enrollment is sitting at 243 with the Colony currently. Handbook will be discussed on the agenda line item.
- d. Athletic Director: No report at this time.
- e. SRO: No report at this time.
- f. Career and Tech Center: Trying to fill a position in Health career. The building and sidewalk projects have been completed.
- g. President: Planning to give a welcome back speech to all staff on Tuesday during PD. Spoke with the city to pave the road from Old 10 to the new asphalt for bussing and it will cost roughly \$8,000 - \$10,000. Road workers will level out the gravel to build up our parking lot for free.
- h. School Board / Committees: Avery Lock is returning as our SRO and is full time for this school year.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Proposed Budget, Budget Overview – Mill Levy for 2025-2026  
The budget has changed since the special meeting. We are looking at a \$75,000 deficit budget at this time due to unknown benefits for new employees prior to school starting. The new part-time position for custodian/kitchen could help lower this deficit. The SRO position was expected to see a deficit due to keeping it full time this year. A tuition or school safety levy could be an option to lower the amount. The board will think about this option and discuss it at a further meeting.

## 8. New Business

- a. Tuition Agreement / Open Enrollment
  - i. Kindergarten, Freshman, and Junior  
A motion was made by S. Zaun and seconded by G. Richman to approve the Tuition Agreement and Open Enrollments.

### b. Policies

- i. Rescind - "I make a motion to rescind Policy GACB and FFK as written and waive the second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA."

D. Theurer with the motion and seconded by M. McKay.

Roll call vote: Megan-yes, Dustin-yes, Sara-yes, Dan-yes, Jennifer-yes, Amanda-yes, Joey-yes, George-yes, Bryce-yes. --Motion Passes

- ii. Adopt - "I make a motion to adopt Policy GACB, FFK, BCBA, FFI, and GABE as written and waived the second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA."

M. McKay with the motion and seconded by D. Wendel.

Roll call vote: Megan-yes, Dustin-yes, Sara-yes, Dan-yes, Jennifer-yes, Amanda-yes, Joey-yes, George-yes, Bryce-yes. --Adoption policy passes.

### c. Handbooks

- i. Teacher handbooks are the same as in the past. Classified staff changes were the pay increase and health benefits. The elementary handbooks updated times for recess, price for breakfast/lunch, screenings update, spelling errors, cell phone policy as written and the same consequences as the high school handbook. The high school handbook added the independent/online classes, fees and rental changes, removed computer rental fees and scholastic fees. The cell phone discipline policy was added. The discipline is lighter than other districts but still follows the state law. Teachers will go through handbook with all students, and a device free flyer will go up on the website.

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

A motion was made by A. Olauson and seconded by B. Kasowski to approve the Elementary and High School handbooks.

d. Budget Hearing September 10<sup>th</sup>

- i. Schedule for 6pm with Regular School Board meeting to follow immediately.

e. Resignation

- i. A motion was made by J. Koller and seconded by A. Olauson to approve the resignation of Derek Bear as the Full Time Technology Coordinator, Student Council Advisor, and Bus Driver.

Moving forward he will help approximately 5 hours per week as IT. His hourly wage may increase but no benefits will be added. He will continue coaching the Robotics team.

f. 2025-2026 Consolidated Title Application

- i. Our Title funds went from \$60,000 to \$127,000 this year. Our school size and poverty levels increased our funding. Mrs. Combs, Strategist, para positions and possibly some additional help for our math students will be funded by this grant.

g. Public Comment

- i. No public comment.

9. Meetings to be scheduled:

- a. Committee Meetings
- b. Board Meeting: September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM Budget & Tax Hearing
  - i. Regular board meeting to follow immediately
  - ii. Building Authority after the Regular board meeting

10. Adjournment at 7:03 PM. A motion to adjourn made by J. Koller and seconded by D. Wendel.  
MCU

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

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