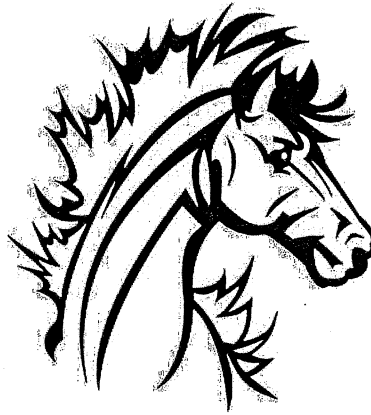


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Andy Grondahl, Vice President
Thurstan Johnson
Nathaniel Buynak
Jake Kaufmann
Ben Ethan
Drake Vendsel



Administration:

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

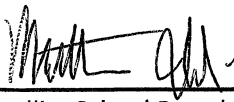
Tuesday March 10, 2026 – 7:00 am
STEM/Board Room
MLS School Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Present: Matt Undlin, Andy Grondahl, Nathaniel Buynak, Drake Vendsel, Kim Strand, Jake Kaufmann, Heidi Newgard, Cody Beck, Trevor Savelkoul, Thurstan Johnson

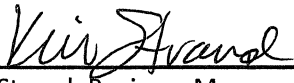
Other in present: Jessica Gilbertson and Sarah Buynak

- A. Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.
- B. Public Comment: None
- C. Consent Agenda: Jake motioned to approve the consent agenda, Andy seconded. M/C
- D. Administration Reports:
 - a. Elementary Principal: Mrs. Bowers presented the results for math data. She does not have any concerns on the scores for the elementary students. She has filled out the interest form for math and reading corps.
 - b. High School Principal/Dean of Students: Mr. Beck discussed the JH/HS data for math and reading. Mrs. Newgard also explained areas of the testing to the board. ICU numbers were presented. Mr. Beck does not have any concerns on the scores or the ICU list.
 - c. Athletic Director: Mr. Savelkoul stated basketball has wrapped up. 5/6 grade boy's basketball has started. Track practice has started. Baseball, Softball, and Golf will start practice within the next couple of weeks. The date for the awards ceremony is still being decided.
 - d. Superintendent: Mrs. Newgard stated that Mrs. Bowers and Mr. Beck went to the career fair at MSU. Teacher contracts have been handed out. Mrs. Newgard and Kim went to 'Funding Your Plan' hosted by CREA to discuss budget and ways to rate different budget items.
- E. Committee and other Reports: None
- F. Old Business:
 - a. Policies ACCA, ACEB, BDAB, FAAD, HBAA, HCAA, ICCB have been updated. The policies were included in the board packets for the second reading. Drake motioned to approve the policy updates. Nathaniel seconded. M/C
 - b. School board seats/amending re-organization plan (formerly discussed under Board Members change to 'at large' in July 2025) was discussed. Mrs. Newgard presented the steps needed if the School Board would want to re-organize the board seats and it would need to be a ballot item during elections. No action taken.
- G. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Trustee election site on June 9th. Motion to hold the 2026 School Board Annual Election in Mohall at the Court House made by Nathaniel. Seconded by Jake. M/C
 - b. Food Service Audit: Mrs. Newgard presented the results of the Food Service Audit. Andy motioned to approved the 2026 Food Service Audit findings. Drake seconded. M/C
 - c. New Hires:

- i. Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring the following spring coaches; Mark LaCroix as Head Baseball Coach, Braeden Volk as Assistant Baseball Coach, Ben Aasen, Christa Scott, and Mark Bjornson as Track Coaches, Boyd Southam as Head Boys Golf Coach, and Roger Erickson as JH Softball Coach. Drake motioned to approve hiring the name spring coaches. Nathaniel seconded. M/C
 - ii. Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring Lexi Aho as the SPED Teacher. Thurstan motioned to approve the hiring. Jake seconded. M/C
 - iii. Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring John Nilsen as Athletic Director. Andy motioned to approve the hiring. Thurstan seconded. M/C
 - iv. Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring Erika Schilken as a Paraprofessional. Andy motioned to approve the hiring. Drake seconded. M/C
 - d. 2026-2027 final calendar was presented. Andy motioned to approval the calendar, Jake seconded. M/C
 - e. Ms. Gilbertson is pursuing her Master's Degree. She requested reimbursement for the courses at the negotiated rate. Andy motioned to approve the reimbursement at the negotiated rate. Jake seconded the motion. M/C
 - f. Mrs. Bowers proposed raising funds for new playground equipment. Todd P., MLS Maintenance, and Mrs. Bowers have reached out to sources asking for donations and have also applied for grants. They have also received a couple of bids on what it would cost to purchase and install new equipment. Drake motioned to commit to purchasing and installing new playground equipment. Nathaniel seconded. M/C
 - g. Matt updated the board members on the gym floor project. No further donations have come in, so Nathaniel motioned to transfer funds from the general account into the gym floor account to cover the remaining expenses in the amount of \$13,199.60. Drake seconded the motion. M/C
 - h. Discussion on hiring a high school principal and if it's needed. Nathaniel asked Mrs. Newgard and Mr. Beck on how the arrangement is going with the high school principal and superintendent position being combined. Both expressed it is was going well and did not see the need to hire an additional person at this time. Thurstan stated that the arrangement of having the superintendent role and the HS principal role combined had been in the works for a few years. No action taken.
 - i. Superintendent Evaluation:
 - i. Relationship with the Board: Matt motioned to give Mrs. Newgard a satisfactory in the area. Rollcall Vote: Andy, yay, Nathaniel, yay, Thurstan, yay, Jake, yay, Drake yay. M/C Satisfactory
 - ii. Management of Student Services: Matt motioned to give Mrs. Newgard a satisfactory in the area. Rollcall Vote: Andy, yay, Nathaniel, yay, Thurstan, yay, Jake, yay, Drake yay. M/C Satisfactory
 - iii. Business and Fiscal Management: Matt motioned to give Mrs. Newgard a satisfactory in the area. Rollcall Vote: Andy, yay, Nathaniel, yay, Thurstan, yay, Jake, yay, Drake yay. M/C Satisfactory
 - iv. Comprehensive Planning: Matt motioned to give Mrs. Newgard a satisfactory in the area. Rollcall Vote: Andy, yay, Nathaniel, yay, Thurstan, yay, Jake, yay, Drake yay. M/C Satisfactory
 - v. Community and Public Relationship: Matt motioned to give Mrs. Newgard a satisfactory in the area. Rollcall Vote: Andy, yay, Nathaniel, yay, Thurstan, yay, Jake, yay, Drake yay. M/C Satisfactory
 - vi. Curriculum and Instructional Management: Matt motioned to give Mrs. Newgard a satisfactory in the area. Rollcall Vote: Andy, yay, Nathaniel, yay, Thurstan, yay, Jake, yay, Drake yay. M/C Satisfactory
 - vii. Facilities Management: Matt motioned to give Mrs. Newgard a satisfactory in the area. Rollcall Vote: Andy, yay, Nathaniel, yay, Thurstan, yay, Jake, yay, Drake yay. M/C Satisfactory
 - viii. Professional and Personal Development: Matt motioned to give Mrs. Newgard a satisfactory in the area. Rollcall Vote: Andy, yay, Nathaniel, yay, Thurstan, yay, Jake, yay, Drake yay. M/C Satisfactory
 - j. Business Manager Evaluation: Motion to approve the business manager evaluation made by Nathaniel, seconded by Drake. M/C
 - k. School security at events during school hours was discussed. It was decided to only have one door unlocked at the time of the event with an SRO or other law enforcement officer present.
- H. The next board meeting will be held on April 14, 2026 at 7:00 AM in the STEM/Board Room at MLS.
- I. Jake motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 AM. Drake seconded. M/C



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