Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, October 12, 2026 7:00 PM Central

BOARDROOM
200 Highway 55 E
Maple Lake, Minnesota 55358

Natalie Anderson:	Present
Kaitlyn Helmbrecht:	Present
Liz Lind:	Present
Scott Mavencamp:	Present
Joe Paumen:	Present
Jen Rasset:	Present
Branson Thomas:	Present

Present: 7.

1. Call meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **"District #881 is Proud of"**

4. **(INFORMATIONAL)** Recognition of visitors
Visitors:

- Mike Rowe
- Amelia Gapinski
- Sher Tischner
- Dave Hansen
- Anna Reedy
- Matt Kusche
- Tara & Matt Howard
- Brenda Erdahl
- Marie Halloran
- Don Grant
- Tanya Malwitz

5. **(ACTION)** Approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, October 12, 2026.
Motion to approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, October 12, 2026. This motion, made by Branson Thomas and seconded by Joe Paumen, Passed.
Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6. **(ACTION)** Approve the consent agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, October 12, 2026 (See Exhibit 1 — Consent Agenda; September 14 and October 5, Minutes; Board Checks; Manual Checks; Operating Investments; OPEB Investments,

Technology Bond Investments, Monthly Donations, Payroll Contribution Checks) **ROLL CALL VOTE**
Motion to approve the consent agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, October 12, 2026. This motion, made by Liz Lind and seconded by Scott Mavencamp, Passed.
Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. **(INFORMATIONAL)** Open Forum
Don Grant spoke at open forum.

8. (7:10) Unfinished Business

8.A. Band Trip 2028
Motion to approve a High School band trip in 2028. This motion, made by Joe Paumen and seconded by Natalie Anderson, Passed.
Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.B. Enrollment

8.C. Food Service Report

8.D. MSHSL FORM A
Motion to approve MSHSL FORM A. This motion, made by Branson Thomas and seconded by Jen Rasset, Passed.
Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.E. MSHSL FORM B
Motion to approve MSHSL FORM B. This motion, made by Kaitlyn Helmbrecht and seconded by Liz Lind, Passed.
Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.F. Spring MCA Testing Data

8.G. Facility Use Policy
Motion to approve changes to the facility use policy. This motion, made by Natalie Anderson and seconded by Branson Thomas, Passed.
Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9. (7:20) New Business

9.A. Copier Contract

Motion to approve a 60-month copier contract with Marco. This motion, made by Liz Lind and seconded by Joe Paumen, Passed.
Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.B. 2026-2027 Certified Staff Seniority List
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Certified Staff Seniority List. This motion, made by Jen Rasset and seconded by Scott Mavencamp, Passed.
Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.C. 2026-2027 Support Staff Seniority List
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Support Staff Seniority List. This motion, made by Natalie Anderson and seconded by Liz Lind, Passed.
Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.D. State of the School

10. (7:45) **Representative Reports**

10.A. District Leadership Team - Natalie Anderson

10.B. ECFE/Community Education - Liz Lind

10.C. Food Service Committee- Branson Thomas

10.D. Meeker and Wright Special Ed Co-Op - Jen Rasset
Updates to policies due to legislative changes.
New Health Insurance — Increased premiums.

10.E. Minnesota State High School League - Liz Lind

10.F. Safe Schools Committee - Kaitlyn Helmbrecht

10.G. Technology Committee - Branson Thomas

10.H. Wright Technical Center - Joe Paumen

- Received a 12,000.00 donation from Rachel Challenge
- New phone system is working well
- Early Childhood Students will have a new project — real life babies they are taking care of.
- They are starting to build the house- No buyer yet.

10.I. Elementary School - Anna Reedy

- **New to the role of Social Worker, Chris Marsicek has continued our backpack buddies program this year. We have 22 families signed up for the backpack**

buddies program, which started a few weeks ago. We received a donation from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in the amount of $360 toward this program. Students in the program also receive holiday baskets. We have received $2000 from the Maple Lake Lions toward the Thanksgiving baskets and they already have committed $3,000 to the Christmas baskets. And, Bethlehem Church of Christ has committed to donating the bins, pies, and hygiene kits to be included in the Thanksgiving baskets. We are so thankful for the community partnership and support!

- **Parent/Teacher conferences tonight, tomorrow night, and Wednesday morning. Wednesday afternoon, our staff will engage in workshops, including PLCs and HMH Q&A. Fall break is Thursday and Friday this week. No school for students Wednesday-Friday.**

- **National School Hot Lunch Day is tomorrow. We anticipate approximately 320 visitors for this day!**

- **Preschool Screenings take place on Tuesday, Oct. 20, and Thursday, Oct. 29, both evenings 3:30-7pm.**

- **Picture Retake Day is slotted for Wednesday, October 21. Families are reminded to send back the original picture packages with students for the retake day.**

- **The PTA is sponsoring the Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 24. We are still looking for volunteers!**

- **Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will participate in hearing/vision screenings on Monday-Tuesday, October 26-27.**

- **October 28 - Support Staff Banquet: Judy Malachek and Sharon Heberling**

- **Catch-Up Club is beginning November 3. This program is targeted at 4-6th graders who need more help in reading and math. It runs every Tuesday and Thursday, after school 3:00-4:15pm, through Spring Break. Tanya Malwitz is our staff member supervising the program.**

- **Enrichment will also be starting in November. Bethany Linder will continue as the reading enrichment teacher; Diane Hertwig continues as the math enrichment teacher. Enrichment is offered to students in grades 2-6. MCA and Fastbridge scores are considered when recommending students for this program.**

- **Our next safe schools meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4.**

- **Staff is brainstorming ideas for our end-of-trimester incentive activity for students.**

- **I want to thank Mike and Kari Peterson for stepping up as admin support while I've been in and out with surgery and post-surgical appointments. Also, to my entire staff for being understanding and extremely supportive.**

10.J. High School - Dave Hansen
1. Career Fair - Delano HS - Sept. 24
a. Juniors and Seniors
2. Homecoming
a. Lots of participation
b. Successful week
3. LEEA Banquet Sept. 30 in St. Cloud honoring:
a. Tana Fobbe
b. Hannah Montgomery
4. Mid-quarter - Friday, Oct. 9
5. Ignite Field Trip - Friday, Oct. 9
a. Sophomores - Ridgewater college
b. Explored career opportunities
6. Parent/Teacher Conferences, Tuesday, Oct. 13 - TOMORROW!
7. Oct. Staff Development Day - Oct. 14
a. 2B Continued Presentation
b. Test Data Review
c. Support Staff - MTSS
8. Juniors signed up taking the PSAT test - Oct. 23
9. Educational Support Staff Banquet - Oct. 28
a. Kathy Langanki
10. End of the Quarter is Nov. 5
11. Veteran's Day Program - Nov. 11

11. (7:55) **Committee Reports**

11.A. Activities Committee - Lind, Thomas, Mavencamp

11.B. Building and Grounds Committee - Paumen, Helmbrecht, Mavencamp

11.C. Confidential Staff Committee - Rasset, Anderson, Thomas

11.D. Finance and Programs Committee - Helmbrecht, Rasset, Anderson

11.E. Licensed Staff Committee - Helmbrecht, Anderson, Paumen

11.F. Support Staff Committee - Anderson, Lind, Mavencamp

12. (8:20) Set Meeting Dates

13. (8:25) Other Business

13.A. Mail

13.B. Upcoming Meetings

13.C. Miscellaneous Information

14. (8:40) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the regular school board meeting held on October 12th, 2026 at 7:54pm. This motion, made by Branson Thomas and seconded by Liz Lind, Passed.

Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0