

**MADELIA ISD 837**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
November 20, 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 October 16, 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. Minnesota Education Partnership (MEP) Presentation

Dr. Teri Preisler, Acting Director of Center for Educator Partnerships and Student Support for the College of Education, Minnesota State University, Mankato will present information regarding the membership of the district in the Minnesota Education Partnership.

### b. Approval of the Hiring of Coaches and Advisors

It is the recommendation of Paul Carpenter, Activities Director and Administration to approve the following positions:

- Kayla Lindberg - One Act Play Advisor
- Russell Nagel - Junior High Boys Basketball Coach
- Glen Christensen - Junior High Boys Basketball (volunteer)
- Brian Borkenhagen - Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach (volunteer)
- Kyle Pietsch - Boys Basketball (volunteer)
- Manette Becker - Girls Basketball (volunteer)

ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

### c. Approval of the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) and Achievement and Integration Annual Report

Eric Martinez, High School Principal, will present the combined Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) and Achievement and Integration Report. It is recommended that the report be approved as presented.

ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

### d. Approval of Title I, II, III, IV Applications

Ann Mikkalson, Elementary Principal, will present an overview of the Title I, II, III, IV program application and budget.

ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

### e. Approval of the Annual eLearning Plan

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent and Chad Becker, Madelia Teachers Association (MTA) Representative to approve the annual eLearning Plan.

ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

## **f. Acceptance & Acknowledgement of Donations**

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

- 20 cases of envelopes - Preferred Printing
- Banner donation - Everett Christensen Trust
- Appreciation basket - Pioneer Bank
- \$3,500 Snack Cart donation - Alliance Bank
- Science lab donation - Tony Downs Food Group
- \$1,000 for elementary school (use as they wish) - American Legion

ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

## **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. American Education Week
- b. COMPASS District Leadership Committee Update
- c. Minnesota State University, Mankato Internship Opportunity

## **10. PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

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

## **11. ADJOURN**

**Clerk's Minutes of Special Board Meeting  
Madelia Board of Education  
October 9, 2025  
High School Conference Room**

Board Members Present: DeLaCruz, Lais, Marquez, Odegard, Pace

Board Members Absent: Hanson, Sorenson

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer

Media Present: None

- 10-09-01 Board Member Pace called the meeting to order.
- 10-09-02 Lais moved, Odegard seconded the approval of the agenda. Pass 5-0
- 10-09-03 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to approve the resolution adopting election judges and appointment absentee ballot board judges for the November 4, 2025 Madelia Public School District ISD 0837-014 Referendum. Roll Call Vote - 5-0

**ADJOURN: 5:01 P.M.**

**Clerk's Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
Madelia Board of Education  
October 16, 2025  
High School Conference Room**

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

Board Members Absent: Marquez

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer

Media Present: Michelle Van Hee

- 10-16-01 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 10-16-02 DeLaCruz moved, Pace seconded the approval of the agenda. Pass 6-0
- 10-16-03 The financial report was given by Jim Freihammer. Lais moved, Odegard seconded to accept the agenda as listed: Approval of minutes from September 18, 2025 regular board meeting and the approval of bills, \$438,178.87. Pass 6-0
- 10-16-04 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.
- 10-16-05 Odegard moved, Pace seconded the approval of the Resolution of Governing Board supporting Form A application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation.  
Roll Call vote - Pass 6-0
- 10-16-06 Pace moved, Odegard seconded the approval of the Resolution of Governing Board supporting Form B application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation.  
Roll Call vote - Pass 6-0
- 10-16-07 Hanson moved, Odegard seconded the approval of the Mascot Name for Madelia and St. James Cooperatives. The cooperative name would be SJM Spartans. Pass 6-0
- 10-16-08 Lais moved, DeLaCruz seconded the approval of the MSHSL Dissolution for Cooperative Sponsorship - Gymnastics. Pass 6-0
- 10-16-09 Pace moved, DeLaCruz seconded the approval of the MSHSL Application for Cooperative Sponsorship for Gymnastics with New Ulm Public Schools, New Ulm Cathedral, Minnesota Valley Lutheran, and St. James Public Schools. Pass 6-0
- 10-16-10 Lais moved, Odegard seconded the approval of the resignation of Nicole Dorpinghaus, elementary school paraprofessional. Pass 6-0
- 10-16-11 Lais moved, DeLaCruz seconded to approve the resignation of elementary school counselor, Angelita Kukacka, effective December 19, 2025. Pass 6-0
- 10-16-12 Odegard moved, DeLaCruz seconded to approve the retirement of elementary art teacher, Patti Wovcha, effective January 29, 2026. Thank you to Patti for her many years of service to our students and school district. Pass 6-0

- 10-16-13 DeLaCruz moved, Odegard seconded 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. Pass 6-0
- 10-16-14 Pace moved, Odegard seconded to acknowledge and accept with our thanks, the following donations:  
Alliance Bank for \$3,500 for the elementary snack donation.  
Trinity Lutheran Church for shoes and money to buy boots for students.  
Pass 6-0

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

River Bend Education District Report - Ryan Lais reported that there are currently 70 students enrolled at River Bend. 45 in person students and 25 online students.

Community Education Advisory Committee Report - None

Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee Report - Ben Odegard reported about the new mascot and possible pairings.

Wellness Report - Shelly Bauer reported there is a possible \$4,000 available to us depending on employees and their willingness to participate.

South Central Service Cooperative Report - None

Other Committee Report - None

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Shelly Bauer gave an update on the COMPASS District Leadership Committee. She also talked about the Bond Referendum Communication update and how the community open house nights and tours have gone.

### **PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Elementary School - Ann Mikkalson reported

High School - Eric Martinez reported

**ADJOURN: 7:10 P.M.**

**November 7, 2025**  
**High School Conference Room**

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

Board Members Absent: None

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer

Media Present: None

- 11-07-01 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order.
- 11-07-02 DeLaCruz moved, Odegard seconded the approval of the agenda. Pass 7-0
- 11-07-03 Pace moved, Lais seconded the approval of the Resolution Canvassing Returns of the Special Election and Clerk's Certificate as to Abstract and Return of Votes cast. Roll Call Vote - 7-0
- 11-07-04 Lais moved, Odegard seconded to approve and accept the updated resignation of Angelita Kukacka to be effective on November 7, 2025. Pass 7-0
- 11-07-05 DeLaCruz moved, Marquez seconded to approve the hiring of Joshua Schmit as a full time custodian. Pass 7-0
- 11-07-06 Pace moved, Lais seconded to approve NIS Benefits - National Insurance Services to manage the state mandated Paid Family and Medical Leave program. Pass 7-0
- 11-07-07 Odegard moved, Lais seconded the motion to adjourn. Pass 7-0

**ADJOURN: 7:36 A.M**