

**MADELIA ISD 837**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
October 15, 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**

*Thank you to Rob Krukoski who presented a design and progress update for the community at 5:30 in the Auditorium preceding this meeting.*

**6. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 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 written 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Set the date and time for the annual Truth & Taxation Presentation**

Changes in the “Truth in Taxation” statutes now allow school districts to discuss their levy and budget at a regular board meeting and allow the public to speak. This meeting may be held at any point after November 24th, 2026, but before the final levy is adopted. The meeting must take place after 6:00 pm. The district can adopt the final levy at the same meeting they allow the public to speak.

Superintendent Karla Beck recommends the school board schedule Thursday, December 17th to present the Payable 2026 Levy and FY 2027 Budget, and allow the public to speak at the regularly scheduled board meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Madelia High School Conference Room located at 320 Buck Ave SE, Madelia, Minnesota. The decision to certify the levy can be made at the December 17th meeting.

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

**b. Request to Schedule a Public Hearing Related to the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness**

Minnesota legislation requires all school boards, at a public meeting, adopt a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to support and improve teaching and learning that is aligned with creating the worlds’ best workforce, now known as Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR). The school board must publish and submit to MDE an annual report by December 15 and hold an annual public meeting to communicate plans for the upcoming school year based on a review of goals, outcomes and strategies from the previous year. Stakeholders should be meaningfully involved, and this annual public meeting is not to occur at a regular school board meeting.

Superintendent Karla Beck recommends the school board schedule a public hearing on November 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the Madelia High School Conference Room. In addition, the general public will be invited by following the criteria we use to advertise public hearings.

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

**c. Adoption of the 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 Nine (9) Month Employee Agreement**

It is the recommendation of the Support Staff Negotiations Team and Superintendent Karla Beck to adopt the 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 Nine (9) Month Employee Agreement with thanks to Paraprofessional negotiators Joanne Evjen and Terri Homgren.

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

**d. Approval of Seniority List for the 2026-2027 Academic Year**

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Karla Beck to approve the 2026-2027 Seniority List as created by Education Minnesota and the Superintendent.

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

**e. Resolution to enter into Joint Powers Agreement for River Bend Education District**

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Karla Beck to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Butterfield-Odin, Cedar Mountain, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop, Sleepy Eye, Madelia, New Ulm, St. James and Public Schools for the River Bend Education District. The necessity for signing a new agreement is due to the addition of Cedar Mountain Public School into the served school districts.

ROLL CALL FOR RESOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

**f. Approval of the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation.**

It is the recommendation of Activities Director Landis Froehling to approve the resolution supporting Form A Application to the MSHSL Foundation. The grant provides funding for athletic and fine arts programs.

ROLL CALL FOR RESOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

**g. Approval of the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form B Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation.**

It is the recommendation of Activities Director Landis Froehling to approve the resolution supporting Form B Application to the MSHSL Foundation. The grant provides funding for seminars, training, and/or support for specific school functions for students, faculty, officials, and others who are involved in athletic and fine arts programs.

ROLL CALL FOR RESOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **h. Acceptance of Resignation**

It is the recommendation of High School Principal Paul Lowry to accept the resignation of Paraprofessional Mary Cunningham for the 2026-2027 academic year effective October 30, 2026.

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

#### **i. Approval of Extended Family Paid Leave**

It is the recommendation of Elementary Principal Miranda Evenson to grant Joanne Doering her request for family bonding time from November 9, 2026 through December 22, 2026 and March 22, 2027 through April 9, 2027.

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

#### **j. Approval of Extended Family Paid Leave**

It is the recommendation of Elementary Principal Miranda Evenson to grant Azailya Lugo, Media Specialist, an extension of her family bonding time to December 8, returning to work on December 9, 2026.

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

#### **k. Approval of Hiring**

It is the recommendation of Elementary Principal Miranda Evenson, to extend the hiring of Larissa Ward through December 8, 2026 as a substitute in the Elementary Media Center.

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

#### **l. Approval of Resignation**

It is the recommendation of High School Principal Paul Lowry to approve the resignation of Julie Jensen as the High School Student Council Advisor effective Monday, September 21, 2026.

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

### **m. Approval of Hiring**

It is the recommendation of High School Principal Paul Lowry to approve the hiring of Mindy Arkell and Teresa Holmgren as co-Student Council Advisors for the 2026-2027 school year. The combined Schedule C payment for this position is \$2,732.00 which will be divided evenly and prorated for days worked in this position during the 2026-2027 school year.

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

### **n. Approval of the Elementary and High School Cardiac Emergency Response Plans.**

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, a new requirement for school districts and charter schools is to develop a cardiac emergency response plan as detailed in Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 121A.241. These plans must be Board of Education approved.

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Karla Beck to approve both CERP plans. Thanks to School Nurse Shannon Jacobs leading the development of Madelia's plans.

## **9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Madelia School District acknowledges and thanks the many organizations, churches, businesses and individuals who contribute to making the Family Event Night a success: Christensen Communications, Tony Downs, Josh and Krista Lunz, Madelia Ford, Circle K, Casey's, Sunshine Foods, Taher Food Service and Culligan.

## **10. 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

## **11. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Karla Beck**

- 9-Man Football
- Staff Development Reflection
- Administration Meetings
- Public Relations
- Logo Update

## **12. PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

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

### **13. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND COMMITMENTS**

- a. Canvas Election Results - Friday, November 6, 7:30 am (change to Thursday, Nov 6 at 6:00?)
- b. Board Work Session - Thursday, November 6, 6:00-8:30 pm
- c. Comprehensive and Achievement Civic Readiness Presentation - November 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
- d. November Board Meeting - November 19, 2026
- e. Looking ahead: MSBA Conference January 13-15, 2027

### **14. ADJOURN**