

Minutes of Maple Valley School Board

Meeting: Regular

Location: Tower City, ND

When: May 13, 2026

Present: Joey Bata, Dustin Theurer, Megan McKay, Amanda Olauson, Jennifer Koller

Absent: Sara Zaun, Bryce Kasowski, Dan Wendel, George Richman

Attending: Daniel Larson, Cassandra Preston, Micheal Nygaard, Deputy Avery Lock

1. Call to Order: 7:17 pm by President, Joey Bata.
2. Additions to the Agenda – A motion was made by D. Theurer and seconded by J. Koller to add the approval of the Schoolwide Title Program. MCU.
3. Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by A. Olauson to approve the minutes for the 4/8/26 Regular board meeting. MCU.
4. Approval of Bills:
A motion was made by D. Theurer and seconded by M. McKay to approve the payment of bills as presented. MCU.

APPLE INC 74,410.50, BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA 233,770.57, BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE 202.12, CINTAS CORPORATION 710.16, CITY OF TOWER CITY 228.60, COLE PAPERS INC. 133.71, COMBS, JODI 96.43, CULINEX 51.56 ELMA 20.00, FAT MAN TRASH 997.50, GALAXY GLASS and CAULKING INC 521.00, HIGH PLAINS WATER 59.00, JOSTENS 175.05, KAPAUN, CINDY 95.70, KASOWSKI TIRE AND SERVICE 2,884.41, KEITH'S AIR CONDITIONING 269.89, KRAMLICH-KUBALL, KRISTI 12.90, LEEVERS SUPER VALU 385.23, MECHANICAL INSULATION AND SUPPLY INC 291.00, MENARDS 10.99, MIDWEST PEST CONTROL 225.00, ND EDUCATORS SERVICE CO 125.00, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 4,589.31, PARKLAND USA dba FARSTAD OIL, INC. 6,068.35, PERMA-BOUND 22.69, PRESTON, MCKENZIE 83.73, ROBERT GIBB & SONS, INC., 635.11, SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE 129.00, SHEYENNE VALLEY AREA CAREER 44,491.75, SHEYENNE VALLEY SP. ED. 10,922.75, STEIN'S INC. 1,067.35, UNITI 12.48, VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER, THE 1,333.00, WEX HEALTH INC 70.00, XCEL ENERGY 1,395.74, GRAND TOTAL 386,497.58

5. Approval of Accounts – General, Activity, Lunch
A motion was made by A. Olauson and seconded by D. Theurer to approve the General Fund, Activities, and Hot Lunch accounts as presented. MCU.
6. Reports:
 - a. Superintendent: Report given on test driving buses, looking to purchase a new 14 passenger bus in the near future. Leaning towards a new one with warranty coverage rather than finding a used one. The current budget has \$30,000 for bus upgrades. Mr. Larson will go to Zeeland School on June 15th for their open house for their school closure this year. The RAC locker room repair is still ongoing and will finish up this summer. The last few weeks have been busy with activities, illnesses, and live events.
 - b. High School Principal: Reported that the last few weeks have been busy, finals are Wednesday and Thursday next week, Graduation rehearsal next Thursday (5/21),

Graduation is May 24th @ 2:00PM, and local graduates will be posted in the paper next week.

- c. Elementary Principal: Not in attendance, attending interviews for a Reading Specialist for our district.
- d. Athletic Director: Report given to the board in advance. A lot of coaching positions are still available.
- e. SRO: Reported on the submission of a \$5,000 Quality Student Life Grant. Worked with Lindsey Johnson on this. It will fund emergency bags, reinforced steel bolts for classrooms, and medical supplies for the district. Flashing lights in the school zone will be fixed this summer.
- f. Career and Tech Center: Reported on an incident recently that did not include any of our students. A meeting will be held tomorrow to go through policy and procedures on that.
- g. President: Shout out to Mr. Larson and Deputy Lock on today's presentation on the levy request. The information was very well received by community members in attendance. Thank you to all staff members who have helped with bussing and activity transportation. Congratulations to Dr. Nygaard and Mrs. Kapaun for their years of service and the huge impact they have had on our district over the years.
- h. School Board / Committees: None at this time.

7. Public Comment

- a. Patron – Meridee Erickson-Stowman commented on agenda items and minutes.
 - i. Expressed concern on the outline of agenda items, report specification, process regarding adding agenda items, minutes outline, meeting postings, and school board member information.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business

- a. Advisor/Coaching Resignation
 - i. A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by A. Olauson to approve the resignation of Cassandra Preston as FBLA Advisor and Elementary Volleyball Coach. MCU

b. Coaching Contracts

CO-OP Positions:

Head volleyball coach – Alecia Killoran
Head Speech Advisor – Courtney Storhoff
Head Football Coach – Sean Beilke
Head Girls Basketball Coach – Nathan Hoots
Asst. Girls Basketball Coach – Tony Wendel
Asst. Football Coach – Brandon Jenkins
Jr High Volleyball Coach – Hannah Nenow

Maple Valley Positions:

5/6 Volleyball Coach – Sadie Hansen
5/6 Boys Basketball Coach – Jessica Theurer

No motion was needed.

c. Administrative Contracts

- i. Daniel Larson as Superintendent and Courtney Storhoff as Principal. No motion was needed.

d. Policy Updates

- i. Rescind - "I make a motion to rescind Policy AACA and FDE as written and waive the second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA."

J. Koller with the motion and seconded by A. Olauson.

Roll call vote: Megan-yes, Dustin-yes, Sara-Absent, Dan-Absent, Jennifer-yes, Amanda-yes, Joey-yes, George-Absent, Bryce-Absent. -- Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent:4 - Motion Passes

- ii. Adopt - "I make a motion to adopt Policy AACA and FDE as written and waived the second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA."

J. Koller with the motion and seconded by A. Olauson.

Roll call vote: Megan-yes, Dustin-yes, Sara-Absent, Dan-Absent, Jennifer-yes, Amanda-yes, Joey-yes, George-Absent, Bryce-Absent. -- Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent:4 - Motion Passes

e. School Board Election

- i. **Election Date: June 9th, 2026**

Four seats up for election: Tower City, Buffalo, Oriska, and Fingal all 3-year terms

Polling site: Tower City Community Center

Polling site hours: 7am – 7pm (All absentee ballots must be turned in at polling site by 7:00pm.

Clerks/Judges: Connie Boyd, Jodi Combs, Angela McGuire & Rhonda Nelson

A motion was made by D. Theurer and seconded by M. McKay to approve the Election Clerks and Judges for the 2026 School Election date.

f. Open Enrollment/Tuition Agreement

- i. A motion was made by M. McKay and seconded by D. Theurer to approve the open enrollment/tuition agreements. MCU

g. Transportation - Buses

- i. Discussion was held on what is the best decision. A motion was made by A. Olauson and D. Theurer to table the bus conversation. MCU

10. Meetings to be scheduled:

- a. Canvassing Meeting: June 22nd – 6:00PM
- b. Next Regular Board Meeting: June 22nd – Following the Canvassing Meeting

11. Adjournment at 8:03 PM. A motion to adjourn made by J. Koller and seconded by A. Olauson
MCU

Business Manager: _____ date: _____

Board President: _____ date: _____