

MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting/Retreat Minutes
Thursday, July 15, 2026
8:30am

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Sarah Stashak. Board members and staff were thanked for their ongoing volunteer service and commitment to the mission.

Action Items & Motions

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from June 25, 2026, as presented.
Motion passed Unanimously

Personnel Recommendations

Motion to approve Personnel Recommendations as presented.
Motion passed unanimously

2nd Reading of FY 2027 Budget

A detailed review of the FY 2027 budget was presented.

Key financial highlights:

- Addition of one JAG teacher (grant-funded).
- Inclusion of \$1.5M excess foundation funding.
- Total revenue: \$18,229,411
- Total expenditures: \$16,832,000
- Net surplus: ~\$1.3M
- Projected ending fund balance: ~\$2M
- Potential state adjustment in December 2026 (~\$300K estimated).

Motion to accept the FY Y2027 Budget and authorize submission to ALSDE.
Motion passed unanimously

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided updates and discussions regarding several key areas, including:

- Enrollment demand exceeding **1,400 applicants**.
- Reaffirmation of the school's mission and commitment to **individualized learning and adult accountability**.
- Continued emphasis on leadership stability and instructional urgency.
- Progress on gym construction and expansion of fine arts programming.
- Concerns regarding declining **ACAP academic performance** and the need for focused instructional improvement.

A **97% graduation rate**, along with the need to strengthen post-graduation tracking and documentation of student outcomes.

Operational & Program Reports

Operational and Program Reports

A. Back-to-School Logistics

The Board received an overview of preparations for the upcoming school year, including:

- Grade-level rollout plans
- Student assemblies
- Advisory planning
- Senior materials distribution

B. Security and Safety

Security and safety preparations were reviewed. Updates included:

- Assignment of **five security guards**
- Implementation of monthly safety drills
- Additional security support for **Flex Academy**

C. Transportation

Transportation updates included:

- Addition of new transportation hubs
- A driver certification partnership with **Saraland**

D. Curriculum and Instruction

Instructional priorities and supports were reviewed, including:

- A subject-specific coaching model
- Daily mathematics routines
- Expanded diagnostic assessments
- Quarterly instructional priorities designed to improve student achievement

E. Fine Arts Expansion

The Board received an update regarding the expansion of fine arts programming, including:

- Multiple levels of band instruction
- Marching band
- Dual enrollment opportunities
- Launch of a theater program

F. Athletics Update

An overview of athletics programming was presented, including:

- Fall and spring sports
- Gym usage
- Athletic reclassification considerations

G. Workforce Development

A four-year workforce development progression model was presented:

Awareness → Exploration → Preparation → Transition

The model is designed to provide students with increasing levels of career exposure, preparation, and transition support throughout their secondary school experience.

H. Flex/Evening Academy

An update was provided regarding Flex/Evening Academy programming, including:

- Self-paced coursework
- Tutoring support
- Social-emotional learning support
- Franchise course offerings

New Business

Fundraising Campaign Proposal — “187 Days of Excellence”

A proposed fundraising campaign entitled “187 Days of Excellence” was presented.

The campaign concept includes:

- A contribution goal of **\$1 per school day**, totaling **\$187 per student**
- Support for classroom and instructional supplies
- Technology
- Student enrichment opportunities
- Student incentives
- Public giving levels
- Community and business partnership tiers

Announcements

The following announcements were shared:

- Additional gym construction updates will be forthcoming.
- The **Back-to-School Bash** is scheduled for **July 24, 2026**.
- Staff training will begin the following week.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by,



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MAEF Public Charter Schools Board Secretary



Michelle Parson

Staff