

# Maple School District

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**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**  
BRYAN EASTER

## Board Minutes

September 11, 2025  
Thursday, 4:30 P.M.  
Executive Board Room

Regular Board Meeting

A. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by President Tyler Rogers.

Members Present: Tyler Rogers, Randy Bloemhof, Joel Ackerknecht  
Others present: **Bryan Easter, Superintendent**  
**Christy Herstad, Principal**  
**Angelica Fernandez, Administrative Assistant**  
**John Campbell, MOT Director**

B. FLAG SALUTE - Led by Tyler Rogers

C. CORRESPONDENCE, HEARINGS, DELEGATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- Maple Psychologist, Mrs. Ayala - Mrs. Ayala expressed her gratitude to the Board for the opportunity to serve as a full-time employee at Maple School. She provided an overview of her responsibilities, which include supporting students with emotional anxiety, conducting dyslexia screenings, and participating in various resource activities and meetings that enhance student success. Mr. Easter commended Mrs. Ayala, noting that she is a great asset to Maple and plays an important role in supporting students and staff which also includes her LVN Certification. Having her full time has been beneficial for the team.
- KCSOS LCAP and Annual Budget Approval Letters - Mr. Easter shares with the board the approval of our LCAP and Annual Budget.

D. COMMUNITY COMMENT N/A

E. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD - N/A

F. REPORTS

1. MOT Director, John Campbell -.
  - a. Transportation Update - Mr. Campbell reported that there were some issues with the recently purchased bus; however, A-Z Bus Sales promptly sent an alternator and resolved the problem.
  - b. Grounds Update - Mr. Campbell shared with the Board that it has been nice having Tommy Noble start at 9:00 a.m., as it has allowed him additional time to complete other tasks, such as the completion of the fence behind the kindergarten building, which is expected to be completed within two weeks.
2. Administrative Assistant, Angelica Fernandez -
  - a. Nutrition Department Update - Mrs. Fernandez provided the Board with updates on the Nutrition Department, highlighting the dedication and hard work of Sandra and Sergio, as well as the ongoing collaboration with

Delano. Overall, students and families are very pleased with the outcome and the quality of the food being served.

3. Principal, Christy Herstad
  - a. Grandparents Day - Mrs. Herstad shared with the Board about the recent "Grandparents Day" event. She reported that the event was organized a bit differently this year and received positive feedback from both grandparents and staff. The event had a tremendous turnout and was very well received.
  - b. Veterans Day Assembly - Maple is hosting a Veterans Day event on Wednesday, November 5th.
  - c. Music Program update - Mrs. Herstad reported that the music program is now up and running. She shared that Mr. Ayala is doing an excellent job bringing musical skills and enthusiasm to students, and the staff is excited to see the program continue to grow at Maple.
4. Superintendent, Bryan Easter- Mr. Easter reports to the board.
  - a. Enrollment: -286
  - b. CA Budget Update - Mr. Easter presented the Board with a slide show overview of the California State Budget update. He shared that mini grants have been offered to teachers, funded through the discretionary block grant, and noted that additional budget updates will be provided at a later time.
  - c. Foundation Information - Mr. Easter announced that the first foundation meeting is scheduled for October 16th, during which the group will focus on discussing the goals for the year
  - d. Maple Canopy Entrance Timeline - Mr. Easter shares that Maple got DSA approved yesterday. Our goal is to begin the project during Thanksgiving break. The funds will come from savings during two of our most recent projects.

#### G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of the August MIDA, MIDB & EOM payrolls totaling \$227,736.18  
Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
2. Consider approval of commercial warrant batches 4 & 5 for the 2025-26 school year totaling \$151,594.82  
Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Naves \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
3. Public hearing regarding the Sufficiency of Textbooks for the 2025-2026 school year.  
Time Open: 5:01 PM Time Closed: 5:02 PM
4. Public hearing regarding the Preliminary Environmental Assessment Equivalent Report for the proposed expansion area of the Maple Elementary School property  
Time Open: 5:02 PM Time Closed: 5:03 PM
5. Consider approval of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment Equivalent Report for the proposed expansion area of the Maple Elementary School property  
Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
6. Consider approval of the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the 2024-2025 school year.  
Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
7. Consider approval of Resolution #25-0911 regarding the GANN Limit for the Maple Elementary School District.

Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

8. Review of updated Board Policies and Administrative Regulations (1st Reading)
  - a. AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
  - b. AR 4119.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
  - c. BP/AR 6173 - Education for Homeless Children
  - d. BP/AR 4119.11 - Sexual Harassment

9. Consider approval of the Amendment to the Employment Contract  
Job Title: Superintendent

Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

#### H. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

1. Consider accepting donations from:
  - a. Grimmway Farms donation of \$2,000 towards the Maple greenhouse project
  - b. MCC donation of \$1955 towards classroom backpack hook bars
  - c. MCC donation of \$1500 towards the Maple Mustang Mascot
  - d. MCC donation of \$6000 towards 8th 8th-grade graduation trip
2. Consider approval of the PG&E Fleet EV Commitment Contract
3. Consider approval of the MOU, Speech Pathologist Kristin Ericsson
4. Proposition 28 Funding Annual Expenditure Report

#### I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the August 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

#### J. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Time: 5:09 PM

Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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