

# Maple School District

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**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**  
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## Board Minutes

August 14, 2025  
Thursday, 4:30 P.M.  
Executive Board Room

Regular Board Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL at 4:30pm

***President Tyler Rogers removed Item #5 from the agenda***

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. CORRESPONDENCE, HEARINGS, DELEGATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- Student Council Introductions - Mrs. Gutierrez introduced the Student Council, along with Elvia Morales, who has been helping with ASB and even got Maple involved in the Christmas parades. Elvia shared some of the plans for our SSC this year, and Mrs. Gutierrez added that we'll also have motivational speakers to help bring energy and excitement to our campus. The students each introduced themselves and talked about the ideas they've been brainstorming together

D. COMMUNITY COMMENT

N/A

E. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

N/A

F. REPORTS

1. MOT Director, John Campbell

- a. Transportation Update - Bryan Easter shared on behalf of John Campbell. We have completed the transfer of the bus purchased from A-Z bus sales
- b. Grounds Update - Grounds are good, no issues.

2. Principal, Christy Herstad

- a. School Year Theme Kickoff - "*Maple Keeping it Rural – Rooted in Family, Community, and Education.*" Mrs. Herstad emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy balance on campus by reducing screen time and encouraging more hands-on learning opportunities.
- b. Maple Data Update-Christy Herstad presented a slideshow to the Board highlighting student attendance rates and progress made over the past years. Randy Bloemhof inquired about the timeline for setting school goals. Mr. Easter explained that goals are typically set after receiving official CAASPP scores. The Board also reviewed CAASPP results, noting the goals staff had met and exceeded. Maple School continues to demonstrate strong academic performance in comparison with larger districts. Joel Ackerknecht expressed appreciation for the cohesiveness among teachers during recent grade-level transitions.
- c. Tuesday PLC Agendas - Christy shared the PLC agendas that will take place on

Tuesdays, which will allow us as a whole group the opportunity to grow, learn, and engage.

3. Superintendent, Bryan Easter
  - a. Enrollment: 284
  - b. Canopy Entrance Project -Mr. Easter informed the Board about the CUPCCA bid list and reported that construction on the new project is scheduled to begin during Thanksgiving break.
  - c. East Property Update - Mr. Easter outlined the process for the East Property, noting that a public notice has been posted and a public hearing is scheduled for September.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of the JULY MIDA, MIDB & EOM payrolls totaling \$89,002.83  
Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Naves \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
2. Consider approval of commercial warrant batches 1,2 & 3 for the 2025-26 school year totaling \$165,166.28  
Motion Rogers Second Rogers Ayes 3 Naves \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
3. Consider approval of the contract with Jake Heath for the Community Wellness Project  
Motion Ackerknecht Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Naves \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
4. Consider approval of updated Board Policies and Administrative Regulations (Second Reading)
  - a. AR 3542 - School Bus Drivers
  - b. BP/AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information

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

***Board President Tyler Rogers dismissed Item G.5 and moved it to the next board meeting.***

5. Consider approval of the PG&E EV Fleet Commitment Contract  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Naves \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
6. Consider approval of agreement with Sylvan Learning Center for ELOP program tutoring services for the 25/26 school year  
Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

H. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Consider approval of the agreement with CSU Chico for placement of student (SLPA clinical hours)
2. Consider an approval MOU with Fresno Pacific University for clinical hours under the supervision of the school psychologist.
3. Accept donation from Whole Foods in the amount of \$3,500 towards the new Maple Greenhouse

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the July 23, 2025, Regular Board Meeting and the August 8th, 2025  
Special Board Meeting

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

J. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Time: 5:13 P.M.

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

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