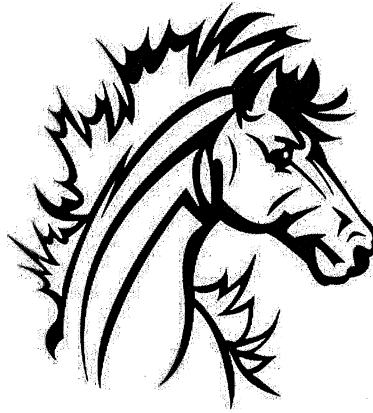


Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood Public School District #1

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, February 10, 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, Drake Vendsel, Kim Strand, Kelsea Bowers, Cody Beck, Trevor Savelkoul

Others Present: Missy McLean, Sarah Buynak, Jessica Gilbertson, Alexis Genareo, Cara Witterman, Caitlyn Abernathy, Kalli Smith, Danielle Holsten, Sarah Knutson, Jerry Oberholtzer, Allison Savelkoul, Steve Thompson, Jeremy Scott, Ashlyne Moos

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:03 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mrs. Newgard requested additions to new business. Hiring of a speech coach, tuition agreement, and open enrollments. Jake motioned to add the items to new business, Drake seconded the motion. M/C

Public Comment:

Steve Thompson stated he was in favor of the 4-day school week. He also had additional comments as to why he was in favor of it.

Jeremy Scott also spoke in favor of the 4-day school week and his reasons.

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

Administration Reports:

Mrs. Bowers spoke about the reading data that was included in the board packets. She said everything is looking really good. She compared the data from the fall to the winter. Nathaniel asked if the reading program will change in the next year. Mrs. Bowers stated that it could but nothing is set to change as of now.

Mr. Beck reported on the ICU list. The students are staying caught up on their assignments.

Mr. Savelkoul reported the girls' basketball team is currently 2nd in the district. Boys basketball districts play-in game starts February 21st and first district game will be on February 27th. A speech coach has been found and waiting on board approval. An interview is in the works for a head baseball coach.

Mrs. Newgard reported herself and Shannon Gubrud applied for a Team Nutrition Equipment sub grant and it was approved for \$4700. This will allow for a purchase of a new cooler.

Committee and other Reports: N/A

Old Business:

Drake motioned to approve the financial audit findings. Ben seconded the motion. M/C

Nathaniel motioned to add Matt Undlin, Andy Grondahl, Kim Strand, and Heidi Newgard to the Mohall High School Library accounts at US Bank. Ben seconded the motion. M/C

Jake motioned to approve a 4-day school week for 2026-2027 school year. Andy seconded the motion. It was opened up for discussion. Nathaniel thanked the teacher leadership teams and administration for the hard work in putting together all of the information and presentations. There was discussion on contracts, data, contracted and instructional hours, and tax dollars. A roll call vote was conducted with the following results; Andy, yay; Jake yay; Thurstan, yay; Drake, nay; Ben, nay; Nathaniel, nay. The board president, Matt, then gave a nay vote. Motion was denied for the 2026-2027 school year.

The board members that voted nay stated they'd like more time to do research and problem solve the 4-day school week idea.

Thurstan suggested forming a committee for future discussions on 4-day school weeks and for the board to be more involved in the process of collecting data and in discussions. It was decided to revisit the 4-day school week discussion at the July regular board meeting.

New Business:

Drake motioned to approve the June 9th date for the Trustee election date. Thurstan seconded the motion. M/C

Policies ACCA, ACEB, BDAB, FAAD, HBAA, HCAA, ICCB have been updated. The policies were included in the board packets for the first reading.

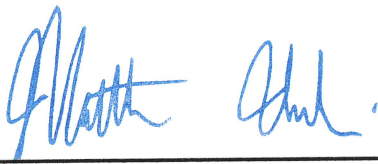
Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring Chris Sutton as the speech coach for MLS. Jake motioned to approve hiring Chris Sutton as speech coach. Drake seconded. M/C

Nathaniel motioned to approve the tuition agreement with Glenburn School. Drake seconded. M/C

Andy motioned to approve the open enrollments for 2026-2027 school year. Thurstan seconded. M/C

Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 AM. Jake seconded the motion. M/C

Next regular board meeting is March 10, 2026 at 7:00 AM in the STEM/Board Room at MLS.



Matt Undlin, School Board President
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