

**MADÉLIA ISD 837
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

January 13, 2026
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 December 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. Approval and Ratification of the Sale of the District's General Obligation School Building Bonds

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE SALE OF THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2026A TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF; DETERMINING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY AND REGISTRATION OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF AND THE SECURITY FOR SUCH BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Michael Hart, PTMA, will present information regarding the sale of the district's general obligation school building bonds.

It is recommended to approve the Resolution as written and reviewed.

ACTION: _____

b. Approval of the Tax Compliance Policy

It is recommended to approve the Tax Compliance Policy as written. This is a policy for post-issuance tax compliance applicable to tax-advantaged loans, bonds, notes, leases, certificates of participation or similar obligations issued or executed and delivered by it or on its behalf.

ACTION: _____

c. Approval of Program Management Agreement

It is recommended to approve the Program Management Agreement as written with inBYLT, 5436 Douglas Drive. N., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55429.

ACTION: _____

d. Approval of Contractors for 2026 Elementary School and Roofing

It is recommended to contract with the following contractors for the 2026 Madelia Elementary School upgrades and roofing: Malterer Mechanical in the amount of \$2,557,395; L & S Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$329,200; Paape Energy Services in the amount of \$498,645; and Jackson and Associates in the amount of \$2,087,000.

ACTION: _____

e. Approval of the Hiring of a Coach

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

- Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach: Brian Borkenhagen

ACTION: _____

f. Approval of the Hiring of an Interpreter

It is the recommendation of Eric Martinez, high school principal, to approve the hiring of Julia Hidalgo as a high school interpreter.

ACTION: _____

g. Approval of the Hiring of a Counselor

It is recommended by Ann Mikkalson, elementary principal, to hire Eva Dale as a counselor with primary duties being in the elementary school. Start date will begin as soon as Minnesota Licensure is complete.

ACTION: _____

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- River Bend Education District Report
- Community Education Advisory Committee Report
- Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee Report
- Wellness Report
- South Central Service Cooperative Report
- Marketing Report
- Other Committee Report

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Shelly Bauer

- Acknowledgement of Mid-Year Retirements
 - Patti Wovcha
- Business Manager and Payroll Transition with SMS

10. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- Elementary School - Ann Mikkalson
- High School - Eric Martinez

11. ADJOURN

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

Board Members Present: Lais, Marquez, Odegard, Pace, Sorenson
Board Members Absent: DeLaCruz, Hanson
Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer present via google
Media Present: Jeff Van Hee

- 12-18-01 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 12-18-02 Pace moved, Odegard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Pass 5-0
- 12-18-03 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to accept the agenda as listed: Approval of minutes from November 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and the approval of bills: \$407,179.82
Pass 5-0
- 12-18-04 Pace moved, Odegard seconded to approve the Final Levy for School Year 2025-2026 at maximum amount. Pass 5-0
- 12-18-05 Lais moved, Odegard seconded the approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the District's General Obligation School Building Bonds; Covenanting and Obligating the District to be bound and to use the State Credit Enhancement Program; and Declaring the Official Intent of the District to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds to be issued by the District. Roll Call Vote - Pass 5-0
- 12-18-06 Pace moved, Lais seconded to approve the Madelia Government Center Building at 18 Drew Ave. NE, Madelia, MN, Watonwan County, as the Combined Polling Place for 2026.
Roll Call Vote - Pass 5-0
- 12-18-07 Marquez moved, Odegard seconded to approve the Resolution of Independent School District No. 837 requiring the Tally of Write-In votes only if write-in voters are greater than a ballot candidate's total votes. Roll Call Vote - Pass 5-0
- 12-18-08 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to approve the addition of the MHS Cheer Team effective immediately. Pass 5-0
- 12-18-09 Pace moved, Marquez seconded to approve an agreement with Dehler PR for 100 hours of Work at \$120 per hour per the agreement. The scope of work would include ongoing communication regarding the bond referendum progress and additional content celebrating the happenings within the district. Pass 5-0
- 12-18-10 Pace moved, Lais seconded to approve the guidelines as written and presented for Minnesota Paid Leave for qualifying employees. Pass 5-0
- 12-18-11 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to approve, with their the thanks, the following donations:
- Ryan Koberoski - \$200 to help cover the cost of advertising for the 3-Act-Play
Lana Hillard - \$75 to help pay for play expenses
Tanya Whitney - Donated materials and time to building set pieces for the 3-Act-Play
Glenn Christensen - tables and space for cast poster signing for 3-Act-Play
Madelia Chamber of Commerce - Donating tables and helping with advertising for the play
Christensen Communications - \$125 ad for the play
Total Lawn Care - \$125 ad for the play
Madelia Movie Theater - \$125 ad for the play
Boyum Window and Siding - \$125 ad for the play
Hope & Faith Floral - \$75 ad for the play

Tony Downs Foods - \$125 ad for the play
Preferred Printing - \$125 ad for the play
Linden Sky Boutique - \$75 ad for the play

Pass 5-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

River Bend Education District Report - Ryan Lais reported that the Audit was approved.

Community Education Advisory Committee Report - None

Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee Report - Ben Odegard reported winter sports numbers. Boys Basketball grades 7-12 have 55 athletes, Girls Basketball grades 8-12 have 19 athletes, Gymnastics has 3 athletes, Wrestling grades 7-12 have 16 boys and 5 girls from Madelia.

Wellness Report - None

South Central Service Cooperative Report - None

Visions, Family Community Report - Julie Pace reported they awarded 2 mini grants, one including a playground in Butterfield.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Bauer talked about the 2025 Early Childhood census and also how we are receiving 10 drones through the Impact Grant.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Elementary School - Ann Mikkalson reported via google.

High School - Eric Martinez reported.

ADJOURN: 7:48 P.M