

MADELIA ISD 837
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 20, 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

ACTION: _____

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. PRESENTATIONS

Gwen Wolters, Technical Education Coordinator from the South Central Service Cooperative, will present on the current state of Career and Technical Education in our region and our district, particularly in light of our focus on the renovation and expansion of our CTE spaces.

Rob Krukosi of inBYLT will present the initial footprint of the gymnasium/locker room/secure entrance and CTE renovation. The purpose is to inform the Board of Education of the progress on the designs and timeline for the upcoming projects.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

7. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes from July 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 is available.

ACTION: _____

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Decision - Madelia Logo and Branding

Dehler PR will present the synopsis from the Logo Survey that was available for students, alumni, staff and community from July 28 through August 9. The purpose is to inform the Board of Education of the feedback and comments from the survey.

The Madelia Board of Education approves the adoption and use of _____ logo and images beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.

ACTION: _____

b. Approval of Meal Prices for 2026-2027

It is the recommendation of Karla Beck, Superintendent, to adopt the following meal prices for the 2026-2027 academic year as provided by Taher Food Service:

- Adult Breakfast: \$2.85
- Adult Lunch: \$5.50
- Second Entree: \$2.85
- Milk: \$0.60

ACTION : _____

c. Approval of Snow Removal Agreement

It is the recommendation of Theresa Laidig, Director of Buildings and Grounds, and Superintendent Karla Beck to accept the snow removal bid for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 from Total Lawn Care and Landscape.

ACTION: _____

d. Setting of Date and Time for Public Levy Hearing

Minnesota school districts are required to hold a single meeting in which the public is allowed to speak to budget and property tax items. The current budget and proposed levy are discussed and the final property tax levy is determined.

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Karla Beck to hold the annual public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 17, 2026 in the High School Conference Room during the December Board of Education meeting.

ACTION: _____

e. Approval of Employee Agreement

It is the recommendation of the Board of Education Support Staff Negotiations Committee to approve the following agreements for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 academic years:

Youth Development Coordinator
Youth Sports Coordinator

ACTION: _____

f. Set Date and Time for Election Canvassing

Minnesota School Districts are required to canvass election results between November 6 and November 13.

The date and time for a Special Board Meeting to canvass the results of the November 3 School Board Elections in the High School Conference Room shall be set for

_____.

ACTION: _____

g. Approval of Procedure for Change Orders during construction

The administration recommends approving the change order authorization for Superintendent Karla Beck and Business Manager Jack Baker in order to approve change orders up to \$50,000 without board approval.

ACTION: _____

h. Approval of Hiring

It is the recommendation of Landis Froehling, Activities Director, to hire the following:

- Ashley Sorenson - .5 Junior High Volleyball
- Teresa Holmgren - from .5 to .75 Assistant Volleyball
- Alayna DeLaCruz - from .5 to .75 Assistant Volleyball
- Mindy Arkell - "M" Club Advisor
- Logan Mans - Jr High Football Coach

ACTION: _____

i. Approval of Hiring

It is the recommendation of Paul Lowry, High School Principal, to hire Mindy Arkell as Student Council Advisor for the 2026-2027 school year.

ACTION: _____

j. Approval of Hiring

It is the recommendation of Paul Lowry, High School Principal, to approve the hiring of Logan Mans as a full-time Substitute Teacher at BA Step 1 and National Honor Society Advisor for the 2026-2027 academic year.

ACTION: _____

k. Approval of Hiring

It is the recommendation of Paul Lowry, High School Principal, to approve the hiring of Anna Montoya for .33 Spanish Education for the 2026-2027 academic year at BA Step 1.

ACTION: _____

l. Approval of Hiring

It is the recommendation of Paul Lowry, High School Principal, to approve the hiring of Mary Cunningham as a Paraprofessional for Madelia High School at Schedule A, Year One wage.

ACTION: _____

m. Approval of Hiring

It is the recommendation of Miranda Evenson, Elementary Principal, to approve the hiring of Larissa Ward as Substitute Teacher for the Media Specialist from August 31 through November 20, 2026 at BA Step 1.

ACTION: _____

n. Approval of Hiring

It is the recommendation of Miranda Evenson, Elementary Principal, to approve the hiring of Katherine Devlaeminck and Valeria Magallanes as Paraprofessionals for Madelia Elementary at Schedule A, Year One wage.

ACTION: _____

o. Approval of Transportation Agreement

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Karla Beck to accept the Transportation bid and agreement for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years.

ACTION: _____

p. Approval of High School Handbook

It is the recommendation of Principal Paul Lowry to approve the 2026-2027 Madelia High School Student Handbook. Translation will be completed following approval.

ACTION: _____

q. Approval of Elementary Handbook

It is the recommendation of Principal Miranda Evenson to approve the 2026-2027 Madelia Elementary Student Handbook. Translation will be completed following approval.

ACTION: _____

9. 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

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Karla Beck

- Permanent School Fund
- Facebook roll-out
- Administration Team Planning Day
- Meet & Greet on August 26th - 6:00-8:00 at the City Park (City hall rain location)
- Visitor Field Bleachers

11. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- a. Elementary School - Miranda Evenson
- b. High School - Paul Lowry

12. ADJOURN