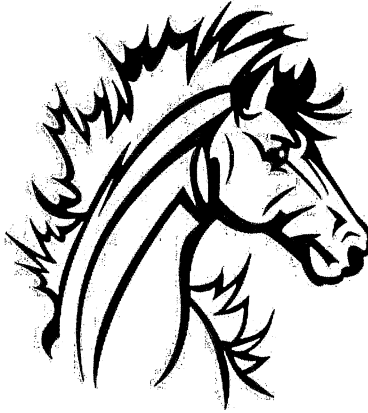


Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood Public School District #1

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Thurstan Johnson
Nathaniel Buynak
Jake Kaufmann
Ben Ethan
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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 April 14, 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, Drake Vendsel, Kim Strand, Kelsea Bowers, Sarah Knutson, Iris Dukart, Cody Beck, Trevor Savelkoul

- A. Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.
- B. Public Comment: None
- C. Consent Agenda: Jake had a question on one of the bills. Discussion followed. Motioned to approve the consent agenda made by Nathaniel, seconded by Andy. M/C
- D. Administration Reports:
 - a. Elementary Principal: Mrs. Bowers talked about the new bus parking after school for students to load the buses in a safer fashion. She also talked to the City and asked them to repaint the crosswalks. Mrs. Bower and the elementary teachers have been searching for a new reading curriculum and they have found one they like. School board members also discussed other ways to make after school pick up safer.
 - b. High School Principal/Dean of Students: Mr. Beck discussed the JH/HS ICU list. He also mentioned that State Testing Assessments have started.
 - i. Mrs. Knutson and Ms. Dukart presented the Cognia/School Improvement 2025-2026 Annual Improvement Plan and Strategy Map. The parent survey results were also presented to the board.
 - c. Athletic Director: Mr. Savelkoul said there are 31 girls in the softball coop, 33 boys in the baseball coop, 12-14 students that went out for golf, and 28 students that are in track. The Activity Banquet will be held April 19th.
 - d. Superintendent: Mrs. Newgard said that the 3-year asbestos re-inspections was completed and we are in compliance. Braeden Volk is working on getting his teaching license. The plan is to have him teach three business classes next year in the afternoons and conduct tech coordinator duties in the mornings. Once he has completed his licensing, she will add his hiring to the agenda. The playground equipment is no longer usable, so will be closed until it can be removed from the playground.
- E. Committee and other Reports:
 - a. Transportation Committee: Andy recommended purchasing a Blue Bird-Montana. It's a 47 passenger, gas bus. Bus #19 would be traded in, so cost for the new bus would be \$141,500. The bigger bus would potentially eliminate having to use 2 smaller buses for a route. Motion to trade bus #19 and purchase the Blue Bird-Montana 47 passenger bus for \$141,500 and use funds from the General Fund was made by Andy. Seconded by Jake. M/C
 - b. Building Committee: Andy talked about installing carpet in the senior hallway, Mr. Becks room, and the library. He also mentioned replacing the ceiling tiles in the multi and painting the grid if needed. The cost of the carpet is \$23,730. The ceiling tile would be approximately \$4000. Motion to approve carpeting the senior hallway, Mr. Becks room, the library, and re-tile the multi ceiling with funds coming out of the building fund was made by Andy. Seconded by Drake. M/C

- i. Nathaniel also presented findings on the football field repairs. He got a quote from Fardens and the cost would be approximately \$15,000. This would include leveling out the field and grinding up the track. He needs to get a quote for replacing the sprinkler system. He also said that they'd need to decide what to do to replant the grass. He got a quote from Border States for replacing the light poles and lights. It would cost around \$73,000. Looking at possibly just replacing the lights to reduce the cost. Also discussed putting in a new sidewalk around the concessions/bathroom areas.
- ii. The greenhouse needs updated to better provide heat and lower cost. Looking at multiple options to resolve this.
- iii. Talked about ventilation or a de-humidifier in the bus barn to reduce moisture in the winter to prevent freezing.

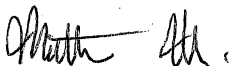
F. Old Business: NONE

G. New Business:

- a. Building Fund: Discussed moving money from the Building Fund checking into a CD. Quotes were gathered from Gate City Bank, DWCU, and Citizens State Bank. Jake motioned to move \$600,000 from the Building Fund checking into a 3-month CD with Matt Undlin, Heidi Newgard, Andy Grondahl, and Kim Strand as signers. Seconded by Drake. M/C
- b. Hires:
 - i. Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring Lindsey Smith as the JH Science/Math STEAM teacher. Drake motioned to approve the hiring, Nathaniel seconded. M/C
 - ii. Mrs. Newgard recommended increasing Kharra Fyllesvold's contract from 3 periods to 4. Andy motioned to approve, Drake seconded. M/C
 - iii. Mrs. Newgard recommended approving hiring the provided list of non-certified staff for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion made by Andy to approve, seconded by Jake. M/C
- c. Kitchen cooler disposal. Discussed how to dispose of it or try to sell the old cooler. It was decided to sell the old cooler.
- d. New Reading Curriculum: A new reading curriculum was presented, Mrs. Newgard recommends purchasing the new reading curriculum for 3 years. Jake motioned to approve the purchase with funds coming out of the General Fund. Nathaniel seconded. M/C
- e. Summer Building Projects:
 - i. Carpet installs
 - ii. Ceiling Tile install and painting in the multi
- f. Bus Purchase: motion was carried previously in the meeting.
- g. US Bank Closure: Drake motioned to close the Mohall Library CD at US Bank and have a check mailed to MLS. The funds will be put into the library account at Citizen State Bank. Andy seconded the motion. M/C

H. The next regular board meeting will be May 12, 2026 at 7:00 AM in the STEM/Board Room.

Jake motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 AM. Drake seconded. M/C



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