

MADELIA ISD 837
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 16, 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 March 19, 2026.

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 of the Hiring of Coaches

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

- Softball:
Assistant (Volunteer) - Amber Woratschka

- Football:
Head - Brandon Ordorff
Varsity Assistant - Kurt Lugo
Varsity Assistant - Don Smith
Assistant - Jr. High- Tyler Coner-full
Assistant - Jr. High - Darin Holmgren Sr.-full
Assistant - Carter Florez (Volunteer)

- Volleyball:
Head - Melodie DeVlaeminck
Varsity Assistant - Melissa Grev
Varsity Assistant - Alayna DeLaCruz (.5)
Varsity Assistant - Teresa Holmgren (.5)
Assistant - Megan Anderson (Junior High)
Assistant - Tina-Marie Nelson (Volunteer)
Assistant - Ashley Sorenson (Volunteer)

- Cross Country:
Head - Kris DeMaris
Assistant - Rylee Quandt

ACTION: _____

b. Approval of the Superintendent Contract

It is the recommendation of the Board of Education Administrative Committee to approve Karla Beck as superintendent effective July 1, 2026 and to approve the three year contract as written and submitted to the Board.

ACTION: _____

c. Approval of the Annual Calendar

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent and the District Calendar Committee to approve the annual calendar as presented for the 2026-2027 school year.

ACTION: _____

d. Approval of Resignation of Teacher

It is the recommendation of Eric Martinez, high school principal, to accept the resignation of Krista Schwanke, high school special education teacher effective June 4. Thank you to Mrs. Schwanke for her service and dedication.

ACTION: _____

e. Approval of Resignation of Teacher

It is the recommendation of Ann Mikkalson, elementary school principal, to accept the resignation of Katie Schwarz, elementary school multilingual teacher and ML coordinator effective June 5. Thank you to Ms. Schwarz for her service to the district.

ACTION: _____

f. Approval of Resignation of Paraprofessional

It is the recommendation of Ann Mikkalson, elementary school principal to approve the resignation of paraprofessional Christine Willock effective April 15. Many thanks to Christine for her support of our students.

ACTION: _____

g. Acceptance and Acknowledgement of Donations

- Pioneer Bank for the donation of \$1500 for the elementary healthy snack cart
- Preferred Printing for the donation of toward golf ball purchase for golf team

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. Marketing Report
- g. Other Committee Report

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Shelly Bauer

- a. Hiring Updates
- b. Legislative advocacy for funding
- c. Summer food program application
- d. Honorary Minnesota FFA Degree presented to Lisa Sackreiter

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
March 19, 2026
High School Conference Room**

Board Members Present: Hanson, Odegard, Pace, Sorenson

Board Members Absent: DeLaCruz, Lais, Marquez

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer

Media Present: Michelle VanHee

- 03-19-01 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 03-19-02 Odegard moved, Hanson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-03 No comments from the Chairperson at this time.
- 03-19-04 Hanson moved, Pace seconded to accept the agenda as listed: Approval of minutes from the February 19th Regular Board Meeting and approval of bills \$323,804.27. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-05 Odegard moved, Pace seconded to approve the three year Achievement and Integration plan as written and presented by Eric Martinez, high school principal. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-06 Odegard moved, Pace seconded to approve the following positions:
- Varsity Assistant Coach Baseball - Justin Grev (change from .65)
Varsity Assistant Coach Baseball - Ben Jacobs (change from .35)
Assistant Golf Coach (St. James) - Steve Witcraft
Junior High Softball Coach - Sarah Dryden
Softball Coach (Volunteer) - Corban Tatro
- Pass 4-0
- 03-19-07 Pace moved, Odegard seconded the approval of the Master Agreement between ISD 837 and The Madelia Teacher's Association for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school year. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-08 Odegard moved, Pace seconded to approve the teacher seniority list. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-09 Odegard moved, Hanson seconded to approve the Early Learning Seniority List. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-10 Pace moved, Hanson seconded to approve the hiring of Sarah Myer as the elementary art teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-11 Pace moved, Odegard seconded to accept the resignation (retirement) of Steve Schlager, high school career and technical education teacher. Thank you to Mr. Schlager for his service to the district. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-12 Odegard moved, Pace seconded to accept the resignation (retirement) of Maria Hernandez, high school Spanish and Multilingual teacher. Thank you to Mrs. Hernandez for her service to the district. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-13 Hanson moved, Pace seconded to approve the Minnesota State Income Contract for Speech Services with Minnesota State University, Mankato, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. Minnesota State will be paid at the rate of \$87.00 per hour, not to exceed 40 hours per week. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-14 Odegard moved, Pace seconded to approve the update regarding the employer set guidelines

For the Paid Family Medical Leave Act. Employees who are eligible to participate in Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) pursuant to MN Statutes 268B et. Seq., Family and Medical Benefits. Employees can take leave in small blocks of time rather than all at once.

- 03-19-15 Odegard moved, Hanson seconded to approve the Delta Dental Renewal. The rates will begin July 1, 2026 and be guaranteed for one year. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-16 Odegard moved, Hanson seconded to permanently approve the proposed Tomahawk and Valley conferences merger. This was temporarily in place for the last two years. The proposal involves expanding the number of teams in sports such as cross country, wrestling, track and Field, golf and creating two divisions in the sports of volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-17 Odegard moved, Hanson seconded to approve the South Central Service Cooperative Shared Services Agreement for the hiring of the superintendent. This service is included in the general membership the district already has with SCSC. Jeff Bertrang and Harold Remme will lead the search on the behalf of the district. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-18 Hanson moved, Pace seconded to approve the resolution relating to the Termination of and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of a probationary teacher. Roll Call Vote - Pass 4-0
- 03-19-19 Pace moved, Odegard seconded to acknowledge the end of the contract for Tier 1 teachers who have one year positions. Thank you to Alayna DeLaCruz who is serving as the high school art teacher. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-20 Hanson moved, Odegard seconded to accept and acknowledge the donation of \$2,400 from Total Lawn Care for elementary gym equipment. Pass 4-0
- 03-19-21 Odegard moved, Hanson seconded the approval of resolution confirming legal name, address, operations, and federal registration information for systems for award management (SAM) and commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code verification. Roll Call Vote - Pass 4-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

River Bend Education District Report - None
Community Education Advisory Committee Report - None
Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee Report - None
Wellness Report - Superintendent Bauer reported
South Central Service Cooperative Report - Chairperson Sorenson reported
Marketing Report - None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Bauer reported on the hiring timelines for administrative positions. She also talked about The building blocks for business online open enrollment and a user group meeting update.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

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

ADJOURN: 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Arkell

April 1, 2026
High School Conference Room

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

Board Members Absent: DeLaCruz

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer via Online

Media Present: None

- 04-01-01 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order.
- 04-01-02 Odegard moved, Pace seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Pass 6-0
- 04-01-03 SCSC Superintendent Hiring Consultants presented the district profile, the list of applicants and those the consultants recommend for interviews.
- 04-01-04 The Board of Education selected the following to bring in for interviews:

Brad Johnson
Corinna Erickson
Christina Mattson
Karla Beck
Michelle Mortenson

Adjourn: 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mindy Arkell

Clerk's Minutes of Special Board of Education Meeting
Madelia Board of Education
April 7, 2026
Madelia High School Auditorium

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

Board Members Absent: DeLaCruz, Marquez

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer

Media Present: None

- 04-07-01 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order.
- 04-07-02 Pace moved, Odegard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Pass 5-0
- 04-07-03 The Board Team reviewed the combined Community Committee feedback forms.
- 04-07-04 After review of all written input materials, the Board team had open discussions about who to invite for a Round Two interview or to offer the position to a candidate.
- 04-07-05 Lais moved, Odegard seconded the approval to offer Karla Beck a Superintendent Contract, pending negotiations to a finalist for the 2026 school year. Pass 5-0

Adjourn: 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Arkell