

**MADELIA ISD 837**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
May 21, 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 Castro, 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 April 16, 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. Presentation and Approval of Staff Development Goals

It is the recommendation of the Staff Development Committee to approve the goals for the 2026-2027 school year as presented by Megan Diedrich.

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

### b. Approval of the Hiring of an Advisor

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

- High School Student Council Advisor (2026-2027): Julie Jensen

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

### c. Approval of ML Coordinator

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent to hire Jen Gunderson as the district multilingual coordinator.

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

### d. Approval of a Homebound Teacher

It is the recommendation of Ann Mikkalson, elementary school principal, to approve the hiring of Holly Pahl as a homebound teacher for 1-2 hours per week for the remainder of the 2025-2026.

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

### e. Approval of a High School Special Education Teacher

It is the recommendation of Eric Martinez, high school principal, to approve the hiring of Joseph Ness as a high school special education teacher beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

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

### f. Approval of Band Teacher

It is the recommendation of Eric Martinez and Ann Mikkalson, principals, to approve the hiring of Thomas Pahl at the elementary and high school band teacher beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

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

**g. Approval of Resignation of Teacher**

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

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

**h. Approval of the Life Insurance and Long-term Disability Insurance**

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent to approve the NIS National Insurance Services renewal of life and long-term disability insurance.

The current long-term disability rate per \$100 of covered through payroll is \$0.363 and will decrease to \$0.327. The rates are guaranteed for 5 years assuming no changes are made to the plan.

The current life insurance rate per \$1000 of coverage through payroll is \$0.146 and will decrease to \$0.131. The current supplemental life rate per \$1000 of coverage is \$.018 and will remain the same. The rates are guaranteed for 5 years assuming no changes are made to the plan.

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

**i. Approval of Speech Therapy Service Contract**

It is recommended by Shelly Bauer, Superintendent to approve the annual service contract with Speech Therapy Service Contract online speech provider at the rate of \$87.79 per hour.

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

**j. Approval of the 2026-2027 Resolution for MSHSL Membership**

It is the recommendation of Paul Carpenter, Director of Athletics/Activities to approve the 2026-2027 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League.

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

**k. Approval of the Health Insurance Renewal**

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent and Chad Becker, MTA Representative to approve the proposal from SCSC-MHC / Medica. The district will continue to carry three plan options for the employees who opt into the plan. The renewal is an 8% increase from the current year.

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

**l. Approval of Greater Minnesota Family Services**

It is recommended that the district approve Greater Minnesota Family Services for the 2026-2027 school year \$970.72 per month for non-reimbursable wraparound mental health services.

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

**m. Approval of Vaaler Insurance**

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent and Jim Denise Berger, Business Administrator, that the Board of Education accept the property and liability, worker's compensation, and cyber liability proposal from Vaaler Insurance for 2026-2027. The estimated annual premium for all lines of insurance coverage is \$158,349.15 which is a decrease of \$5,251.29 from the expiring premiums.

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

**n. Approval of the SCSC Member School Agreement for Literacy Lead**

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent, to approve the South Central Service Cooperative Member School Agreement for the Literacy Lead for 2026-2027 school year for \$29,100. Michele Chapin will fill this position for the cooperative. This is a required position for school districts.

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

**o. Approval of the Annual Identification of Authority for External User Access (IOWA)**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Karla Beck, Superintendent and Denise Berger, Business Manager to act as the Identified Officials with Authority for the district for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

**p. Approval of the Purchase of Aerial Lift**

It is the recommendation of Theresa Laidig, Director of Buildings and Grounds to approve the purchase of an aerial lift from Southern Minnesota Inspection for \$16,615.97 to replace the current lift that no longer passes inspection.

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

**q. Approval of the Activities Director**

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent and Eric Martinez, high school principal to approve the hiring of Landis Froehling as the part-time activities director beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

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

**r. Acceptance and Acknowledgement of Donations**

- 3M Gives from New Ulm donated \$2,485.78 and Tom Hotzler donated \$50 toward the purchase of iPads for the Title I program.

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. Acknowledgement of Retirements
- b. Hiring Updates - Principal and Community Ed
- c. MEP Fellow - Ashlyn Daub
- d. Summer food program application

**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  
 April 16, 2026  
 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 VanHee

04-16-01      Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance

- 04-16-02 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Pass 6-0
- 04-16-03 No comments from the Chairperson at this time.
- 04-16-04 Hanson moved, Odegard seconded to accept the agenda as listed: Approval of minutes from the March 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and approval of bills \$312,163.71. Pass 6-0
- 04-16-05 Odegard moved, DeLaCruz seconded to approve the following positions:

Softball Assistant Volunteer - Amber Woratschka

Varsity Head Coach Football - Brandon Ordorff

Varsity Assistant Coach Football - Kurt Lugo

Varsity Assistant Coach Football - Don Smith

Junior High Assistant Coach Football - Tyler Coners (full)

Junior High Assistant Coach Football - Darin Holmgren Sr. (full)

Assistant Football Coach (volunteer) - Carter Florez

Varsity Head Coach Volleyball - Melodie DeVlaeminck

Varsity Assistant Coach Volleyball - Melissa Grev

Varsity Assistant Coach Volleyball - Alayna DeLaCruz (.5)

Varsity Assistant Coach Volleyball - Teresa Holmgren (.5)

Junior High Assistant Coach Volleyball - Megan Anderson

Junior High Assistant Coach Volleyball - Tina-Marie Nelson (volunteer)

Junior High Assistant Coach Volleyball - Ashley Sorenson (volunteer)

Varsity Head Coach Cross Country - Kris DeMaris

Varsity Assistant Coach Cross Country - Rylee Quandt

Pass 6-0

- 04-16-06 Hanson moved, Lais seconded to approve Karla Beck as superintendent effective July 1, 2026 and to approve the three year contract as written and submitted to the board. Pass 6-0
- 04-16-07 DeLaCruz moved, Lais seconded to approve the annual calendar as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. Pass 6-0
- 04-16-08 Pace moved, Odegard seconded to accept the resignation of Krista Schwanke, high school special education teacher effective June 4, 2026. Thank you to Mrs. Schwanke for her service and dedication. Pass 6-0
- 04-16-09 DeLaCruz moved, Lais seconded to accept the resignation of Katie Schwarz, elementary school multilingual teacher and ML coordinator effective June 5, 2026. Thank you to Ms. Schwarz for her service to the district. Pass 6-0
- 04-16-10 DeLaCruz moved, Lais seconded to approve the resignation of paraprofessional Christine Willock effective April 15, 2026. Many thanks to Christine for her support of our students. Pass 6-0
- 04-16-11 Odegard moved, Hanson seconded the acknowledgement and acceptance of the following donations:

Pioneer Bank for the donation of \$1,500 for the elementary healthy snack cart  
Preferred Printing for the donation toward golf ball purchase for the golf team.

Pass 6-0

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

River Bend Education District Report - Ryan Lais reported that they are looking for a new business manager.

Community Education Advisory Committee Report - None

Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee Report - None

Wellness Report - None

South Central Service Cooperative Report - None

Marketing Report - Shelly Bauer reported that we are working with Dehler and the website for referendum purchases. Framework came in late this afternoon.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Shelly Bauer reported that the principal position has been reopened. 3 candidates so far - the position will remain open until filled. She mentioned that the application process was started for the summer food program. Bauer wanted to recognize that the Honorary Minnesota FFA Degree was presented to Lisa Sackreiter. Lastly, Bauer talked about the AD candidates. There were 3 candidates interviewed last night and they are in the process of calling references.

## **PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Elementary School - Ann Mikkalson reported

High School - Eric Martinez reported

## **ADJOURN: 6:53 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Arkell

