

Minutes of Maple Valley School Board

Meeting: Regular

Location: Valley City, ND

When: February 11, 2026

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

Absent: Amanda Olauson

Attending: Daniel Larson, Cassandra Preston

1. Call to Order: 6:55 pm by President, Joey Bata.
2. Additions to the Agenda – none.
3. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by B. Kasowski to approve the minutes for the 9/10/25 Regular board meeting. MCU.
4. Approval of Bills:
A motion was made by D. Theurer and seconded by S. Zaun to approve the payment of bills as presented. MCU.

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 1,474.13, AMPLIFY 34,273.97, BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE 202.44, CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT 23,804.51, CINTAS 1,065.24, CITY OF TOWER CITY 436.40, CRIMINAL RECORDS SECTION 40.00, DOCU SHRED INC 88.52, EDIA LEARNING, INC. 1,756.60, ERICKSON, ZANE 2,437.50, FAT MAN TRASH 472.50, GUBRUD, MARK 160.00, HANDY HOME & HARDWARE 131.37, HOOTS, NATHAN 16.04, JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION 1,168.23, KASOWSKI TIRE AND SERVICE 2,812.49, LEEVERS 28.24, MARSHALL, ROB 168.40, MCCLAFLIN, GLENN ,219.44, NAPA 107.88, NICK "SUNSHINE" TOKMAN 1,700.00, NDCEL 600.00, NORTH DAKOTA SAFETY COUNCIL 47.00, NUDELL, RON 169.00, OFFICE EXPERTS 4,550.00, OLAUSON, MARTIN 37.23, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 4,077.92, PARKLAND USA dba FARSTAD OIL, INC. 3,494.86, PERMA-BOUND 23.15, PIEHL, LONDON 182.40, PRESTON, CASSANDRA 703.34, PUKLICH 193.43, SHEYENNE VALLEY AREA CAREER 44,491.75, SHEYENNE VALLEY SP. ED. 10,922.75, SMITH LUMBER COMPANY 83.28, STEIN'S INC. 1,940.57, STORHOFF, COURTNEY 262.00, TECTA AMERICA DAKOTAS LLC 690.00, TRENDAS AUTO REPAIR 401.01, VILLAGE FAMILY 1,333.00, WAHPETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1,562.50, WEX 570.00, WINDSTREAM 35.56, XCEL ENERGY 160.78, Grand Total 149,095.43

5. Approval of Accounts – General, Activity, Lunch
A motion was made by B. Kasowski and seconded by J. Koller to approve the General Fund, Activities, and Hot Lunch accounts as presented. MCU.
6. Reports:
 - a. The Superintendent gave his report on the locker room repair bid, plumbing issue, Best-In-Class grant application for 2026-2027, potential grant, Robotics, post-season basketball, professional development this Friday, and internal transfer of Sonja Jorgensen as Librarian/Colony.

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- b. High School Principal: Not in attendance but shared a document with the Board members. Also, approved Seniors to paint the parking lot spots.
- c. Elementary Principal: Not in attendance but shared a document with the Board members.
- d. Athletic Director: No report.
- e. SRO: Not in attendance but shared a document with the Board members.
- f. Career and Tech Center: Potentially hiring a FACS teacher to provide services to Valley City and Litchville-Marion school districts. The fifth/sixth grade tour is coming soon.
- g. The President gave his report on following policy guidelines for public comments, improving communication, following chain of command, Teacher retention data
- h. School Board / Committees: The negotiation committee met with teachers and the following topics were discussed: Hallway and classroom improvement, teacher appreciation week. The hiring committee met and set up dates for interviews.

7. Public Comment

- a. No public comment.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

- a. Pledge of Assets/Letter of Credit was presented, and no motion was needed.

b. Superintendent Evaluation

The board members will evaluate and present final evaluation on or before March 15, 2026.

c. Resignation

A motion was made by D. Wendel and seconded by S. Zaun to approve the resignation letter for retirement for Micheal Nygaard at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. The board thanked Dr. Nygaard for his time and valuable efforts on all the projects done in the district throughout his time at Maple Valley.

A motion was made by B. Kasowski and G. Richman to approve the resignation letter for Sarah Berg at the end of 2025-2026 school year. The board thanked Sarah for her time here at Maple Valley and best wishes for her growing family.

A motion was made by M. McKay and J. Koller to approve the resignation letter for Katherine Schuster at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. The board thanked her for her dedication to the district over the years and best of luck on her new journey.

Discussion was held on when these positions would be posted.

d. Paving Project – Authorizations of Funds Transfer

A motion was made by D. Wendel and seconded by D. Theurer to approve the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Special Reserve account to the Building Authority account to cover part of the paving payment to Cass County Government.

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10. Meetings to be scheduled:

- a. Committee Meetings
- b. Board Meeting: March 11th at 6:00 PM

11. Adjournment at 7:40 PM. A motion to adjourn made by D. Wendel and seconded by J. Koller.
MCU

Business Manager: _____ date: _____

Board President: _____ date: _____