

MADELIA ISD 837
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 21, 2023
6:30 pm
High School Conference Room

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 2. ROLL CALL** (Summer DeLaCruz, Jane Hanson, Ryan Lais, Jen McLaughlin, 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 August 17, 2023.

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting follow the agenda.

b. 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.

c. Financial Report (Business Manager)*

This report provides the current status of the District's finances. If questions exist, please call the business office prior to the meeting.

ACTION: _____

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Presentation of Xello and EmpowerU Program

Meghan Ward, Counselor and Breanne Greiner, CTE Teacher will present information on the new junior high Xello and EmpowerU programs.

b. Approval of School Bus Contract with Madelia Bus Service, Inc.

It is the recommendation of the Board of Education Transportation Committee and Shelly Bauer, Superintendent to approve the agreement for 2023-2027 as written. The bus agreement represents an increase of 8% for year 1, 4% for year 2, no increase for year 3, and to be negotiated in year 4.

ACTION: _____

c. Approval of the Hiring of a High School Paraprofessional

It is the recommendation of Eric Martinez, High School Principal, to hire Tara Herman as a full-time high school paraprofessional.

ACTION: _____

d. Approval of the Hiring of an Elementary Paraprofessional

It is the recommendation of Brooke Will, Elementary Principal, to hire Claudia Grundwalt as a full-time interpreter in the elementary school.

ACTION: _____

e. Approval of the Hiring of an Elementary ML Teacher

It is the recommendation of Brooke Will, Elementary Principal, to hire Reme Griffith as a full-time Multilingual teacher in the elementary school.

ACTION: _____

f. Approval of the Hiring of Advisors:

It is the recommendation of Paul Carpenter, Director of Athletics/Activities to hire the following advisors for the listed athletic positions:

- Heidi DeVlaeminck - Concession Stand Co-Supervisor
- Melodie DeVlaeminck - Concession Stand Co-Supervisor

ACTION: _____

g. Approval of the Resignation of Speech Teacher

It is the recommendation of Brooke Will, Elementary Principal to accept the resignation of Speech teacher, Mishaye Wilson.

ACTION: _____

h. Adoption and Certification of Proposed Property Tax Levy

School boards are required to certify proposed property tax levies to the home county auditor by September 30 and to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) by October 2. A copy of the Proposed Property Tax Levy as prepared by the Minnesota Department of Education is available for your consideration.

School boards must adopt their final property tax levy and certify the levy to the home auditor no later than five working days after December 21.

Superintendent, Shelly Bauer recommends that the Board of Education adopt the proposed property tax levy at the maximum amount.

ACTION: _____

i. Acceptance and Acknowledgment of Donations

- Elite Electric for the donation of the outdoor benches at the elementary school.
- Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Madelia Community Hospital, and Madelia Methodist Church for the donation of school supplies to the elementary school.
- VanHee Media for the photography and video of the scoreboard installation process.

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. Other Committee Reports

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Shelly Bauer

- a. Minnesota TEAMS Partnership from the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Education
- b. Grant Update
- c. Website Update

10. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- a. Elementary School - Brooke Will

b. High School - Eric Martinez

11. ADJOURN

**Clerk's Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Madelia Board of Education
August 17, 2023
High School Conference Room**

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

Board Members Absent: McLaughlin, Pace

Ex Officio Member Present: Superintendent Bauer

Media Present: Michelle VanHee

- 8-17-01 Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 8-17-02 Odegard moved, Hanson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Pass 5-0
- 8-17-03 Chairperson Sorenson opened the meeting to anyone in the public who wished to voice their concerns. Roger Pederson introduced himself and addressed the board regarding the lack of information from the school board and newspaper to the public. He talked about the rumors regarding tax numbers and how he would like to see more reports on findings from APEX. He also voiced his concerns about the statute that was passed and having to change our school mascot name.
- 8-17-04 Hanson moved, DeLaCruz seconded to accept the agenda as listed: Approval of minutes from the July 20th regular Board Meeting and approval of bills - \$668,453.85. Pass 5-0
- 8-17-05 DeLaCruz moved, Lais seconded to approve the annual LEIP Plan for the district. Pass 5-0
- 8-17-06 Hanson moved, DeLaCruz seconded to approve the hiring of Lori Morales as an elementary three-year old ECSE paraprofessional. Pass 5-0
- 8-17-07 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to approve the hiring of Breanne Greiner as the part-time high school Career and Technical Education Teacher. Pass 5-0
- 8-17-08 DeLaCruz moved, Odegard seconded to approve the hiring of Lori Olson as the high school administrative assistant. Pass 5-0
- 8-17-09 Hanson moved, Odegard seconded to approve the hiring of Jake Holman as the Assistant Varsity Football coach. Pass 5-0
- 8-17-10 Lais moved, Odegard seconded to approve the proposed Tomahawk and Valley Conference Merger. The proposal involves expanding the number of teams in sports such as cross country, wrestling, track and field, golf and creating two divisions in the sports of volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball. Pass 5-0
- 8-17-11 DeLaCruz moved, Odegard seconded to approve the date and time set for public levy hearing. The public hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 21, 2023 in the high school conference room during the December Board of Education meeting. Pass 5-0
- 8-17-12 Hanson moved, Lais seconded to approve the Return to School Plan for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a requirement through September 30, 2023 due to the district receiving ESSER III funding.
- 8-17-13 Odegard moved, Lais seconded to accept the following donation, with our thanks: Citizens Bank for the donation of school supplies to the elementary school. Pass 5-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

River Bend - Nothing to report.

Community Education Advisory Committee Report - No meeting was held.

Extra-Curricular Sub-Committee Report - No meeting was held.

Wellness Report - There will be a meeting in September.

Other Committee Reports - None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Laurie Gasner turned in her letter of resignation. Shelly wanted to thank her for her many years of service.

She gave a COMPASS update and explained that we qualified for a CEDA grant. Bauer also announced we are a semi-finalist for a Career Z Challenge.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Elementary School - Brooke Will reported

High School - Eric Martinez reported

ADJOURN: 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mindy Arkell