

Minutes of Maple Valley School Board

Meeting: Regular

Location: Tower City, ND

Date: July 9, 2025

Present: Joey Bata, Megan McKay, Sara Zaun (C), Amanda Olauson, Dustin Theurer, Dan Wendel, George Richman

Attendance: Cassandra Preston, Daniel Larson, Cindy Kapaun

1. Business Manager Call to Order: 6:06M by Cassandra Preston
 - a. Board President Nominations: Joey Bata nominated by G. Richman and second by D. Wendel.
New 2025-2026 Board President is Joey Bata.
2. Establish New Board for 2025-2026
 - a. Call for nominations for Vice President: Dustin Theurer nominated by D. Wendel and second by M. McKay
New 2025-2026 Board Vice President is Dustin Theurer
3. Confirmation of Agenda
 - a. Additions
 - i. P. Designate the Foster Care and Homeless Liaison – Recommend Jodi Combs for the liaison.
 - ii. Q. Add two coaching contracts – Assistant Varsity Volleyball and Junior High Football

A motion was made by D. Theurer and second by M. McKay to add the two agenda items. MCU

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by M. McKay and second by D. Wendel to approve the minutes for the 6/25 - Regular meeting. MCU

5. Consideration of Bills

A motion was made by G. Richman and second by A. Olauson to approve the payment of bills as presented. MCU

BATA, JOSEPH 313.60, HIGH PLAINS WATER 39.40, JANISH, CATHY 57.95, JENNIFER KOLLER 657.72, LARSON, DAN 225.40, MCKAY, MEGAN 947.24, MENARDS 10.87, MEYER, ABIGAIL 85.40, MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE 60.00, NDCEL 300.00, OLAUSON, AMANDA 652.12, WENDEL, DAN 164.64, WEX 50.00, ZAUN, SARA 221.76, TOTAL 3560.70

6. Communications – General, Activity, Lunch accounts

A motion was made by D. Theurer and second by D. Wendel to approve the district accounts as presented. MCU

7. Reports

- a. Superintendent: Title I funds are expected to increase. Last year we had \$60,111 and are expecting roughly \$127,571 this year. Our land area and low income in the region helped with the increase in funds. Some funding will be used to bring in extra help for aiding students in math, etc.
Razer Program – it can help with diagnosing bus issues and provide GPS for parents and administration. It will have an annual fee and be a good insurance policy for our district. Electrical updates in Library, outside lighting and additional lighting by dumpsters. Future lighting will be placed by stairs on the east side of the building. Fully staffed for teaching positions currently. Positions to hire: Custodian/Dishwasher/Bus Driver, possible para if funding comes through. Pre-K is looking for one more student to keep the funding we had last year. If not, we will lose about half of that funding next year.

The finance committee spoke about the SRD position – Northern Cass did a safety and security mill levy and took it to their patrons – 5 mills for 5 years. This is something the board will think about in the next few months. This would need to go to election in June 2026.

- b. High School Principal: Not attending
- c. Elementary Principal: Not attending
- d. Athletic Director: Open positions: JH Boys Basketball, One Act Play Co-Advisor, Asst. Speech. JH Football and Asst. Varsity Volleyball are filled. Plans to move forward with a varsity schedule for both Softball and Baseball this coming spring. BSN Sports has started a 5-year agreement on a “Rewards Program” with us. A wrestling program has been brought up and will be tabled until next year.
- e. SRO: Not attending
- f. Career and Tech Center: Building for sale - \$120,000 then open bids (Cabin size) - Information is located on the Career and Technology Website, Construction is going well and sidewalks are being poured now.
- g. President: Parade in Buffalo, July 19th – Looking for students or staff to ride the Raider bus through the parade.

8. Old Business

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9. New Business

- a. CO-OP Agreement – unified list of procedures for non-qualifying state tournament attendance for coaches. No changes, just adding verbiage to the agreement.

A motion was made by D. Theurer and second by G. Richman to amend the CO-OP Agreement to include non-qualifying state tournament attendance for coaches. MCU

- b. Breakfast/Lunch Pricing 2025-2026

A motion was made by A. Olauson and second by G. Richman to increase the price of breakfast from \$1.70 to \$2.00 and lunch from \$2.55 to \$3.00. MCU

- c. School Resource Officer Contract 2025-2026

Finance recommendation is to keep full time but to pursue a building levy or school safety levy for the 5 mills to continue to keep the position into the future. If this doesn't pass, then next year we will have to remove the SRO position. Budget is looking like a deficit for the upcoming year but are waiting on final numbers from the counties and federal funds. If we remove the position, it would be hard to bring it back later. 5 mills would be the recommendation out of the 23 mills we have from the finance committee. The rest can be used for other security purposes like cameras, razer program, etc.

A motion was made by M. McKay and second by D. Theurer to approve the full-time SRO position as recommended by the finance committee. MCU

- d. Teaching Contract – Business Ed Instructor

Cameron Pitts completed his student teaching her last fall and will continue to work with VCSU Baseball as well.

A motion was made by A. Olauson and second by D. Theurer to approve the teaching contract for the Business Ed instructor. MCU

- e. Designate Authorized Representative of Federal and State Programs and Grants for the district

A motion was made by M. McKay and second by D. Wendel to approve Daniel Larson as the District Representative of Federal & State Programs and Grants for the District to include, but not limited to: Title, Reap, and School Food Services. MCU

m. Special Revenue – Year End Transfer

A motion was made by D. Theurer and second by A. Olauson to approve the transfer of \$70,000 to the Building Authority account to cover the COAL loan and sidewalk project. MCU

n. Hot Lunch – Year End Transfer

A motion was made by A. Olauson and second by G. Richman to approve the transfer of \$50,000 to the General Fund to cover Food Service salaries. MCU

o. Budget Meeting – Date, Time, Location

A motion was made by A. Olauson and second by D. Wendel to approve the September 10, 2025 @ 5:30PM in the library for the Annual Budget meeting. MCU

p. Designate the Foster Care and Homeless Liaison – Recommend Jodi Combs for the liaison.

A motion was made by A. Olauson and second by G. Richman to approve and designate the Foster Care and Homeless Liaison as Jodi Combs. MCU

q. Coaching contracts – Assistant Varsity Volleyball and Junior High Football

A motion was made by D. Theurer and second by G. Richman to approve the coaching contracts of Natalie Karges and the Assistant Volleyball coach and George Mageo as the Junior High Football coach. MCU

10. Upcoming Meetings:

a. Committees

i. Policy Meeting – July 28th @ 5:30pm

b. Board Meeting – August 13th @ 6:00PM

11. Adjournment: 7:09PM - Motion to adjourn made by D. Wendel and seconded by A. Olauson. MCU

Business Manager: _____ Date: _____

Board President: _____ Date: _____