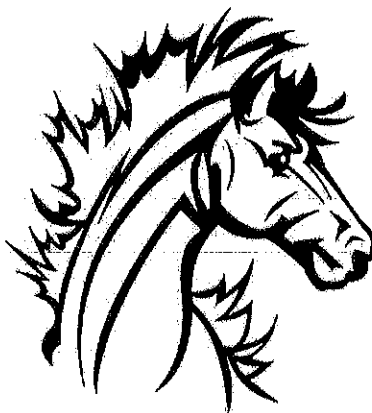


Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood Public School District #1

MLS School Board Members:

Matt Undlin, President
Andy Grondahl, Vice President
Thurstan Johnson
Nathaniel Buynak
Jake Kaufmann
Ben Ethan
Drake Vendsel



Administration:

Heidi Newgard, Superintendent & High School Principal
Kelsea Bowers, Elementary Principal
Cody Beck, Dean of Students
Trevor Savelkoul, Athletic Director
Kim Strand, Business Manager

Monday, January 13, 2026 – 7:00 am
STEM/Board Room
MLS School Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Present: Matt Undlin, Heidi Newgard, Andy Grondahl, Nathaniel Buynak, Thurstan Johnson, Jake Kaufmann, Ben Ethan, Kim Strand, Kelsea Bowers, Cody Beck, Trevor Savelkoul

Others Present: Brooke Zimmer

Meeting was called to order by Matt Undlin, and pledge recited at 7:01 AM

No public comment

Consent Agenda: Jake motioned to approve the consent agenda, Nathaniel seconded the motion. M/C

Administration Report:

Elementary Principal: Mrs. Bowers presented information on the ND School InSights data.

Dean of Students/HS Principal: Mr. Beck stated that 98% of missing assignments have been completed through the ICU program so far this year. Brooke Zimmer then presented a PowerPoint on the sense of belonging within MLS.

Athletic Director: Mr. Savelkoul reported there are 9 junior high players for boys' basketball. He also stated there is interest in acquiring a speech advisor. He is working on applications for that.

Superintendent: Mrs. Newgard will be going to a conference at the end of January. She thanked the teacher leadership teams for the time they've put into researching/working on the potential 4-day school week. The visit went well with Superintendent Levy Bachmeier, Paul Thomas, district 6 State Senator, and Dan Vollmer, District 6 State Representative. She stated that they were impressed with MLS and the programs the district provides for the students.

No Committee or other reports.

Old Business:

4-day school weeks: If adopted, the staff feel Mondays would be the preferred day off to allow for scheduling appointments, do prep for the week, etc. A survey was sent out to parents about the 4-day school week. The due date for the survey is January 16th. Mrs. Newgard will meet with the students on January 14th to explain the idea

and answer questions of a 4-day school week, and a survey will be given to them to complete. On January 25th at 2:00 PM in the MLS multi, a community informational meeting will be held on 4-day school week with Q&A to follow. A special board meeting will be held on February 4 at 7:00 AM in the STEM/Board Room at MLS to discuss the survey results and meet with the teacher leadership teams. A final decision will be made at the February regular school board meeting.

New Business:

Second/final reading of the updated policies- AACA, BAB, and FDE. Nathaniel motioned to approve the updates for these policies. Andy seconded the motion. M/C

Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring James Pollman as a custodian at MLS. Jake motioned to hire James Pollman as custodian. Ben seconded the motion. M/C

Audit findings were reviewed by the board.

Next regular board meeting will be held February 10, 2026 at 7:00 AM in the STEM/Board room at MLS.

Jake motioned to adjourn the meeting, Nathaniel seconded. M/C



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