

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

BOARDROOM
200 Highway 55 E
Maple Lake, Minnesota 55358

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of School Board Chair (See Exhibit 1.1)
Motion to approve Kaitlyn Helmbrecht as the 2026 School Board Chair. This motion, made by Liz Lind 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
4. Election of Vice Chair (See Exhibit 1.1)
Motion to approve Liz Lind as the 2026 Vice School Board Chair. This motion, made by Kaitlyn Helmbrecht 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
5. Election of Clerk (See Exhibit 1.1)
Motion to approve Branson Thomas as the 2026 School Board Clerk. 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
6. Election of Treasurer (See Exhibit 1.1.)
Motion to approve Natalie Anderson as the 2026 School Board Treasurer. This motion, made by Joe Paumen 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. **"District #881 is Proud of"**
Rowe
8. **(INFORMATIONAL)** Recognition of visitors
Visitors:
 - Mike Rowe
 - Amelia Gapinski
 - Dave Hansen
 - Lisa Rademacher
 - Mikayla Sutter
 - Tanya Malwitz
 - Anna Reedy
 - Jennifer Blair
 - Ethan Paumen
 - Ernie Puncuchar
 - State Senator Mike Holmstrom

9. **(ACTION)** Approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, January 12, 2026.

Motion to approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, January 12, 2026. This motion, made by Branson Thomas 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

10. **(ACTION)** Approve the consent agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, February 10, 2025 (See Exhibit 1 - Consent Agenda; January 12, 2025, 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, February 10, 2025. This motion, made by Natalie Anderson 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

11. **(INFORMATIONAL)** Open Forum

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11.A. At all regular, special, committee, and public hearings, a speaker will have up to 3 minutes. An extension may be granted by approval of the board or committee.

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12. (7:10) Unfinished Business

12.A. Enrollment Update

(INFORMATIONAL) December K-12 Enrollment Update (See exhibit)

12.B. School Board Organizational Items

(ACTION) Motion to approve organizational items effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026 (See Exhibit)

Motion to approve organizational items effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. This motion, made by Branson Thomas 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 Section B: School Board Appointments. This motion, made by Branson Thomas 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 Section C: Designations. This motion, made by Natalie Anderson 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 Section D: Salaries and Allowances. This motion, made by Joe Paumen 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 Section E: Meeting Dates, Times and Places. This motion, made by Natalie Anderson 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

12.C. Food Service Update

(INFORMATIONAL) December Food Service Update (See Exhibit)

12.D. 2026-2027 School Calendar

(ACTION) Motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar (See Exhibit)

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar. 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

12.E. Storage Facility Lease

(INFORMATIONAL/ACTION) Continue storage space conversation. The buildings and grounds committee visited the site and would like to do a tour of all the storage spaces in the school district.

13. (7:20) New Business

13.A. Resolution for Making Reductions

(ACTION) Resolution for Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Position and Reasons (See Exhibit)

Resolution for Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Position and Reasons. This motion, made by Joe Paumen and seconded by Kaitlyn Helmbrecht, 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

13.B. Language Access Plan

(ACTION) Motion to approve the Language Access Plan for Maple Lake Public Schools (See Exhibit)

Motion to approve the Language Access Plan for Maple Lake Public Schools. 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

13.C. Bond/Referendum Updates

(INFORMATIONAL) Attached is the debt plan from when we sold your IAQ bonds in 2023. The second page shows the chart of the debt drop beginning with taxes payable in 2028. Also attached is a preliminary estimate of the tax impact for the debt drop, along with a potential operating referendum or capital project levy. We can run any scenario that you would like to see, this is just a starting point!

Also, below are the 2026 election dates and when the school board would have to call for the election. As a reminder, a capital project levy and bond repurpose question can be held on any of these dates, and an operating referendum can only be held in November.

Call for Election:	11/18/25	01/20/26	02/17/26	05/19/26	08/11/26
Election Date:	02/10/26	04/14/26	05/12/26	08/11/26	11/03/26

13.D. State of the School

(INFORMATIONAL) Superintendent Rowe will give a brief update on things going on in the school district (See Exhibit)

14. (7:45) Representative Reports

14.A. District Leadership Team - Natalie Anderson

- Talked about the 26-27 calendar for the school board meeting.
- Q-comp goals to finish out the school year.
- Workshop dates to coincide with higher attendance.

14.B. ECFE/Community Education - Liz Lind

Committee did not meet

14.C. Food Service Committee- Branson Thomas

Committee did not meet

14.D. Meeker and Wright Special Ed Co-Op - Jen Rasset

- Looked into legislation while working on SPED.
- Working through the contracts with the Supervisors.

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

- 2-year average for classes (AA/AAA) — to start 28–29 school year.
- Trying to make it more stable in standings.

14.F. Safe Schools Committee - Kaitlyn Helmbrecht

Committee did not meet

14.G. Technology Committee - Branson Thomas

Committee did not meet

14.H. Wright Technical Center - Joe Paumen

- Resignation of lead custodian
- Approved legislation and policies for new year.

14.I. Elementary School - Anna Reedy

- **We have begun our winter round of Fastbridge testing. The latest results of these will be shared with families at winter conferences on January 27 and 29.**
- **Our first and second grade classes will have the opportunity to learn about dental/oral health from Health Educators from Community Dental Care in Buffalo and dental hygiene students from St. Cloud Technical & Community College. The lessons began today in some of the classrooms and will continue through the month of January.**
- **There were 124 entries for the Ceiling Tile Design Contest that was held through Mrs. Thomas in the library. Winners from each grade level were announced today.**
- **The district spelling bee is scheduled for Wednesday this week. We have approximately 25 participants from grades 5-8. The bee will be held in the auditorium beginning at 1:15pm.**
- **On Saturday, we will have about 30 people from MLE at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids. Special "thank you" to Tim Staloch for putting this together.**
- **It's almost "I Love to Read Month"!!! We have had very generous donations from Northstar Search and Rescue and Irish Buddies toward our month's festivities. We are excited to welcome Dan Gruhlke as a storyteller for our primary grades on Monday, Feb. 2, and we are looking forward to Rise & Read on Tuesday, Feb. 3 (7:30-8:15am).**

14.J. High School - Dave Hansen

1. End of the Semester - Thursday, January 22 nd
 - a. Students in grades 9-12 have received their schedules for Semester 2. Final schedule changes for 2 nd semester took place prior to Christmas break.
 - b. Balancing of course sections may still take place prior to the start of 2 nd Semester
2. Registration
 - a. Preparations are underway
 - b. Students in grades 10 - 11 will register in February and grades 7 - 9 will register during the end of February or first part of March.
 - c. Parent Registration Presentation will be held on Feb. 24 - HS Parent-Teacher Conferences evening
3. Irish Adventures - Feb. 4
4. Snocoming
 - a. Student Council is working on plans
 - b. Will take place Feb. 17-20

15. (7:55) Committee Reports

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

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

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

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

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

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

The next meeting is set for 01/13/2026.

16. (8:20) Set Meeting Dates

17. (8:25) Other Business

17.A. Mail

17.B. Upcoming Meetings

17.C. Miscellaneous Information

18. (8:40) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the School Board meeting held on 01/13/2026 at 7:38PM. 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