

Mandan School Board Proceedings

MANDAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA AUGUST 3, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mandan Public School Board was held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bosh Froehlich Room, Mandan City Hall, 205 2nd Ave NW. Members pre-sent: Rick Horn, Darren Haugen, Lori Furaus, Ashley Jacobchick, Jill Miller, Tom Peters, and Jake Schmidt. Others present: Carly Retterath, Superintendent of Schools, Wade Meschke, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Ryan Lagasse, Business Manager, Amy Rebenitsch, and Kevin Utz.

Members absent: Amy Schanadore and Sheldon Wolf. President Horn called for any changes, addition, or deletions to the agenda as presented. There were none.

Moved by Peters, seconded by Haugen to approve the agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

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. Carleen Porten expressed her concerns regarding the new high school and it's completion.

Dr. Retterath shared with the Board the 2026-2027 Enrollment numbers as of 08-03-2026. Currently our numbers

are slightly down from last year, but numbers continue to change daily.

Dr. Retterath reported on the State required switch from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus. We are currently working on ensuring everyone is familiar with the new software.

Mr. Lagasse gave an update on the summer construction projects at MS, RO, and LC.

Dr. Retterath reminded the Board of the NDSBA convention October 8 and 9, 2026. Deadline for registration is September 18, 2026.

President Horn reviewed the consent agenda, which included the July 20, 2026, regular Board minutes.

Moved by Haugen, seconded by Schmidt to approve the consent agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Lagasse presented the FY 2027 Preliminary budget with expenditures, revenue, and mill levies.

Moved by Peters, seconded by Schmidt to approve the FY 2027 preliminary expenditure, and revenue, and mill levy budget. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Meschke asked for the approval of a new hire for the 2026-2027 school year, Elicca Peters, Counselor at FL/RT.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Furaus to approve a new hire for the 2026-2027 school year, Elicca Peters, Counselor

at FL/RT, and to welcome her to the school district. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Retterath reported Whitney Naas, Music at MMS, has requested a leave of absence for one year.

Moved by Peters, seconded by Miller to deny the request from Whitney Naas, Music at MMS, for a leave of absence for one year. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Retterath asked the Board to approve four Open Enrollments Seeking a Deadline Waiver for the 2026-2027 school year.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Peters to approve the four Open Enrollments Seeking a Deadline Waiver. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

The regular board meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates:
Regular School Board, August 17, 5:30 p.m. City Hall; Annual Board Retreat, August 17, 6:00 p.m. City Hall; Insurance Committee, August 27, 4:00 p.m. Brave Center; Facilities & Finance Committee, August 31 5:00 p.m. Brave Center; Regular School Board, September 8 (Tues.) 5:30 p.m. City Hall; Regular School Board, September 21, 5:30 p.m. City Hall; Budget Hearing, September 21, 6:00 p.m. City Hall

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