

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2025 7:00 PM Central

BOARDROOM
200 Highway 55 E
Maple Lake, Minnesota 55358

Natalie Anderson: Present
Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Present
Liz Lind: Absent
Scott Mavencamp: Present
Joe Paumen: Present
Jen Rasset: Present
Branson Thomas: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. Call meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Truth in Taxation Hearing** (7:00 p.m.) Regular School Board Meeting to follow (7:15 p.m.)

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

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

Visitors:

- Mike Rowe
- Amelia Gapinski
- Lisa Rademacher
- Tanya Malwitz
- Mikayla Sutter
- Anna Reedy
- Jen Blair
- Brenda Erdahl

6. **(ACTION)** Approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, December 8, 2025.

Motion to approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, December 8, 2025. This motion, made by Branson Thomas and seconded by Joe Paumen, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. **(ACTION)** Approve the consent agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, December 8, 2025 (See Exhibit 1 - Consent Agenda; November 10, 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, December 8, 2025. This motion, made by Natalie Anderson and seconded by Scott Mavencamp,

Passed.

Liz Lind: Absent, Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
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8. (INFORMATIONAL) Open Forum

9. (7:10) Unfinished Business

9.A. Truth and Taxation Approval

Motion to certify the 2025 payable 2026 tax levy at \$3,714,025.84 after adjustments. This motion, made by Joe Paumen and seconded by Branson Thomas, Passed.

Liz Lind: Absent, Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
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9.B. 2025-2026 Enrollment

9.C. Food Service Report

10. (7:20) New Business

10.A. 2025-2026 Weather Plan

10.B. MLFT Master Agreement 2025-2027

Motion to approve a new master agreement with the Maple Lake Federation of Teachers for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. This motion, made by Joe Paumen and seconded by Natalie Anderson, Passed.

Liz Lind: Absent, Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea
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10.C. Storage Facility Lease

Informational: Building and grounds will take a tour of the facility.

10.D. 2026-2027 School Calendar

10.E. State of the School

11. (7:45) Representative Reports

11.A. District Leadership Team - Natalie Anderson

- They like the new workshop days: It gives more time for planning.
- Q-Comp: Requesting a 1% increase.
- 26-27 school calendar: Talk about adding more workshop days.
- Looking to make changes to the High School Meet you Teacher Day: having to sign up for a time.

11.B. ECFE/Community Education - Liz Lind

11.C. Food Service Committee- Branson Thomas

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

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

- Making tighter rules for homeschooling online kids 26-27 school year to be eligible for MSHSL.
- No out of state enrollment online.

11.F. Safe Schools Committee - Kaitlyn Helmbrecht

11.G. Technology Committee - Branson Thomas

- Replaced all of the UPS's in the building.

11.H. Wright Technical Center - Joe Paumen

11.I. Elementary School - Anna Reedy

- **Frederick the Elf is back in the office this year, and he now owns a ML Irish sweatshirt!**
- **Merry Math Night last Monday night. We served pizza to 310 students and families this year-up from last year's 277.**
- **On Thursday, we held the Holiday Concert for grades kindergarten through 3rd grade.**
- **On Friday, we had Gum Day to raise money for I Love to Read Month.**
- **We are looking forward to next Monday's 5-6th grade band concert.**
- **Holiday dress-up days will also begin next week.**
- **We will have our annual sing-a-long in the MLE gym at the end of the day on December 23.**
- **After break, we will conduct our winter round of Fastbridge testing.**
- **We have even begun talking about our elementary schedule for next school year, attempting to incorporate a targeted intervention/enrichment time for each grade level within the school day and to incorporate team time to allow for meetings to occur during the school days instead of on workshop days.**
- **We are starting to schedule winter conferences already! Schedules will be sent home to families in Wednesday envelopes on January 14. Conferences are January 27 and 29.**
- **Working with elementary staff (Summer Academy and outdoor learning) to apply for the "No Child Left Inside" grant offered by the MN DNR, due by Dec. 17,**

supporting and increasing efforts to expand programming that connects youth to the outdoors.

11.J. High School - Dave Hansen

1. End of 1 st Trimester was Nov. 26
2. Jingle Ball dance was held this past Saturday, Dec. 6
 - a. Well Attended
3. Mid Quarter - is this Wednesday, December 10, Mid-quarter reports will be emailed out later this week
4. Holiday Concerts
 - a. JH Choir and Mixed Choir Concert tonight - JH 6 pm, Mixed Choir, 7:30 pm
 - b. JH & HS Band Concert - Monday, Dec. 15
 - i. 5-8 Concert - 6 pm
 - ii. HS Concert - 7:15 pm
 - c. Choir carols in the Commons before school - Dec. 22
 - d. Jazz Band carols in the Commons before school - Dec. 23
5. Staff Holiday gathering at Madigan's Wed after school, Dec. 17
6. Registration - starting to work on 2026-2027 school year course offerings and course descriptions.
7. Irish Adventures
 - a. Field trips planned for Feb. 4
 - b. Participation to out of building events based on academics, attendance, behavior
 - c. Trips planned to the following places:
 - i. Maple Grove Community Center
 - ii. Albertville for an art experience
 - iii. Top Golf
 - iv. Powder Ridge
 - v. Mall of America
 - vi. Possibly Ice Fishing at Lake John

12. (7:55) Committee Reports

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

- Golf splitting with HLWW — this will cost Maple Lake around 4000.00 to compete alone.
- Hiring a new head baseball coach
- Xcel applicants: Made choice
- Applicants for AAA: need to choose

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

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

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

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

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

13. (8:20) Set Meeting Dates

14. (8:25) Other Business

14.A. Mail

14.B. Upcoming Meetings

14.B.1. Regular School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026, in the Board Room

14.C. Miscellaneous Information

15. (8:40) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the board meeting held on December 8th, 2025 at 7:49PM. This motion, made by Natalie Anderson and seconded by Branson Thomas, Passed.

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

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