

**Clerk's Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Madelia Board of Education
August 20, 2026
High School Media Center**

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

Board Members Absent: None

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Beck

Media Present: Michelle Van Hee

- 08-20-01 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 08-20-02 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Pass 6-0
- 08-20-03 Gwen Wolters, Technical Education Coordinator from the South Central Service Cooperative, presented the current state of Career & 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 presented the initial footprint of the gymnasium/locker room/secure entrance and CTE renovation. The purpose was to inform the Board of Education of the progress on the designs and timeline for the upcoming projects.
- 08-20-04 DeLaCruz moved, Castro seconded to accept the agenda as listed: Approval of minutes from the July 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and approval of bills: \$2,567,756.03.
Pass 6-0
- 08-20-05 Dehler PR presented the synopsis from the Logo Survey that was available for students, Alumni, staff and community from July 28-August 9. The purpose was to inform the Board of Education of the feedback and comments from the survey. Pace moved, Lais seconded to table the topic until the next meeting in September. Pass 6-0
- 08-20-06 DeLaCruz moved, Odegard seconded to adopt the following meal prices for the 2026-2027 Academic year as provided by Taher Food Service. Pass 6-0
- Adult Breakfast - \$2.85
Adult Lunch - \$5.50
Second Entree - \$2.85
Milk - \$.60
- Pass 6-0
- 08-20-07 Lais moved, Castro seconded to approve the snow removal bid for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 from Total Lawn Care and Landscape. Pass 6-0
- 08-20-08 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. Odegard moved, Pace seconded to approve the holding of 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.
Pass 6-0
- 08-20-09 Castro moved, Odegard seconded to approve the following agreements for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 academic years:
- Youth Development Coordinator
Youth Sports Coordinator

Pass 6-0

08-20-10 Minnesota School Districts are required to canvass election results between November 6 and November 13. Odegard moved, DeLaCruz seconded to approve 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 on November 6, 2026 at 7:30 am. Pass 6-0

08-20-11 Pace moved, Lais seconded to approve 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. Pass 6-0

08-20-12 Castro moved, Lais seconded the approval of the hiring of the following positions:

Ashley Sorenson - Junior High Volleyball (.5)

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

Pass 6-0

08-20-13 Odegard moved, Pace seconded to approve the hiring of Mindy Arkell as Student Council Advisor for the 2026-2027 school year. Pass 6-0

08-20-14 Odegard moved, Pace seconded 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. Pass 6-0

08-20-15 Lais moved, Pace seconded to approve the hiring of Anna Montoya for .33 Spanish Education for the 2026-2027 academic year at BA Step 1. Pass 6-0

08-20-16 Lais moved, Castro seconded to approve the hiring of Mary Cunningham as a Paraprofessional for Madelia High School at Schedule A, Year One wage. Pass 6-0

08-20-17 DeLaCruz moved, Pace seconded to approve the hiring of Larissa Ward as Substitute Teacher for Media Specialist from August 31 through November 20, 2026 at BA Step 1. Pass 6-0

08-20-18 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to approve the hiring of Katherine DeVlaeminck and Valeria Magallanes as Paraprofessionals for Madelia Elementary at Schedule A, Year one wage. Pass 6-0

08-20-19 Odegard moved, Castro seconded to accept the Transportation bid and agreement for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029 school years. Pass 6-0

08-20-20 Pace moved, Lais seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Madelia High School Student Handbook. Translation will be completed following approval. Pass 6-0

08-20-21 DeLaCruz moved, Lais seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Madelia Elementary Student Handbook. Translation will be completed following approval. Pass 6-0

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Karla Beck began talking about the Permanent School Fund and what it's all about. She announced the Facebook roll out . She talked about the Administration Team Planning Day as well as the Meet & Greet that is planned for August 26, from 6:00-8:00 at the City Park. (City hall rain location) She also talked about the Visitor Field Bleachers and their conditions.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Elementary School - Miranda Evenson reported.

High School - Paul Lowry reported.

ADJOURN: 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Arkell