

Mandan School Board Proceedings

MANDAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA JULY 20, 2026

A regular meeting of the Mandan Public School Board was held on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bosh Froehlich Room, Mandan City Hall, 205 2nd Ave NW. Members present: Rick Horn, Lori Furaus, Darren Haugen, Ashley Jacobchick, Jill Miller, Amy Schanandore, Tom Peters, Jake Schmidt, and Sheldon Wolf. Others present: Carly Retterath, Superintendent of Schools, Wade Meschke, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Ryan Lagasse, Business Manager, Amy Rebenitsch, Kevin Utz, and Alexis Rasset.

Members absent: None.

The annual reorganization meeting of the Mandan Public School board was called to order by Superintendent Dr. Retterath.

Dr. Retterath welcomed two newly elected board members, Ashley Jacobchick and Jill Miller, along with one re-elected board member, Darren Haugen. The election was held June 9, 2026, and they will serve a three-year term.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Furaus to install the three newly elected board members. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Retterath called for nominations for board Chairperson of the Mandan School Board for the 2026-2027 year. Mr. Peters nominated Mr. Sheldon Wolf for the position of board Chairperson. Mr. Wolf declined the nomination. Mr. Wolf nominated Mr. Horn for the position of board Chairperson, and Mr. Peters seconded the nomination. Dr. Retterath called three

additional times for other nominations. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

President Horn called for nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Mandan School Board for the 2026-2027 year. Mr. Wolf nominated Mr. Haugen for the position of Vice President, and Mr. Peters seconded the nomination. President Horn called three additional times for other nominations. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

President Horn called for any changes, additions, or deletions to the agenda as presented. Dr. Retterath asked to change under New Business, g. Consider Designating Individuals for Pro-grams, English Learners supervisor be Wade Meschke. Mr. Wolf asked to add under Administrator's Report c. Lewis and Clark Update.

Moved by Schanandore, seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda with the changes as stated above. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

President Horn 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.

Dr. Retterath asked the board members to review the current committee assignments and contact her if they wish to make any changes or be placed on any current openings.

Dr. Retterath informed the Board of the NDSBA Annual

Convention being held October 8 and 9, 2026. Please contact

Dr. Retterath if you would like to attend this convention.

Ryan Lagasse updated the Board on the water damage at Lewis and Clark. The repairs are scheduled to be complete by the first day of school except for the gym floor, which will be re-placed next summer.

President Horn reviewed the consent agenda, which included the June 22, 2026, regular Board minutes.

Moved by Peters, seconded by Wolf, to approve the consent agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Ryan Lagasse presented the Board with two options for official newspaper of the MPSD, Mandan News or Morton County News Journal.

Moved by Peters, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Morton County News Journal as the official newspaper of the Mandan School District. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Schmidt, to approve Ryan Lagasse as Mandan School District Business Manager. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Haugen, seconded by Schmidt, to appoint Dr. Retterath and Mr. Meschke as representatives on the Morton-Sioux Special Education Board. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Wolf, to authorize the business manager and superintendent to invest school district funds. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Wolf, second-

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ed by Schmidt, to approve the building principals as the authorized representatives of MPS for the school immunization law. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Schanandore, to designate Dr. Retterath and Mr. Meschke as authorized representatives for all state and federal programs. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Schmidt to designate the following individuals as Supervisors of Programs: Title I – Wade Meschke; Title II Part A – Wade Meschke; Title IX – Dr. Carly Retterath; English Learners (EL) – Wade Meschke; Homeless Liaison – Lonnie Delorme; Foster Care Liaison – Cassandra Keller; Title VI Indian Education Grant – Travis Albers; Assessment Coordinator – Perry Just; and Child Nutrition Director – Jewel Meyer. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Ryan Lagasse reviewed the Securities Pledged to Guarantee School District Investments.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Wolf, to approve Securities Pledged by Local Banks to Guarantee School District Investments. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Retterath presented the SB meeting dates for 2026-2027. The meeting time September 8, 2026, will be changed to 5:30 p.m. Mr. Peters asked more meetings be held at 4:00

p.m. to allow employees to attend. Dr. Retterath will meet with MEA to see if teachers

would agree with this change.

Moved by Furaus, seconded by Schanandore, to approve the proposed School Board Meeting dates for 2026-2027 school year with the stated time change. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Retterath shared Substitute Teacher pay and Activity Fees/Ticket Prices will not change for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Schanandore, seconded by Wolf, to approve Substitute Teacher pay and Activity Fees/Ticket Prices for the 2026-2027 school year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Retterath recommended the approval of the 2026-2027 School Facility Rental Fees as defined in the board packet.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Miller, to approve the 2026-2027 School Facilities Rental Fees. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Retterath recommended Child Nutrition Prices for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the 2026-2027 Child Nutrition Prices. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Retterath reviewed changes to the 2026-2027 Classified handbook.

Moved by Peters, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the changes to the 2026-2027 Classified handbook. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Retterath asked the Board to approve the release

of Carol Buechler, Counselor at FL, from her 2026-2027 teaching contract and enforce liquidated damages effective immediately.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Schanandore, to approve the release of Carol Buechler, Counselor at FL, from her 2026-2027 teaching contract and enforce liquidated damages effective immediately and to thank her for her years of service to MPS. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Retterath asked for the Board to approve two applications for Open Enrollment Seeking a Deadline Waiver.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Miller to approve two applications for Open Enrollment Seeking a Deadline Waiver. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 9-0.

The regular board meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates:

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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