

Mapleton School Board Meeting
9/9/2024 5:30 PM School Cafeteria
Minutes

Citizens Comments

(Citizens wishing to address the school board are asked to complete a Citizen Comment Card and submit it to the schoolboard president prior to the start of the meeting. Each person may speak for up to two (2) minutes. The president reserves the right to limit the discussion and the number of speakers. School Board members shall not engage in a response or enter into a debate about any issue(s) brought before the board during this portion of the meeting. Citizen comments and concerns will be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, who will deal with the issue according to policy.)

Call Meeting to Order – 5:47pm

Attendees – President Josh Radcliffe, Vice President Kara Hendrickson, Luke Steckler, Collin Miller, Nathan Lotvedt, Superintendent Jenna Farkas, business Manager Meghan McGarry, Chelsea Jaegar, Jennifer Helland, and Emily O'Toole.

Additional Agenda Items and Guest –

- I. Approval of Minutes – August 2024** – Steckler motions to approve August minutes, Miller seconds, motion carried
- II. Approval of Financial Report – August 2024** – Miller motions to approve financial reports, Lotvedt seconds, motion carried.
- III. Teacher Presentation** – Jennifer Helland and Emily O'Toole, 4th grade teachers, started new math and reading curriculum. Growing pains with the new Math Curriculum but working through as a group. Great bunch of students.
- IV. Old Business:**
 - a. Long Range Planning – None
 - b. Land Sale- update: still working on getting this sold.
 - c. Budget – We hired extra Para Staff due to the increase in enrollment needs. Finalizing expenses for the portable.
- V. New Business:**
 - a. Annual Compliance report- Report from STARS that needs school board member approval. Farkas read through the report to board members. Hendrickson motioned to approve report, Steckler seconds, motioned carried.
 - b. Strategic Plan- All board members were sent the strategic plan. Freeman will correct grammatical errors within the report. Would the Committee like to move forward with getting the plan moving? Miller motions to approve first reading of the strategic planning, Hendrickson seconds, motion carried.
 - c. Open Enrollment- Hendrickson motions to approve open enrollment, Steckler seconds, motion carried.
 - d. Joint Board Meeting- Casselton is looking for dates for our next joint meeting. We are looking at Monday November 4th to meet with Casselton.
 - e. Cafeteria Plan- Cafeteria plan stated in the master contract offered to those teachers who do not take our medical plan.
 - f. Rural Board Member- We cannot change the structure of our board. Radcliffe would like to send letters to all our rural members to see if we can get someone to apply. McGarry and Farkas will continue to talk with legal about our options to get rural members.
- VI. Folio Reports –**
 - a. Building & Grounds – HVAC recommissioning is scheduled for October. Fixing the Curtain is scheduled for repair in October.

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- b. Buses – Old bus will be destroyed either this week or next. Pictures will be sent to Farkas after. Electric bus is working well and being used every day.
- c. Curriculum – New curriculum is going great.

VII. Principal Business –

- a. November Board Meeting date- Move school board meeting to Oct 7th, we will discuss November dates at the October meeting.
- b. School board convention-Radcliffe, Farkas, Miller and Steckler will be attending convention at end of October.
- c. After school program is going well.
- d. Color run on Sunday 9/8 went well.
- e. Received a donation to our school fairy account to use towards lunches, school supplies, winter gear.

The Mapleton school Board Meeting will be held on October 7th at 6:00 pm in the Mapleton school.

Adjournment – 7:02 pm