

**Mendon Community Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2026**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order

Board President, Regina Schinker called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Middle/High School library.

B. Roll Call

- Members Present: Roger Cupp, Sonya Moyle, Jeremy Palmer, Regina Schinker, DyAnn Steinberger, and Norma Switalski
- Members Absent: Jesse King
- Administrative Staff Present: Leasa Griffith-Mathews, Bobby Kretschman, Glen Samson, Angie Spence, and Lisa VanZoest
- Others Present:

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Minutes, Bills, Receipts, and Financial Report

Motion was made by King and supported by Steinberger to approve the Regular and Closed Session Board Minutes for March 16, 2026, as well as the Bills, Receipts and Financial Report as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays, 1 absent

II. Communication

A. Oral

B. Written

- a. Thank you from the Griffith Family for the flowers.

C. Board Communication

I. Consent Agenda

Approval of

- A. Jr. High Softball - all Volunteer Coaches
 - a. Brady Strayer
 - b. Curtis Hiler
 - c. Joshua Smith

Motion was made by Cupp and approved by Switalski to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

II. Board Reports

A. Athletic Report

Samson reviewed spring sports records and numbers of participants. He also gave recognition to Ryder Gorham who was named First Team All State, Owen Gorham who earned Second Team All State, and to both the boys and girls basketball teams for earning Team Academic All-State honors.

B. Elementary Report

Spence reported that the elementary student count remained the same as in March. 21 students attended Kindergarten Round-Up, so we are anticipating around 30 Kindergarten students. GSRP currently has 30 students registered; this is a good number for April. Spence discussed summer school and summer camp invention opportunities for the elementary students.

C. Middle/High School Report

Kretschman reported that the student count at the MS/HS is down 2 students from March (233). He congratulated Theresa Jennett and the Science Olympiad teams on their 2nd (HS) and 3rd(MS) finishes for Class D. He also went on to congratulate the 6th-grade Clue-Me-In students on their first-place finish. He reviewed the testing schedule and handed out a May calendar of events for board members.

D. Superintendent Report

a. Bond Update

Griffith-Mathews updated the board on Phase 2. She indicated that Tower Pinkster and Triangle have both been involved in designing and discussing our next phase. This work will take place at the middle/high school. Meetings are held every three weeks.

b. Legislative Update

Griffith-Mathews indicated that the Senate and Executive preliminary budgets have been announced. Both give a \$250 per pupil increase. She went on to state that the Senate budget does have an indication of addressing the waiver of rights issue surrounding the 31aa funding. She will keep the board updated.

V. Discussion Items

A. NEOLA Volume 40 No. 2 Policy Update - First Reading

Griffith-Mathews reviewed the policies to be added, rescinded, renumbered, or revised as presented.

B. NEOLA Revisions for Policies 3440 and 4440 - Employee Reimbursements for Expenses

Griffith-Mathews indicated that the dollar amounts for these policies had not been revised since 1996. The revision would increase the meal reimbursements to: Breakfast \$10, Lunch \$15, and Dinner \$25.

C. 2026-2027 School Calendar

Griffith-Mathews reviewed the calendar that the union had approved. The calendar does include PD time as well.

D. 27L Educator Grant Stipend

VanZoest and Griffith-Mathews discussed the 27L grant that the District has received. It needs to be approved by the union for the Letter of Agreement. . VanZoest is asking if the Board would approve taking money from the General Fund to increase those amounts by \$300 and \$150, respectively.

VI. Action Items

A. Recommend Approval of NEOLA Policies 3440 and 4440 as Presented

Motion was made by Steinberger and supported by Moyle to approve the revisions to Policies 3440 and 4440 regarding employee reimbursements as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

B. Recommend Approval of the 2026-2027 School Calendar as Presented

Motion was made by Palmer and supported by Moyle to approve the 2026-2027 calendar as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

C. Recommend Approval of Triangle App #20 for \$73,840.22

Motion was made by Cupp and supported by Palmer to approve the Triangle App #20 for \$73,840.22.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

D. Recommend that No Further Action be Taken on the July 21, 2025, Issue Regarding the Superintendent as the Board Found No Evidence of Misconduct.

Motion was made by Palmer and supported by Cupp to take no further action on the July 21, 2025, issue regarding the superintendent, as the Board has found no evidence of misconduct.

Motion Carried: 6 aye; 0 nays; 1 absent

E. Recommend Approval of the 27L Educator Grant Stipend as Presented

Motion was made by Moyle and supported by Switalski to approve the 27L Educator Stipend as presented with the increases from the General Fund.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

VII. Good of the Order

Griffith-Mathews informed the Board that she is looking into using professional development for instructional time to make up the ½ day cancellation due to fog. She will keep the Board updated.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm by Palmer, and supported by Switalski.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent

Respectfully Submitted by,

Regina Schinker
Board President

Leasa Griffith-Mathews
Superintendent