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Board Minutes

April 9, 2026
Thursday, 3:30 P.M.
Executive Meeting Room

Regular Board Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 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

Katie Gallagher, 4th grade teacher / Oral Language

2. FLAG SALUTE - Led by Bella Rodriguez

A. CORRESPONDENCE, HEARINGS, DELEGATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Oral Language Performance - Mrs. Herstad presented our county Oral Language Contest participants. Maple students Olive, Isabella, and McKenna shared their oral language performances with the board.

B. 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 sheet and hand it to the board secretary..

Matt Poettgen commended Maple and the administration for doing a great job.

- C. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD - Joel Ackerknecht proposed moving the next Board meetings in May to 3:30 p.m. The motion was made by Joel Ackerknecht and second by Tyler Rogers. Unanimous vote.

D. REPORTS

3. MOT Director, John Campbell - John Campbell gave the board an update on the bus and grounds.
4. Principal, Christy Herstad
 - a. Discipline - No discipline to report.
 - b. Thank a Farmer Event - Mrs. Herstad shared photos from the Thank a Farmer Day event and reviewed the positive feedback received from the community. The Board agreed the event was a great success. Joel Ackerknecht also shared that he enjoyed visiting the classrooms, engaging with students, and seeing the community come together to support local farmers and longtime community members.
 - c. Attendance Challenge Week - Mrs. Herstad shared information regarding the attendance challenge, including the activities and fun competitions held with students to encourage attendance. The winning class was rewarded with a taco party.
5. Superintendent, Bryan Easter

- a. Enrollment: 284
- b. Next Year Enrollment Timeline - Mr. Easter shared information with the Board regarding the District of Choice timeline and reviewed the related Education Code requirements.
- c. Summer School Program Information -Mr. Easter shared various information about summer school programs
- d. Foundation Update - Mr. Easter shared that the golf tournament will take place next week. He thanked Randy Bloemhof and Joel Ackerknecht for their sponsorships and continued support. Mr. Easter also presented the track renderings to the Foundation Committee, and shared the excitement surrounding the project.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of the March MIDA & EOM payrolls totaling \$232,985.96

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

2. Consider approval of commercial warrant batch #20 & #21 for the 2025-26 school year, totaling \$145,452.53

Motion Ackerknecht Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

3. Consider approval of the Job Description "Classified Academic Interventionist." *Mr. Easter shares details of the academic interventionist and how it will impact and equipped our students.*

Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

4. Consider approval of the "SEI" Geohazard study contract for the east property.

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

5. Consider approval of the 2026 Classified Resignation Incentive Program

Motion Ackerknecht Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

6. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints (Info Only) - *No complaints*

F. Consent Agenda

Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

1. Consider the resignation of Kristina Holtermann (2nd grade teacher)
2. Consider approval of certificated voluntary reassignments listing for the 26/27 school year
 - a. Ashely Clark - 2nd grade classroom teacher
 - b. Amy Bloemhof - Full time to part time (0.5 FTE)
3. Consider approval of the Declaration of Need of Fully Qualified Educators
4. Consider approval of the early enrollment of (1) kindergarten student per parent request

G. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the March 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

J. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Time: 4:05 PM

Motion Ackerknecht Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

1. **Personnel list-Public employee appointment, public employee discipline/dismissal/release, and other employee matters.**

- a. Certificated

b. Classified

K. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/RECONVENE OPEN SESSION Time: 4:26 PM

Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

a. ***Report out items from closed session***

L. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Time: 4:26 PM

Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

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