

MADIELIA ISD 837
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 16, 2025
6:30 pm
High School Conference Room

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 2. ROLL CALL** (Summer DeLaCruz, Jane Hanson, Ryan Lais, Veronica Marquez, Ben Odegard, Julie Pace, Steve Sorenson)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. PUBLIC RECOGNITION TIME PERIOD

Any person may raise a question to the Board of Education. The Board will not act on any item presented to them that is not on the agenda. Every attempt should be made by individuals to remedy a complaint or issue of concern with the staff involved, the building level Principal, and/or Superintendent before addressing the Board of Education. Also, the Board would like persons to limit themselves to five minutes, with a maximum of 15 minutes per topic. These limitations are needed for the Board to run a timely and orderly Board meeting. Persons are requested to identify themselves before speaking.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

ACTION: _____

6. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2025.

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting follow the agenda.

b. Financial Report (Business Manager)*

This report provides the current status of the District's finances. A summary will be provided by the Business Manager. If questions exist, please call the business office prior to the meeting.

c. Approval of Bills*

School Board members have an opportunity to review bills prior to the Board meeting. If you have questions on any bill, please check with the business office prior to the meeting so they have the opportunity to answer your questions with the data available.

ACTION: _____

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Acknowledgement of Review and Comment

The Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner, Willie Jett, provided a positive review and comment regarding the bond referendum and provided official approval of moving forward with the bond referendum election on November 4. The review and comment letter from the Commissioner and documentation submitted for approval is available on the school website.

b. Approval of the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation

It is the recommendation of Paul Carpenter, Activities Director, to approve the resolution supporting form A application to MSHSL Foundation. The grant provides funding for athletic and fine arts programs.

ACTION: _____

c. Approval of the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form B Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation

It is the recommendation of Paul Carpenter, Activities Director, to approve the resolution supporting form B application to MSHSL Foundation. The grant provides funding for seminars, training, and/or support for specific school functions for students, faculty, officials, and others who are involved in athletic and fine arts programs.

ACTION: _____

d. Approval of the Mascot Name for Madelia and St. James Cooperatives

After gathering information through a survey of students in grades 9-12 in St. James and Madelia, the number one choice for a mascot name for the cooperative in both districts is SJM Spartans. It is the recommendation of the SJM Pairing Extra Curricular Committees to approve the cooperative name of SJM Spartans.

ACTION: _____

e. Approval of the MSHSL Dissolution for Cooperative Sponsorship - Gymnastics

It is the recommendation of Paul Carpenter, Director of Athletics/Activities to approve the MSHSL Dissolution Cooperative Sponsorship for Gymnastics with Madelia and St. James Public Schools. In accordance with Minnesota State High School League bylaws, the existing cooperative agreement for Girls Gymnastics with St. James Public Schools is hereby dissolved, effective October 20, 2025, for the purpose of establishing a new cooperative sponsorship with New Ulm, MVL, New Ulm Cathedral, and Madelia beginning in the 2025-2026 season.

ACTION: _____

f. Approval of the MSHSL Application for Cooperative Sponsorship - Gymnastics

It is the recommendation of Paul Carpenter, Director of Athletics/Activities to approve the MSHSL application for Cooperative Sponsorship for Gymnastics with New Ulm Public Schools, New Ulm Cathedral, Minnesota Valley Lutheran, St. James Public Schools, and Madelia Schools. New Ulm Public will serve as the host school district. The mascot is Eagles with team colors being purple and white.

ACTION: _____

g. Approval of the Resignation of an Elementary School Paraprofessional

It is the recommendation of Ann Mikkalson, Elementary School Principal, to approve the resignation of Nicole Dorpinghaus, elementary school paraprofessional immediately.

ACTION: _____

h. Acceptance of the Resignation of Elementary Counselor

It is recommended by Ann Mikkalson, Elementary Principal, to approve the resignation of elementary school counselor, Angelita Kukacka, effective December 19.

ACTION: _____

i. Acceptance of Retirement of Elementary Art Teacher

It is recommended by Ann Mikkalson, Elementary Principal, to approve the retirement of elementary art teacher, Patti Wovcha, effective January 29, 2029. Thank you to Patti for her many years of service to our students and school district.

ACTION: _____

j. Approval of the Replacement of HW Pumps with MPC36 Controller

It is the recommendation of Theresa Laidig, Director of Building and Grounds, to approve the purchase of HW Pumps VFD Replacement with MPC36 Controller for the elementary school. The replacement is needed to run the heating system at full capacity. The cost is \$18,420.00 and will be replaced by Paape Companies, Inc., 307 McKinzie Street South, Mankato, MN 56001.

ACTION: _____

k. Acceptance & Acknowledgement of Donations

The District would like to thank and recognize those who have provided recent donations to the Madelia Public School.

- Alliance Bank for \$3,500 for the elementary snack donation
- Trinity Lutheran Church for shoes and money to buy boots for students

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. River Bend Education District Report
- b. Community Education Advisory Committee Report
- c. Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee Report
- d. Wellness Report
- e. South Central Service Cooperative Report
- f. Other Committee Report

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Shelly Bauer

- a. COMPASS District Leadership Committee Update
- b. Bond Referendum Communication Update

10. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- a. Elementary School - Ann Mikkalson
- b. High School - Eric Martinez

11. ADJOURN

**Clerk's Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Madelia Board of Education
September 18, 2025
High School Conference Room**

Board Members Present: Hanson, Lais, Marquez, Odegard, Pace, Sorenson

Board Members Absent: DeLaCruz

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer

Media Present: Michelle Knudson

09-18-25 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order with the pledge of Allegiance.

09-18-25 Odegard moved, Lais seconded the approval of the agenda with exceptions. Pass 6-0

09-18-25 The financial report was given by Jim Freihammer. Pace moved, Lais seconded to accept the agenda as listed: Approval of minutes from August 21, 2025 regular board meeting and the approval of bills, \$260,755.63. Pass 6-0

09-18-25 Michele Chapin, District Literacy Lead, presented the annual District Literacy Plan.

09-18-25 Lais moved, Pace seconded to approve the hiring of Nicole Dorpinghaus as an elementary school paraprofessional. Pass 6-0

09-18-25 Marquez moved, Odegard seconded to approve the following coaches:

Three-Act Play Director - Chalina Forstner

Three-Act Play Assistant - Trina Halupczok

Pass 6-0

09-18-25 Pace moved, Lais seconded to approve the resignation of elementary paraprofessional, Melanie Smith. Pass 6-0

09-18-25 Marquez moved, Lais seconded to approve the resignation of elementary paraprofessional, Erica Sanders. Pass 6-0

09-18-25 Pace moved, Lais seconded to adopt the proposed property tax levy at the maximum amount. Pass 6-0

09-18-25 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to approve Policy 503: Student Attendance, as reviewed and written during the August meeting. Pass 6-0

09-18-25 Pace moved, Odegard seconded to approve the Resolution to Appoint Absentee Ballot Board for the November 4, 2025 Special Election as submitted. Roll call vote - 6-0

09-18-25 Pace moved, Odegard seconded to accept and acknowledge with thanks for the following donations:

\$3,500 donation from Christensen Communications for September Snack Cart.

\$3,500 donation from Total Lawncare for October Snack Cart

\$1,500 donation from the Madelia Athletic Booster Club for a Hitting Turtle for the baseball team.

\$300 donation from the Madelia Athletic Booster Club for practice equipment and volleyballs for the volleyball team.

\$172 donation from the Madelia Athletic Booster Club for wrist play readers for the football team

\$500 donation from Christensen Communications for the Family Engagement event

\$400 donation from Tony Down for the Family Engagement event

\$100 donation from Josh Lunz for the Family Engagement event

School supply donation from Madelia Health

School supply donation from Preferred Printing

COMMITTEE REPORTS

River Bend Education District Report - None

Community Education Advisory Committee Report - None

Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee Report - Odegard reported about spring sports' numbers.

Wellness Report - Hanson reported

South Central Service Cooperative Report - Sorenson reported

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Shelly Bauer gave an update on the COMPASS District Leadership Committee, as well a Bond Referendum Communication update. She also talked about the upcoming Family Engagement event planned for October 3rd.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Elementary School - Ann Mikkalson reported

High School - Eric Martinez reported

ADJOURN: 7:25 P.M.