

Maple School District

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Board Minutes

May 14, 2026
Thursday, 3:30 P.M.
STEM Lab

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

2. FLAG SALUTE -

A. CORRESPONDENCE, HEARINGS, DELEGATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Maple Track Team Valley Qualifier Recognition - Mr. Easter introduced the Maple School Track Team and Coach Salcido. Coach Salcido spoke about the dedication and hard work required to qualify for the County Meet, as well as the high level of competition students face when advancing to the Valley Championships. He then introduced each team member and shared highlights and fun facts about the students and their accomplishments throughout the season.
2. 2026/2027 Certificated Teacher Recommendations -Mr. Easter welcomed and introduced Maple School's two newest teachers. Mrs. Cassie Esnoz, the new TK shared teacher, expressed her excitement about joining the Maple School family and beginning her new role. Mr. Easter also introduced Ms. Melanie Quintanilla, who will be serving as the 3rd grade teacher. Ms. Quintanilla shared that joining Maple School is a dream come true and that she is grateful for the opportunity to be part of the district.
3. 2nd Interim Budget Certification Letter from KCSOS - Mr. Easter shared the Budget Certification to 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..

C. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

D. REPORTS

1. MOT Director, John Campbell - Mr. Campbell reported that M.O.T team has done an excellent job keeping the campus well-maintained and looking great. He also provided an update on Bus #5. Mr. Campbell shared that the school will be hosting its softball tournament tomorrow and noted that the remainder of the week will be busy with field trips and graduation activities quickly approaching.
2. Principal, Christy Herstad
 - a. Discipline - No disciplinary issues.
 - b. State Testing Update - Mrs. Herstad reported that state testing has been

completed. The annual Family Picnic was well attended, with a strong turnout from students and families. Mr. Ackerknecht shared that he was very impressed with Mr. Ayala and the students, commending their efforts and accomplishments with music. He also noted the excellent turnout at Open House and expressed appreciation for the support and involvement of the Maple School community.

3. Superintendent, Bryan Easter

- a. Enrollment: 284 -Mr. Easter shared that he believes the district is on track to meet its attendance goal for the school year.
- b. Foundation Update - Mr. Easter reported that the recent golf tournament was a tremendous success, raising approximately \$15,000. He noted that the event had an excellent turnout and expressed appreciation for the support received from participants and sponsors.
- c. LCAP Survey Data -Mr. Easter reviewed the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) survey results with the Board and discussed key areas of feedback received from students, staff, and families.
- d. Budget Development Update
 - SISC Renewal Rates - Mr. Easter reviewed the increase in benefit costs and shared that he will be meeting with covered members next week to discuss benefit plan options for the district.
 - School's Legal Services - Mr. Easter shared school legal service updates and changes that have occurred. Along with the possibility of using other firms for our school services.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of the April MIDA & EOM payrolls totaling \$236,273.61

Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

2. Consider approval of commercial warrant batch #22 & #23 for the 2025-26 school year, totaling \$103,168.71

Motion Rogers Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

3. Consider approval of the updated Maple School District Mission Statement - *Mr Easter presented the mission statement that the Maple staff created along with our leadership team.*

Motion Ackerknecht Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

4. Consider approval of contract with Active Internet Technologies (Finalsite) for a universal school app with two-way communication

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

5. Consider approval of contract with School Facility Consultants for the Proposition 2 Master Plan Design (Required for Prop 2 facility funding)

Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

6. Consider approval of the HMH Education Math Pilot Agreement - *Mrs Herstad shared the two agreements with HMH & Amplified within the same framework, but still very different.*

Motion Bloemhof Second Rogers Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

7. Review of Board Policy and Administrative Regulations (1st Reading)

- a. BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
- b. BP/AR 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression
- c. BP/AR 6173 - Education for Homeless Children
- d. Board Bylaw 9320 - Meetings and Notices
- e. Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials

F. Consent Agenda

Motion Ackerknecht Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

3. Consider approval of the following staffing changes
 - a. Certificated teacher positions
Cassie Esnoz (job-share TK)
Melanie Quintanilla (3rd Grade)
 - b. Retirement of Classified aide Maria Galiza
4. Consider approval of two (2) MOU's with CalStateTeach for Intern Credential Student Teachers and Student Teachers
5. Consider approval of Resolution #26-0514 - Consolidation of Elections
6. Consider approval of the Kern County plan for expelled students
7. Consider approval of the Interdistrict Student (Salinas)
8. Consider approval of SISC Special Education Voluntary Coverage Program
9. Consider approval of the School Language Pathologist MOU with the Rio Bravo Greeley School District (Shared position)
10. Consider approval of the Administrative Policy Criminal Offender Record Information-Management & Use

G. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the April 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

J. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Time: _____

Motion Ackerknecht Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

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