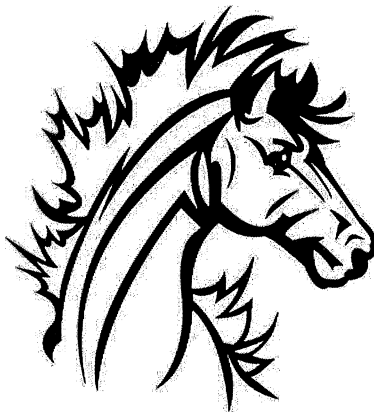


Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood Public School District #1

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Jake Kaufmann, Vice President
Thurstan Johnson
Nathaniel Buynak
Ben Ethen
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 August 11, 2026 – 7:00 am
STEM/Board Room
MLS School Special Board Meeting/Canvass
Meeting Minutes

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

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

Others Present: Sarah Buynak, Roger Hutchenson, Justice Engh, Missy McLean,

- A. Meeting called to order by Matt at 7:00AM, the Pledge of Allegiance followed.
- B. Public Comment: None
- C. Consent Agenda (Previous Minutes, Financials of all accounts, Bills Resignation)
 - a. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Drake, seconded by Ben. M/C
- D. Administration Reports
 - i. Athletic Director: John reported there are about 31 students out for football, JH has between 11-14. Volleyball has about 20 players. 5/6th grade girls' basketball has around 5 players. John plans to have a coach meeting to coordinate schedules, etc. John joined a mentor group for AD's. He is also working on cleaning up the Arbitor program.
 - ii. Elementary Principal: Mrs. Bowers went over predicted enrollments for elementary. Playground donations continue to come in, any excess will go towards other playground improvements. She went over staff development plans. Elementary is implementing a new reading curriculum. Elementary has also switched to a new parent messenger app called Remind.
 - iii. HS Principal/Superintendent and Dean of Students: 7/8th grade Math Counts trainings for teachers teaching math. Mrs. Newgard reported on predicted enrollments for JH and HS. Enrollments continue to trend down year to year. She explained state aide according to enrollment numbers. The new bus will be in within the next couple of weeks. Explained the Patron Complaint form and policies KACA and KACB. Mrs. Newgard applied for and received a Homeland Security grant for \$13,000 to put barricades on the doors for active shooter situations. MLS received \$5,000 from T-Mobile to support the football team. Plans for the money is to purchase a paint stripper for the field. Jason will take the big bus test to receive his big bus license. Bus routes changed slightly. Projects continue to be finished up; new carpet installed, ceiling tiles in the Multi installed, painting in the Multi and hallways, etc. Mentor groups will start for Mrs. Newgard and Mrs. Bowers. Mrs. Newgard reported on take-aways from the Superintendent Bootcamp Kim and her attended.

E. Committee and other Reports: None

F. Old Business:

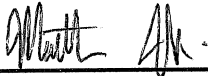
- a. Policy Updates
 - i. Second reading of policies AACA, ABEB, ABEB-BR1, ABEB-BR2, ABEC, ACCB, BGA, DBBA, DEAA, FCAA, FFK, KAAA. Motion to approve the before mentioned policies made by Jake, seconded by Drake. M/C
- b. Four Day School Week
 - i. Matt and Nathaniel met with the teacher leadership teams. The leadership teams would like to have answers to questions at the September meeting and time to gather more information. Discussed creating a public forum to collect questions from the public. Will continue the discussion at the next board meeting.
- c. Preliminary Budget for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year
 - i. The preliminary budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year was reviewed and discussed.

G. New Business:

- a. Drake motioned to add John Nilsen to the activity account at Citizen State Bank and remove Trevor Savelkoul from the account. Nathaniel seconded the motion. M/C
- b. Thurstan motioned to approve the tuition agreement presented. Jake seconded. M/C
- c. The first reading of policies BA, BC, CABB, CBAA, CBAB, FAAC, FDD, HCAA. Mrs. Newgard discussed the updates to these policies.
- d. SRO Renewal: Roger Hutchenson presented the benefits of having an SRO officer. The cost for providing an SRO officer is \$10,000. He proposed a community meeting in the future. He talked about other deputies who are SRO certified coming to the school when Deputy Engh is unavailable. Deputy Engh spoke about her interactions with the students and staff.
 - i. Thurstan motioned to approve the SRO contract with Renville County for \$10,000. Nathaniel seconded the motion. M/C
- e. Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring Steve Strandberg as a part-time custodian. Drake motioned to approve the hiring, Danielle seconded. M/C
- f. Sanford Health Insurance increased by twenty percent. The board held a discussion on how to compensate for the increase. MLS currently has two deductible plans, \$250 and \$1,000. Nathaniel motioned to increase the two deductibles to \$750 and \$1,500. Jake seconded. M/C

Drake motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 AM. Danielle seconded. M/C

Patron tax meeting will be held September 8, 2026 at 7:00 AM. The regular board meeting will be held immediately after.



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