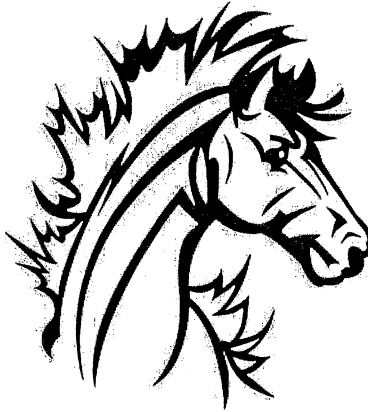


Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood Public School District #1

MLS School Board Members:

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Jake Kaufmann, Vice President
Thurstan Johnson
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Ben Ethen
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Administration:

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Kelsea Bowers, Elementary Principal
Cody Beck, Dean of Students
John Nilsen, Athletic Director
Kim Strand, Business Manager*

Tuesday September 8, 2026 – following Annual Tax Meeting @7:00 AM

STEM/Board Room

MLS School Regular Board Meeting 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 Knutson, Shelby Moun, Melissa Mclean, Shannon Grondahl, Sarah Buynak, Cara Witteman, Trevor Savelkoul, Jessica Gilbertson, and Steve Thompson

- A. Meeting called to order by Matt at 7:12 AM, the Pledge of Allegiance followed.
- B. Public Comment: Sarah Knutson spoke about the 4-day school week and her thoughts on how to move forward. Shelby Moun also spoke about the 4-day school week and what it would look like for the special ed program.
- C. Consent Agenda (Previous Minutes, Financials of all accounts, Bills Resignation)
 - a. Matt requested that the financials be pulled from the consent agenda and posted for the public. After some discussion, it was decided a summary of the financials will be posted to the MLS website along with the meeting agendas and meeting minutes. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Nathaniel, seconded by Drake. M/C
- D. Old Business:
 - a. Four Day School Week: Sarah Knutson spoke on behalf of the teacher leadership teams and answered questions from the board. The teacher leadership teams provided packets to the school board with data, answers to questions, potential schedules, and potential calendars. Discussion held. Thurstan asked to make the packet available to the public. It was decided to hold a public meeting that will be recorded. The meeting will be scheduled for September 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the new gym.
 - b. Second reading of the policy updates. Drake motioned to approve the updates in policies BA, BC, CABB, CBAA, CBAB, FAAC, FDD, and HCAA. Jake seconded the motion. M/C
- E. Administration Reports:
 - a. Athletic Director: John stated fall sports are in full swing. 4th grade girls moved up for girls basketball because there were not enough interest players in 5th and 6th grade. Cross Country asked 6th graders to join the JH team. Football, volleyball, and golf numbers look good.
 - b. Elementary Principal: Mrs. Bowers presented the NDA+ scores for the elementary students.
 - c. High School Principal/Dean of Students: Mrs. Newgard presented the NDA+ scores for the JH and HS students.
 - d. Superintendent: Mrs. Newgard stated that MLS offers advanced classes to the students, however, students do not want to take them if they aren't for dual credit. She has received one bid for the roofing project and

is waiting on another. The first bid was around \$200,000. This would be for the high school classroom/multi end. The part-time janitor is working out great.

F. Committee and other Reports:

- a. Building Committee: They met to discuss replacing some of the carpet in the apartment building. A curb stop was installed next to the greenhouse to be able to drain water for the winter. There are discussions about replacing the greenhouse. Continued talk about improvements at the football field.
- b. Activities Committee: They met to discuss moving kids up when there are not enough players in certain sports.

G. New Business:

- a. Two 3-month CDs are maturing on 9/22/2026 for the general/money market accounts at Citizen State Bank. Drake motioned to close the two 3-month CDs and move the funds back into the money market account. Jake seconded the motion. M/C
- b. Nathaniel motioned to approve the 2026-2027 Annual Financial Compliance Report. Drake seconded. M/C
- c. Hires:
 - i. Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring Melissa Mclean for Cognia, Kelsea Bowers for Co-Concessions Advisor, and Leah Holsten for the 504 coordinator for the high school. Drake motioned to approve the hiring as mentioned. Seconded by Jake. M/C
 - ii. Mrs. Newgard recommended hiring Adrianna Bohm for the bus driver position. Drake motioned to approve the hiring. Danielle seconded. M/C
- d. Jake motioned to approve the tuition agreement presented. Drake seconded. M/C
- e. Nathaniel motioned to approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented. Seconded by Jake. M/C
- f. Drake motioned to approve the 2026-2027 Mill Levy as presented. Seconded by Thurstan. M/C

H. The next regular board meeting will be held on October 13, 2026 at 7:00 AM in the STEM lab at MLS.

Jake motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 AM. Seconded by Nathaniel. M/C

*Meeting Agenda's, meeting minutes, and financial summaries can be found on the MLS website at www.mls.k12.nd.us under Our District, School Board. Board meeting recordings are available upon request in the business office.



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