

**MADELIA ISD 837**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
June 18, 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**

- a. Congratulations to the Baseball team on their state championship win!

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

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes from May 21, 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 Adjusted and Final Budget for 2025-2026

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent and Todd Netzke, Business Manager Interim, to approve the adjusted and final budget for 2025-2026 as presented.

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

### b. Approval of the Preliminary Budget for 2026-2027

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent and Todd Netzke, Business Manager Interim, to approve the preliminary budget for 2026-2027 as presented.

The purpose of the preliminary budget is to allow the district to continue to pay its bills until the final budget is adopted.

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

### c. Approval of Resolution Adopting the District's Fiscal Year FY 28 Long-term Facilities Maintenance Ten-Year Plan

It is the recommendation of the Facilities Committee to approve the Long Term Facilities and Maintenance plan as presented by Tim Harbo, Harbo Consulting Agency. The plan will address capital needs over the next ten years. The plan must be approved by the Board of Education and submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education annually. Resolution found at the end of the agenda.

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

### d. Bond Project Update

Rob Krukoski and Corey Schlosser from inBYLT and Michael DeVetter from DeVetter Design will present bond project updates.

### e. Approval of the Annual eLearning Plan

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

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

**f. Approval of Language Access Plan**

It is the recommendation of Katie Schwarz, District ML Coordinator to approve the annual Language Access Plan as written and submitted to the Board of Education.

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

**g. Membership in the Minnesota School Boards Association for 2026-2027**

It is the recommendation of Shelly Bauer, Superintendent, that the district continue its membership with the Minnesota School Boards Association. The association provides legislative assistance, assistance with negotiations, informational services regarding finance and legal matters, and in-service training opportunities for school board members. The cost of the membership is \$3,973 and policy subscription is \$775 for a total of \$4,748.

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

**h. Approval of the Hiring of a Special Education Teacher**

It is the recommendation of Ann Mikkalson, elementary school principal, to approve the hiring of Amy Kranz as an elementary special education teacher. This is an additional FTE based on case load needs.

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

**i. Approval of the Hiring of a Spanish and Multilingual Teacher**

It is the recommendation of Eric Martinez, high school principal, to approve the hiring of Cristina Jimenez as the high school Spanish and Multilingual Teacher.

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

**j. Acceptance and Acknowledgement of Donations**

- 3M for the donation of \$1,000 for robotics and STEM instructional materials.

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 - Community Ed - Alexis Weber (hired by St. James)
- b. Business Manager Update
- c. Summer Food Program
- d. COMPASS District Leadership Team Update
- e. Minnesota Permanent School Fund
- f. Superintendent Transition
- g. Thank you, Madelia!

## 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  
May 21, 2026  
High School Conference Room**

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

Board Members Absent: Hanson

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer

Media Present: Michelle Van Hee

- 05-21-01 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 05-21-02 Pace moved, Lais seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-03 No comments from the Chairperson at this time.
- 05-21-04 DeLaCruz moved, Lais seconded to accept the agenda as listed: Approval of minutes from the April 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and approval of bills \$735,486.83. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-05 Castro moved, Odegard seconded to approve the Staff Development goals for the 2026-2027 school year as presented by Megan Diedrich. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-06 DeLaCruz moved, Odegard seconded to approve the following position:  
High School Student Council Advisor (2026-2027): Julie Jensen. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-07 DeLaCruz moved, Lais seconded the approval to hire Jen Gunderson as the district multilingual coordinator. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-08 Pace moved, Lais seconded to approve the hiring of Holly Pahl as a homebound teacher for 1-2 hours per week for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-09 Pace moved, Lais seconded to approve the hiring of Joseph Ness as a high school special education teacher beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-10 Lais moved, DeLaCruz seconded to approve the hiring of Thomas Pahl as the elementary and high school band teacher beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-11 Castro moved, Pace seconded 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. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-12 Odegard moved, Lais seconded 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 \$1,000 of coverage through payroll is \$0.146 and will decrease to \$0.131. The current supplemental life rate per \$1,000 of coverage is \$.018 and will remain the same. The rates are guaranteed for 5 years assuming no changes are made to the plan. Pass 6-0

- 05-21-13 Pace moved, Lais seconded to approve the annual service contract with Speech Therapy Service Contract online speech provider at the rate of \$87.79 per hour. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-14 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Resolution of Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Roll call vote - 6-0
- 05-21-15 Odegard moved, Pace seconded 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. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-16 Pace moved, Castro seconded to approve Greater Minnesota Family Services for the 2026-2027 school year at \$970.72 per month for non-reimbursable wraparound mental health services. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-17 Odegard moved, DeLaCruz seconded to 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. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-18 Pace moved, Lais seconded 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. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-19 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to 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. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-20 DeLaCruz moved, Lais seconded 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. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-21 Pace moved, Castro seconded to approve the hiring of Landis Froehling as the part-time activities director beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Pass 6-0
- 05-21-22 DeLaCruz moved, Lais seconded to accept and acknowledge the following donation: 3M Gives from New Ulm donated \$2,485.78 and Tom Hotzler donated \$50 toward the purchase of iPads for the Title I program. Pass 6-0

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

River Bend Education District Report - Ryan Lais reported that they approved the revised budget and also have 5 new staff for the upcoming school year.

Community Education Advisory Committee Report - None

Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee Report - None

Wellness Report - None

South Central Service Cooperative Report - Steve Sorenson reported that they approved all contracts, approved the revised budget and the preliminary budgets and approval of some grants.

Marketing Report - Shelly Bauer reported that they received a copy of agreement for upcoming logo design.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Shelly Bauer recognized the 3 teachers and their retirements: Paul Carpenter, Maria Hernandez and Steve Schlager. She gave an update on principal interviews. They will be interviewing principals next week and are checking references for community ed. She also stated that MDE has given the unofficial "okay" for the summer food program.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Elementary School - Ann Mikkalson reported

High School - Eric Martinez reported

**ADJOURN: 7:02 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Arkell

**Clerk's Minutes of Special Board Meeting  
Madelia Board of Education  
June 4, 2026  
High School Conference Room**

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

Board Members Absent: Castro, DeLaCruz

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer

- 06-04-01 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order.
- 06-04-02 Lais moved, Odegard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Pass 5-0
- 06-04-03 Pace moved, Hanson seconded to accept the resignation of Ann Mikkalson, elementary school principal, effective June 30, 2026. Thank you to Ann for her service. Pass 5-0
- 06-04-04 Hanson moved, Lais seconded to approve the hiring of Paul Lowry as the high school principal effective July 1, 2026. Pass 5-0
- 06-04-05 Hanson moved, Lais seconded to adjourn.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Arkell