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Board Minutes

January 8, 2026
Thursday, 4:30 P.M.
Executive Meeting Room

Regular Board Meeting

A. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by President Randy Bloemhof.

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

B. FLAG SALUTE - Led by Randy Bloemhof

C. CORRESPONDENCE, HEARINGS, DELEGATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Maple Teacher Presentation - PLC Conference - Ashley Clark, 3rd-grade teacher, reported on takeaways from the PLC conference, highlighting the benefits of collaboration, shared ideas, and connection with other educators. Christy Herstad noted the importance of targeted planning to support struggling students. Teachers expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend and apply new strategies. For the coming year, the plan is to form a guided coalition with teacher leaders who will support staff development in collaboration with other rural schools.

D. COMMUNITY COMMENT

The public may address the Board on any matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda at this time. The public may address the Board on each of the remaining items on the agenda, as these items are taken up before Board discussion and deliberation. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each person is limited to three minutes per item. If a large number wishes to speak on a specific item, the Board may limit the total input to twenty minutes on any item. Persons wishing to speak should complete a green sheet and hand it to the Board Secretary.

Danielle Jaime, parent of two students, shared concerns regarding the music class schedule and its impact on instructional time and sports practices. She suggested offering music as an elective rather than having it replace core classes. She also noted concerns about her daughter falling behind in math and expressed hope that the issue could be addressed in planning for the next school year. President Randy Bloemhof thanked Ms. Jaime for her feedback.

E. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD - **President Randy Bloemhof** requested a change to the February board meeting date due to being out of town. The Board approved the request, with a motion by **Joel Ackerknecht** and a second by **Tyler Rogers**, to reschedule the meeting to **February 5, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**

F. REPORTS

1. MOT Director, John Campbell - John Campbell reported that the Canopy project is scheduled to be completed and painted by next Monday.
2. Principal, Christy Herstad
 - a. Family Engagement Night - Christy Herstad shared that Family Engagement Night is being held today, with support from the Wasco High

team to help structure family games. She noted that this event provides an additional opportunity for families to interact and engage with one another.

- b. Discipline - We did have one suspension right before Christmas. It was our very first, but overall, student discipline has been good.
3. Superintendent, Bryan Easter
 - a. Enrollment: 283 - Mr. Easter reported that attendance % before the Christmas break was the lowest in a while, due to increased student illness. He noted that attendance has significantly improved in January. The school's overall attendance goal remains 96%.
 - b. Facility Update - Various updates about projects on campus
 - c. Foundation Update - The foundation save-the-date notices for the golf tournament.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of the December MIDA & EOM payrolls totaling \$282,742.83
Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____
2. Consider approval of commercial warrant batch #12 for the 2025-26 school year, totaling \$51,949.43
Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____
3. Consider approval of a candidate for the 5-hour custodial position (currently vacant). Mr. Easter shares that he flew the job over Christmas break. Hiring Christian Dominguez Juarez. John shared a little bit of his background and shared his work ethic.
Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____
4. Consider approval of the Maple Elementary School 2025 School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
Motion Rogers Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____
5. Maple District of Choice Randomized Applicant Selection for list position - **Mr. Easter drew the names.**
6. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints (Info Only)- **No complaints**

H. Consent Agenda

Motion Ackerknecht Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

1. Consider approval of CUPCAA updated list of qualified contractors for 2026
2. Consider approval of updated salary schedules

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the December 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

J. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Time: 5:03 PM

Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

- a. *Maple Governance Standards Discussion*
 - a. *District Mission & Vision*

K. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/RECONVENE OPEN SESSION Time: 5:16 PM

Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____
a. *No items to report (info only)*

L. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Time: 5:17 PM

Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

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