

Minutes of Maple Valley School Board

Meeting: Regular Location: Tower City, ND
Immediately following Budget Hearing

When: September 10, 2025

Present: 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, Nathan Hoots

1. Call to Order: 5:45 pm by Vice President, Dustin Theurer.
 - a. Reminder: Building Authority Annual meeting to follow this meeting.
2. Additions to the Agenda – none.
3. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by S. Zaun and seconded by A. Olauson to approve the minutes for the 8/13/25 Regular board meeting. MCU.
4. Approval of Bills:

A motion was made by J. Koller and seconded by A. Olauson to approve the payment of bills as presented. MCU.

A & B BUSINESS INC 1,463.25, ACTIVE INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES 5,596.00, ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 2,935.58, AFLAC 96.73, BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE 201.79, BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH DAKOTA 98.30, BOYD, CONNIE 234.00, CINTAS CORPORATION 277.03, CITY OF TOWER CITY 143.45, CLANCY, COLLEEN 220.00, CRIMINAL RECORDS SECTION 80.00, CULINEX 64.73, DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS EAST 269.00, ESSENTIA HEALTH 105.00, FAT MAN TRASH 472.50, FIRE GROUP INC, THE 769.00, GOPROMO 705.00, HANDY HOME & HARDWARE 119.76, KASOWSKI TIRE AND SERVICE 6,296.05, KEITH'S AIR CONDITIONING 10,647.94, LARSON, DAN 217.00, Maple River Repair 335.98, MAPLE VALLEY ACTIVITY FUND 15,000.00, MCGRAW-HILL COMPANY 28,352.24, McGuire, Angela 234.00, MIDWEST PEST CONTROL 105.00, NELSON, RHONDA 220.00, NETCENTER TECHNOLOGIES 57.50, NDCEL 575.00, OTTERTAIL 3,157.07, OVERDRIVE INC 250.00, PEARCE DURICK PLLC 895.00, PYE BARKER FIRE & SAFETY 3,115.00, QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC 177.00, Razor Tracking, INC. 2,249.98, SVCTC 21,306.75, SMITH LUMBER COMPANY 5.00, STEIN'S 1,717.28, SUPERPUMPER 267.34, TECTA AMERICA DAKOTAS LLC 1,679.47, TIM'S PLUMBING 450.00, VILLAGE, THE 1,333.00, WEX HEALTH INC 50.00, WINDSTREAM 31.03, XCEL ENERGY 56.79, TOTAL \$112,632.54

5. Approval of Accounts – General, Activity, Lunch

A motion was made by G. Richman and seconded by B. Kasowski to approve the General Fund, Activities, and Hot Lunch accounts as presented. MCU.
6. Reports:
 - a. Superintendent: Road is to be paved the week of Sept. 22nd and the sidewalk shortly after. Bid in for hydro seeding in the back lot. The suburban school is being fixed due to a rock shattering the back window. Thank you to Jennaca Bjerke for getting a \$1,000 donation for the music program from Bell Bank.

- b. High School Principal: Good start to the year, 14 students enrolled at Vocational Center and 19 students taking Dual Credit courses. Career fair on September 19th for Juniors and Seniors. Aero Space field trip to Jamestown at the beginning of October, 30 students signed up. This trip offers tuition assistance, career development, and areas of engineering and accounting to interested students. This stemmed from the robotics team that went to tour it last year. Letters to senior parents about senior privileges at the end of the quarter will go out next week. Cell phone policy – 3 incidents so far and 2 of those were with headphones. It's been going well.
 - c. Elementary Principal: Upcoming House screenings: Dental – Sept 11, Vision – Sept 26, more for preschool coming up. Meal program flyers went home, homecoming pep rally coming up and t-shirts are available now. In October, the Lieutenant Governor is coming to check out the PreK program.
 - d. Athletic Director: Student Athlete numbers: 36 (4-12) football, 58 (4-12) volleyball
 - e. SRO: Not in attendance. Shared document with Board members. He stated he planned to be at every other meeting.
 - f. Career and Tech Center: 2 applicants for the health career para. Meeting tomorrow.
 - g. President: Not in attendance.
 - h. School Board / Committees: Finance met for tuition levy and will discuss at later topic. Parent guardian email for razor tracking this week. More information to come by Mr. Larson.
7. Public Comment - No public comment.
8. Old Business - No old business to report.
9. New Business
- a. Financial Report Approval
A motion was made by D. Theurer and seconded by M. McKay to approve the Financial Report. MCU.
 - b. Extracurricular Advisor Contract
A motion was made by D. Wendel and seconded by S. Zaun to approve Kayla Triebold's Extracurricular Advisor Contract for Yearbook. MCU.
 - c. School Annual Compliance Report
A motion was made by B. Kasowski and seconded by G. Richman to approve the Annual Compliance Report. MCU.
 - d. Open Enrollment / Tuition Agreement
 - i. One enrollment and one tuition document circulated
A motion was made by G. Richman and seconded by D. Wendel to approve the open enrollment and tuition agreement. MCU.
 - e. Insurance Coverage Review
 - i. Circulated current Insurance coverage and costs. Just for review. No motion needed.
 - f. Tuition Levy
 - i. The topic was discussed at the Finance committee meeting. It was also built into the tax meeting. A recommendation from the Finance committee to approve 2 mills which

would help cover part of the Votech payment alone. Neighboring schools are also doing it. A document showing the change in residential, commercial and Ag property tax was shown.

A motion was made by J. Koller and seconded by A. Olauson to approve the addition of the Tuition Levy for 2025-2026 for the 2 mills.

Roll call vote: Megan-yes, Dustin-yes, Sara-yes, Dan-yes, Jennifer-yes, Amanda-yes, Joey-not present, George-yes, Bryce-yes.

g. Proposed 2025-2026 School Budget

- i. Budget shows the 2 mills addition for tuition. Currently sitting at a deficit and will need to look into a new bus eventually. SRO is budgeted for full time, but the vote will go to the public for a Safety and Security mill for SRO position moving forward. Tuition is not part of this and there will be a yearly discussion to see if it is needed.

A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by D. Wendel to approve the proposed budget and the levy of property taxes for the 2025-2026 budget year as follows:

For **General Fund** purposes, a levy of \$1,495,844.58 or such greater or less amount generated by the product 60 mills times the estimated taxable valuation of the school district.

For **Board Discretionary** purposes, a levy of \$249,307.43 or such greater or less amount generated by the product 10 mills times the estimated taxable valuation of the school district.

For **Tuition Fund** purposes, a levy of \$49,862.00 or such greater or less amount generated by the product 2.00 mills times the estimated taxable valuation of the school district.

For **Miscellaneous** purposes, a levy of \$299,168.92 or such greater or less amount generated by the product 12.00 mills times the estimated taxable valuation of the school district.

For **Special Reserve** fund purposes, a levy of \$76,165.60 or such greater or less amount generated by the product 3.00 mills times the estimated taxable valuation of the school district.

Roll call vote: Megan-yes, Dustin-yes, Sara-yes, Dan-yes, Jennifer-yes, Amanda-yes, Joey-not present, George-yes, Bryce-yes.

10. Meetings to be scheduled:

- a. Committee Meetings
 - i. Policy Meeting – September 24th @ 6:00PM
- b. Board Meeting:
 - i. Regular Board Meeting – October 8th @ 6:00PM

11. Adjournment at 6:17 PM. A motion to adjourn made by J. Koller and seconded by A. Olauson. MCU.

Business Manager: _____ date: _____

Board President: _____ date: _____