

Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, April 14, 2025 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"

**Student of Excellence** - Congratulations to Alex Kiebel, Avery Lee, Mackenzie Gunderson, and Logan Anglin. We will honor these exceptional students on Wednesday, April 23.

**Congratulations to Olivia Mueller and Carter Ertel, who have punched their ticket to the State Speech Tournament for Duo Interpretation!**

**Also placing in the finals from Annandale: Makkal placed 7th and Tristin placed 4th.**

**Congratulations to the Maple Lake Irish Speech team for winning the CMC Conference Championship.**

Wednesday, April 23, is Administrative Professional's Day. I would like to take a moment to thank Amelia, Stacie, Heather, Sarah, and Chris for all of their hard work and setting a great example for our Maple Lake staff. Your professionalism and positive attitude make each day brighter for everyone around you. Your ability to anticipate needs and solve problems before they arise is truly remarkable, and it's a testament to your exceptional skills and work ethic.

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS** - Thank you to Sarah Thomas for hosting another fantastic Battle of the Books for our second to sixth grade students.

#### 2nd Grade Winners:

1st: Nolan Speetzen & Asher Pack  
2nd: Jack Bautch & Maverick Aschoff  
3rd: Merrill Leyden & Landon Taylor

#### 3rd Grade Winners:

1st: Olivia Decker & Hayden O'Conner  
2nd: Caroline Lubbers & Brecken Kunz  
3rd Grade: Reagan Lynch & Jack Mooney

#### 4th Grade Winners:

1st: Caleb Pack & Kaiden Lauer  
2nd: Aaron Mollenhoff & Brantley Lambrecht  
3rd: Graham Kunz & Clif Jude & Hugo Peterson

#### 5th Grade Winners:

1st: Logan Meyer & Maevyn Geyen  
2nd: Evalyn Krauze & August Leyden  
3rd: Claire Patton & Kenzie Pierce

6th Grade Winners:

1st: Ryan Howard & Robert Peterson  
2nd: Mariah Woolard & Penelope Taylor  
3rd: Emma McAlpine & Olivia Gindele

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

**Visitors:**

- Mike Rowe
- Lisa Rademacher
- Amelia Gapinski
- Tanya Malwitz
- Dave Hanson
- Anna Reedy
- Joe Dockendorf
- Tara and Matthew Howard
- Jennifer Blair
- Mikayla Warrick
- Brenda Erdahl

**5. (ACTION) Approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, April 14, 2025.**

Motion to approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, April 14th, 2025. 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

**6. (ACTION) Approve the consent agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, April 14, 2025 (See Exhibit 1 - Consent Agenda; April 14, 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, April 14, 2025. 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

**7. (INFORMATIONAL) Open Forum**

**8. (7:10) Unfinished Business**

**8.A. March Enrollment**

**8.B. Food Service Update**

**9. (7:20) New Business**

**9.A. Policy Review - First Reading**

#### 9.B. Wall of Fame

#### 9.C. Pay Equity Reports

Motion to approve the 2025 Pay Equity report. 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

#### 9.D. April State of the School

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

#### 10.A. District Leadership Team - Natalie Anderson

They talked about the new calendar for the 25-26 school year and how they are going to utilize the workshop days.

#### 10.B. ECCE/Community Education - Liz Lind

Committee did not meet.

#### 10.C. Food Service Committee- Branson Thomas

Committee did not meet.

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

They have voted down the proposal to add a new position to the Administrative staff.

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

Committee did not meet.

#### 10.F. Safe Schools Committee - Kaitlyn Helmbrecht

Committee did not meet.

#### 10.G. Technology Committee - Branson Thomas

Committee did not meet.

#### 10.H. Wright Technical Center - Joe Paumen

They had a meeting with the serving districts Superintendents about adding a CSO to Wright Tech. They also have approved the Executive Director Brian Nutter for the 25-26 school year.

#### 10.I. Elementary School - Kris Harlan

- This week they are starting MCA testing- a huge thank you to Dave Hanson and Sarah Sailer for all their hard work.
- This month is Autism Awareness Month, and they had a great turn out showing support with dress up days.
- Joe is in his last few weeks filling in for Principal before Kris returns.

#### 10.J. High School - Dave Hansen

##### 1. Late Start - Curriculum

##### 2. Testing

a. Reading MCA's for grades 7, 8 & 10 are completed

b. Math MCA's for grades 7, 8 & 11, take place Tuesday - Thursday this week

- c. Science MCA's grades 8 & 10, April 22 & 23
- 3. Statewide Tornado Drill - was held last week, Thursday, April 10 @ 1:45 pm
- 4. Prom - April 26
  - a. Irish Mentor Activities will take place during Prom week
- 5. Students of Excellence
  - a. Banquet in St. Cloud - April 23
  - b. Honorees:
    - i. Alexandra Kiebel
    - ii. Mackenzie Gunderson
    - iii. Logan Anglin
    - iv. Avery Lee
- 6. Mid-Quarter for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter - May 5
- 7. Grades 5 - 8 and HS Band Concert will be Monday, May 5
- 8. Plans are underway for our Spring Irish Adventures
  - a. Tentative date of May 29
  - b. Activities:
    - i. Valleyfair
    - ii. Golfing
    - iii. Fishing on Lake Mill Lacs
    - iv. Biking/Hiking
    - v. In-House Activities

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

11.A. Activities Committee - Lind, Thomas, Mavencamp  
They discussed a 5 year contract with BSN/Nike.

- They will get a 9,000.00-signing credit each year.
- Discounts for Nike coach's apparel.
- They get different percentage discounts depending on dollar amount spent.

11.B. Building and Grounds Committee - Paumen, Helmbrecht, Mavencamp  
Committee did not meet.

11.C. Confidential Staff Committee - Rasset, Anderson, Thomas  
Committee did not meet.

11.D. Finance and Programs Committee - Helmbrecht, Rasset, Anderson  
Committee did not meet.

11.E. Licensed Staff Committee - Helmbrecht, Anderson, Paumen  
Committee did not meet.

11.F. Support Staff Committee - Anderson, Lind, Mavencamp  
Committee did not meet.

## 12. (8:20) Set Meeting Dates

## 13. (8:25) Other Business

13.A. Mail

### 13.B. Upcoming Meetings

13.B.1. District Leadership Team - Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.

13.B.2. Food Service Preproposal meeting - Wednesday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m.

13.B.3. Student of Excellence Banquet Wednesday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m.

13.B.4. Grand March Prom/Post Prom - Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

13.B.5. Food Service RFP Bid Opening - Wednesday, April 30 at 3:15 p.m.

13.B.6. Safe School Meeting on Wednesday, April 30, at 3:15 p.m.

13.B.7. Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

### 13.C. Miscellaneous Information

14. (8:40) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. 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