

**Mendon Community Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2025**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order

Board Vice-President, Roger Cupp called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm in the Middle/High School library.

B. Roll Call

- Members Present: Roger Cupp, Jesse King, Jeremy Palmer, DyAnn Steinberger, and Norma Switalski
- Members Absent: Sonya Moyle and Regina Schinker
- Administrative Staff Present: Angie Crotser, Leasa Griffith-Mathews, and Glen Samson
- Others Present: Kandace Jackson

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Minutes, Bills, Receipts and Financial Report

Motion was made by King and supported by Palmer to approve the Board Minutes for February 17, 2025, as well as the Bills, Receipts, and Financial Report as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays, 2 absent

II. Communication

A. Oral

B. Written

- a. Letter of Resignation, Ernie Ramirez -Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach**
Griffith-Mathews read Coach Ramirez's letter of resignation

C. Board Communication

- a.** Trustee Palmer has approached the Village regarding the strip of property the village owns between the football fence and the Little League fields. This includes the now deactivated pump house. Palmer is investigating the possibility of the Village selling it to Mendon Community Schools.

I. Consent Agenda

Approval of

A. Baseball

- a.** Junior High Head Coach - Carson Cupp

B. Softball

- a.** Volunteers All Levels - Kiana Gray and Isabella Smith

C. Track

- a.** Junior High Girls' Head - Zach Higgins (this is a change)
b. Junior High Boys' Head - Lincoln Crotser

D. Volleyball

- a.** Varsity co-Heads - Aubrey Wiswell and Kenny Herbert (added)
b. Junior Varsity Head - Arika Ware

- E. Resignation of Ernie Ramirez, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
- F. Naming Kailey Malicki as the Mendon Community Schools' PAC Representative

Motion was made by Steinberger and supported by King to approve the items on the Consent Agenda with the noted changes.

Motion Carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

II. Board Reports

A. Athletic Report

Samson reported that winter sports seasons have come to an end. Girls' Basketball ended at 12-11 with a District Championship; Boys' Basketball ended at 12-11; Varsity Wrestling sent two individuals to the Individual State Competition and both finished as All-State wrestlers. They were JT Lux and Ash Staffen. Spring sports seasons have begun! Varsity Baseball (15); Varsity Softball (11); JV Softball (10); Track - Girls (12) and Boys (20).

B. Elementary Report

Crotser reported that the student count for March has increased by one student since February. She went on to inform the Board that P/T conferences went well with plenty of positive feedback. \$12,776 was raised through the Books are Fun program. Many students earned 10 free books with ALL receiving 2-3. March is Reading month kicked off with a bang - the book is *Wonder*. Crotser thanked Carol Higgins and Donna Dunlap for their help with the author visit by Jonathon Rand. She then gave an Engaged Learners Update and announced that April 15th is our annual GSRP and Kindergarten Round-Up.

C. Middle/High School Report

Griffith-Mathews reported that the student count at the MS/HS is down 1 student from February. She reported that there was a lot of positive feedback regarding the play - thank you to Eathan Bingaman! Thank you as well to Leigh Ann Jackson for organizing the Spring Testing Schedule. Another thank you goes out to Carolyn Link for organizing and conducting our Sophomore Interviews which started today. Griffith-Mathews went on to inform the Board that the Science Olympiad competition took place over the weekend. Congrats to Coach Theresa Jennett as well as: Lila Schinker/Nick Stiver who placed 2nd out of 19 in "write it - do it," Aree Morgan/Phoenix Dunson who placed 4th out of 19 in "wind power;" and Stanley Mroczek who placed 5th out of 21 in "scrambler." The MS/HS is planning professional development for '25-26.

D. Superintendent Report

a. Bond Update

Griffith-Mathews announced that work has begun in both locker rooms. Pictures will be emailed. The roof replacement will take place over Spring Break and windows are being ordered. As she gets updates, Griffith-Mathews indicated that she will forward them to the Board.

b. Legislative Update

Griffith-Mathews informed the Board that the top three bills which have passed the House directly affecting teachers were: HB4150 - removes fees for teacher certifications and renewals; HB4151 - allows endorsements for any subject area passed pm the teacher certification test to be added; and HB4153 - allows local districts to create their own teacher certification.

V. Discussion Items

A. 2025-2026 School Calendar

Griffith-Mathews discussed the calendar with the Board. She indicated that it is a mirror of this year's calendar except the change to the Teacher PD at the beginning of the year - there are three days instead of two. This will allow two half-days scheduled during the school year to be true half-days for staff as well. Steinberger asked if this calendar follows the county calendar. Griffith-Mathews replied that due to construction we needed to start a week later than the rest of the county, but she indicated that CTE students will start CTE on August 19th.

B. Schools Open Finance and HR/Payroll Software

Griffith-Mathews reported that the previous software, Linq, did not work for us. VanZoest is working to get a full refund. Schools Open Finance has been previewed and tested by both VanZoest and Jenna Griffith. They would like permission to make the full switch to Schools Open which will save us money yearly compared to Linq.

VI. Action -Items

A. Approval of Triangle Pay App #7 from 2/28/2025 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Motion was made by King and supported by Switalski to approve the payment of \$20,000 for Pay App #7.

Motion Carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

B. Approval of the 2025-2026 School Calendar

Motion was made by Switalski and supported by King to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

C. Approval of Schools Open Finance and HR Payroll Software

Motion was made by Palmer and supported by Switalski to approve the purchase and use of Schools Open Finance and HR Software.

Motion Carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

VII. Good of the Order

Griffith-Mathews indicated that she will be emailing pictures and updates of bond work to the Board.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 pm by Palmer and supported by Switalski.

Motion Carried: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent

Respectfully Submitted by,

Roger Cupp
Board Vice-President

Leasa Griffith-Mathews
Superintendent