

# Mandan School Board Proceedings

## **MANDAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA JUNE 22, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Mandan Public School Board was held on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Bosh Froehlich Room, Mandan City Hall, 205 2nd Ave NW. Members present: Sheldon Wolf, Rick Horn, Lori Furaus, Darren Haugen, Kama Hoovestol, Mar-nie Piehl, Tom Peters, and Amy Shanandore. Others present: Mike Bitz, Superintendent of Schools, Carly Retterath, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Ryan Lagasse, Business Manager, Amy Rebe-nitsch, Jewel Meyer, Jill Miller, Ashley Jacob-chick, and Wade Meshke.

Members absent: Jake Schmidt

President Wolf called for any changes, additions, or deletions to the agenda as presented. There is a clarification of the time for the NDSBA SW Regional meeting. It will be held at 4:30 p.m. CDT.

Moved by Piehl, seconded by Schanandore to approve the agenda with the noted change. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 8-0.

President Wolf asked if there was anyone in attendance at today's meeting who was not on the agenda but wished to speak to the Board under Item III – Public Communications. No one spoke.

President Wolf thanked Ms. Piehl and Ms. Hoovestol for their years of service to Mandan Public Schools.

President Wolf also thanked Dr. Bitz for all his hard work and dedication to MPS.

President Wolf invited Jewel Meyer, Child Nutrition Director, to speak to the Board. Jewel

up-dated the Board on the Child Nutrition program.

Dr. Retterath asked the Board to let her know if they would like to attend the NDSA SW Re-gional meeting July 16 in Dickinson.

Dr. Retterath informed the Board of the ND Indian Education Summit being held at the State Capital July 28-29, 2026.

Dr. Retterath reminded the Board the ND School Board Convention will be October 8-9, 2026. All new Board members must attend October 8.

Ryan Lagasse updated the Board on the water damage at LC due to a watermain break May 29. All repairs are expected to be completed by the first day of school.

President Wolf reviewed the consent agenda, which included the May 18, 2026, regular Board

minutes, the May 2026 Bills, and the May 2026 Revenue and Expenditures Report.

Moved by Horn, seconded by Haugen, to approve the consent agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 8-0.

Ryan Lagasse shared with the Board the new School Board election results. Incumbent Darren Haugen was re-elected and Ashley Jacobchick and Jill Miller were newly elected to the Board.

Moved by Peters seconded by Schanandore, to approve the June 2026 School Board Election results. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 8-0.

Jewel Meyer presented the Prime Food Vendor bids to the Board.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Furaus to award the Prime Food Vendor bid to Sysco. On a

roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 8-0.

Ryan Lagasse asked the Board to allow the use of Joint Maintenance funds to be used on re-pairs on the track at Star-ion Sports Complex. These funds were set aside along with Mandan Parks and Rec to be used for such repairs. Mandan Parks and Rec has already approved the use of these funds.

Motion by Horn, seconded by Piehl to approve track re-pairs at Starion Sports Complex together with Mandan Parks and Rec. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 8-0.

Dr. Retterath reviewed changes to the 2026-2027 Elementary, Middle School, High School, Braves Alternative Education, and Mandan Virtual Academy handbooks.

Moved by Piehl, seconded by Schanandore, to approve the changes to the 2026-2027 Elementary handbook, 2026-2027 Middle School handbook, 2026-2027 High School handbook, 2026-2027 Braves Alternative Education handbook, and 2026-2027 Mandan Virtual Academy hand-book. On a roll call vote, Furaus, Haugen, Hoovestol, Horn, Piehl, Schanandore, and Wolf voted Yes. Peters voted No. Motion passed 7-1.

Dr. Retterath asked for the approval of a new hire for the 2026-2027 school year, Andrea Schreiner, Counselor at MMS.

Moved by Haugen, seconded by Furaus, to approve a new hire for the 2026-2027 school year, Andrea Schreiner, Counselor at MMS, and to welcome her to the school district. On a roll call vote, all members present

voted Yes. Motion passed 8-0.

Dr. Retterath asked the Board to approve to suspend a first reading and approve a second and final reading of policy KT-Prohibition of Fireworks on School District Property.

Moved by Peters, seconded by Schanandore to approve to suspend a first reading and approve a second and final reading of policy KT-Prohibition of Fireworks on School District Property. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 8-0.

Dr. Retterath asked the Board to approve a 3.5% wage increase for all Classified Staff for the 2026-2027 school year.

Moved by Piehl, seconded by Haugen, to approve a 3.5% wage increase for all Classified Staff for the 2026-2027 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 8-0.

Dr. Retterath asked the

Board for approval of the Business Manager's agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Horn, seconded by Haugen to approve the Business Manager's agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 8-0.

Dr. Bitz asked the Board for approval to increase SB member compensation for 2026-2027.

Motion by Piehl, seconded by Hoovestol to increase SB member compensation to \$5,500 with the President position increased to \$6,500 for 2026-2027. On a roll call vote Furaus, Hoovestol, Horn, Piehl, Schanandore, and Wolf voted Yes. Haugen and Peters voted No. Motion passed 6-2.

The regular board meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates:

Insurance Committee June 25 4:00 p.m. Brave Center  
Regular School Board July 20 5:30 p.m. City Hall  
Regular School Board August 3 5:30 p.m. City Hall  
Regular School Board August 17 5:30 p.m. City Hall  
Annual Board Retreat August 17 6:00 p.m. City Hall  
Facilities & Finance August 31 5:00 p.m. Brave Center  
Regular School Board September 8 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. City Hall  
Regular School Board September 21 5:30 p.m. City Hall  
Annual Budget Hearing September 21 6:00 p.m. City Hall

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