

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, April 13, 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. WORK SESSION (6:00 p.m.)

2. Call meeting to order

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

- Mike Rowe
- Amelia Gapinski
- Lisa Rademacher
- Anna Reedy
- Dave Hansen
- Mikayla Sutter
- Ethan Paumen
- Tanya Malwitz
- Kelly Siebert
- Michelle Koss
- Holly Schrupp
- Lisa Weninger
- Tamil Kolehmainen
- Sara Harper
- Casey Pack
- Sam Nissen
- Jeff Kubian
- Amanda Labo
- Kristi Abrahamson
- Beth Haglin
- Kristi Metcalf
- Alexandra Jordan
- Brittany Symons

6. **(ACTION)** Approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2026.

Motion to approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2026. 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

7. **(ACTION)** Approve the consent agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2026 (See Exhibit 1 - Consent Agenda; March 11, 2026, 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 13, 2026. This motion, made by Kaitlyn Helmbrecht 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

8. **(INFORMATIONAL)** Open Forum

9. (7:10) Unfinished Business

9.A. March Enrollment

9.B. Food Service Update

9.C. Early Retirement Incentive

Motion to approve the early retirement incentive applications for two members that meet the requirements listed on the application. 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

- Amendments were made to approve the early retirement incentive applications for the two applicants that met the requirements.
- Going forward, we will re-examine the language used in the application for future applicants.

9.D. Policy 611

Motion to approve policy 611. This motion, made by Jen Rasset 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. (7:20) New Business

10.A. IAQ Fund Discussion

10.B. Summer Facilities

Motion to approve using LTFM to paint the Activity Center and Elementary Cafeteria. This motion, made by Branson Thomas 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

10.C. Revised Budget

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 revised budget. 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

10.D. State of the School

11. (7:45) Representative Reports

11.A. District Leadership Team - Natalie Anderson

- How to evaluate success and remain invested.
- Love and logic
- Community involvement is high
- MTS Grant
- April — Trauma Training

11.B. ECFE/Community Education - Liz Lind

- Subcommittee and city council meetings are on hold until a new city administrator is hired.
- D&D rental agreements — 1/2 softball, 1/2 baseball (small tournament fee added)
- Summer catalog is out now
- VPK- 15 spots and TK- 12 spots
- 4-5 year program is free for the remainder of the 2026 school year.
- About 46 registered for preschool
- Allison Gindele hired to full-time teacher
- Walking track/Pickleball survey out
- New trainer at fitness center
- Looking into C.E. golf camps

11.C. Food Service Committee- Branson Thomas

Committee did not meet.

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

- They have approved the new director contract.
- Highest cap for hiring right now.

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

Committee did not meet.

11.F. Safe Schools Committee - Kaitlyn Helmbrecht
Committee did not meet.

11.G. Technology Committee - Branson Thomas
Committee did not meet.

11.H. Wright Technical Center - Joe Paumen

- 2 teacher resignations this year.
- The Health Science teacher position has been filled.
- Roof leaks are getting fixed.
- Bids to complete building repairs have gone out.

11.I. Elementary School - Anna Reedy

- **In March we conducted the Capti ReadBasix assessment, required in the READ Act, with students in grades 4-6 who are currently reading below grade level - we tested 37 students. The test is meant to be a screener for dyslexic tendencies. Family reports for those who were tested will be sent home with the Fastbridge Family Reports after the May testing window for Fastbridge.**
- **We wrapped up our Catch-Up Club in March as well. This has continued to be a very successful opportunity for our upper grades to receive extra help outside of the school day on work. We are super grateful to Mrs. Malwitz for hosting this twice every week November-March!**
- **We began MCA testing last week. Grades 3-6 are completing MCA Reading tests last week and this week. Unfortunately, we do not receive initial results of the reading tests this year, as we have in the past, because this year is the first year of the MCA IV Reading test. Math MCA tests will be conducted April 20-April 30. The 5th Grade Science MCA test will be on May 6-7.**
- **The statewide severe weather drill is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, at 1:45pm.**
- **Grades 1 and 3 will be hosting special family members on Friday, April 17, to celebrate Grandparents' Day. We are anticipating over 150 visitors participating in this.**
- **Our 4th graders are making their final preparations for their recorder concert on Thursday, April 23. We will have our 5-6th grade music concerts on Monday, May 4.**
- **Staff will have another professional development day on Friday, April 24, including the second session of trauma-informed practices with Megan Perry from Resource Training & Solutions.**
- **Before our next board meeting, our 6th graders will take their annual trip up to Wolf Ridge, May 6-8.**
- **Our first round of Summer Academy invitations went out on Friday. We will be holding four weeks of SA this year- two weeks in June and two in August: June 15-25, August 3-13.**

11.J. High School - Dave Hansen

1. 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 21 & 22
2. Statewide Tornado Drill - this week, Thursday, April 16 @ 1:45 pm

3. Students of Excellence

a. Banquet in St. Cloud - April 22

b. Honorees:

i. Hayden Dircks

ii. Ethan Paumen

iii. Daniel Reilley

iv. Natasha Lodermeier

4. Staff Development Day

a. Trauma Presentation

5. Prom - April 25

a. Irish Mentor Activities will take place during Prom week

6. Grades 5 - 8 and HS Band Concert will be Monday, May 4

7. Mid-Quarter for 4th Quarter - May 6

8. Plans are underway for our Spring Irish Adventures

a. Date of May 28

b. Activities:

i. Valleyfair

ii. Golfing

iii. Canoeing

iv. Camp Friendship

12. (7:55) **Committee Reports**

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

Committee did not meet.

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

Committee did not meet.

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

Committee did not meet.

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

Committee did not meet.

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

Committee did not meet.

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

Committee did not meet.

13. (8:20) Set Meeting Dates

14. (8:25) Other Business

14.A. Mail

14.B. Upcoming Meetings

14.B.1. District Leadership Team - Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

14.B.2. Student of Excellence Banquet Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

14.B.3. Grand March Prom/Post Prom - Saturday, April 23, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

14.B.4. Safe School Meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 3:15 p.m

14.B.5. Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

14.C. Miscellaneous Information

15. (8:40) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the board meeting held on April 13th, 2026 at 8:03pm. This motion, made by Liz Lind 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