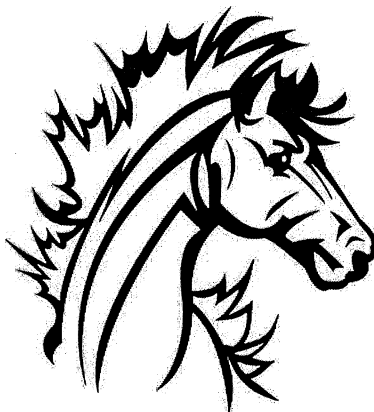


Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood Public School District #1

MLS School Board Members:

Matt Undlin, President
Jake Kaufmann, Vice President
Thurstan Johnson
Nathaniel Buynak
Ben Ethan
Drake Vendsel
Danielle Holsten



Administration:

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

Tuesday July 21, 2026 – 7:00 am
STEM/Board Room
MLS School Special Board Meeting/Canvass
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Ben Ethan, Drake Vendsel, Nathaniel Buynak, Jake Kaufmann, Danielle Holsten, Thurstan Johnson, Matt Undlin

Administration Present: Heidi Newgard, Kelsea Bowers, John Nilsen, Kim Strand

Others Present: Kaitlyn Brunner, Missy McLean, Sarah Buynak, Shannon Grondahl

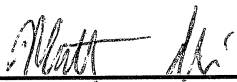
- A. Meeting called to order by Matt at 7:00AM, the Pledge of Allegiance followed.
- B. Public Comment: None
- C. Special Order
 - a. Election of Officers:
 - i. Nathaniel nominated Matt Undlin for School Board President. Ben seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Nathaniel moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Matt Undlin for the office of School Board President. Ben seconded the motion. M/C
 - ii. Thurstan nominated Jake Kaufmann for School Board Vice-President. Ben seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Nathaniel moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jake Kaufmann for School Board Vice-President. Seconded by Ben. M/C
- D. Consent Agenda (Previous Minutes, Financials of all accounts, Bill Resignation)
 - a. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Drake, seconded by Nathaniel. M/C
- E. Administration Reports
 - a. Superintendent
 - i. Mrs. Newgard presented information from Tecta America on a roof plan for the school building. MLS is transitioning to Infinite Campus from Power School. State will provide a grant to compensate staff for their time during this transition. Reviewed chain of command policy.
- F. Committee and other Reports: None
- G. Old Business: None
- H. New Business

- a. Concrete work at the football field:
 - i. Mrs. Newgard provided a quote from PCS for replacing the concrete around the crow's nest at the football field. Nathaniel will continue to follow up with PCS. Discussion followed. Nathaniel motioned to tear out the existing concrete and replace it with p-gravel for now. Jake seconded. M/C
- b. Thurstan motioned to hold the Annual Budget Meeting with Patrons on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7:00AM in the STEM room at the MLS School. Seconded by Drake. M/C
- c. Thurstan motioned to approve the tuition agreements presented. Drake seconded. M/C
- d. Ben motioned to remove Andy Grondahl from all bank accounts at Citizen State Bank, Gate City Bank, and Dakota West Credit Union and to add Jake Kaufmann in his place on all accounts. Nathaniel seconded the motion. M/C
- e. Motion made by Jake to approve the Elementary Parent/Student, JH/HS Parent/Student, Certified Staff, Classified Staff, and Coaching handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year. Seconded by Thurstan. M/C
- f. Mrs. Newgard asked for input on policy ABAB-AR-Extracurricular Scheduling Regulation. Clarification to which grades can have practice on Wednesdays, and clarification on Sunday practices were discussed.
- g. 1st reading of policy updates for policies AACA, ABEB, ABEB-BR1, ABEB-BR2, ABEC, ACCB, BGA, DBBA, DEAA, FCAA, FFK, and KAAA were read and discussed. The second reading of the policies will be during the September meeting.
- h. Four-Day school week discussion was revisited. It was discussed to form a group with board members and teacher leadership teams to hold meeting to discuss information on the four-day school week and next steps. Because of state requirements, a final decision will need to be made at the December board meeting or before in order to meet the January deadlines. Motion to open the four-day school week discussion with teacher leadership teams and school board members made by Jake. Seconded by Thurstan. Discussion followed. Roll-call vote: Nathaniel-aye, Drake-aye, Ben-aye, Jake-aye, Danielle-aye, Thurstan-aye. M/C
- i. Mrs. Newgard presented the preliminary budget for the 2026-2027 school year to the board.
- j. Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring Cassidy Hoggarth as the JH volleyball coach. Jake motioned to approve the hiring. Seconded by Drake. M/C
- k. Federal Programs:
 - i. Nathaniel motioned to appoint Mrs. Newgard as the representative for Title I, II, IV. Seconded by Thurstan. M/C
 - ii. Jake motioned to appoint Mrs. Newgard as the representative for Carl Perkins. Seconded by Drake. M/C
 - iii. Drake motioned to appoint Mrs. Newgard as the representative for Peace Gardens. Seconded by Thurstan. M/C
 - iv. Nathaniel motioned to appoint Mrs. Newgard and Mrs. Bowers as the representatives for Best in Class. Seconded by Danielle. M/C
 - v. Jake motioned to appoint Kim Strand as the representative for Free and Reduced. Seconded by Drake. M/C
 - vi. Thurstan motioned to appoint Leah Holsten as the representative for Homeless and Foster Care. Seconded by Jake. M/C
 - vii. Drake motioned to appoint Faye Beck as the representative for EL Coordinator. Seconded by Thurstan. M/C

I. Future Meeting Dates:

- a. Regular meeting dates for 2026-2027- August 11th, September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, December 8th, January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 7th, June 21st, July 20th
- b. Regular Board Meeting – August 11, 2026 – 7:00am

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Drake at 8:48 AM. Seconded by Jake. M/C



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