

Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, March 9, 2026 7:00 PM Central

BOARDROOM  
200 Highway 55 E  
Maple Lake, Minnesota 55358

Natalie Anderson: Present  
Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Present  
Liz Lind: Present  
Scott Mavencamp: Present  
Joe Paumen: Present  
Jen Rasset: Present  
Branson Thomas: Present  
Present: 7.

1. Call meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **"District #881 is Proud of"**

4. **(INFORMATIONAL)** Recognition of visitors

Visitors:

- Mike Rowe
- Amelia Gapinski
- Dave Hanson
- Lisa Rademacher
- Tanya Malwitz
- Mikayla Sutter
- Ethan Paumen
- Brenda Erdahl
- Marie Halloran

5. **(ACTION)** Approve the agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Branson Thomas and seconded by Scott Mavencamp, Passed.

Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6. **(ACTION)** Approve the consent agenda for the regular school board meeting held on Monday, March 9, 2026 (See Exhibit 1 - Consent Agenda; February 9, 2026, Minutes; Board Checks; Manual Checks; Operating Investments; OPEB Investments, Technology Bond Investments, Monthly Donations, Payroll Contribution Checks) **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Liz Lind and seconded by Jen Rasset, Passed.

Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

## 7. (INFORMATIONAL) Open Forum

### 8. (7:10) Unfinished Business

#### 8.A. February Enrollment

#### 8.B. Food Service Update

#### 8.C. District LEA Representative

Motion to approve Superintendent Mike Rowe as the districts LEA representative. This motion, made by Branson Thomas and seconded by Natalie Anderson, Passed.

Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### 9. (7:20) New Business

#### 9.A. Confidential Staff Contract Approval

Motion to approve the confidential staff contract for the 2025-2027 school years. This motion, made by Natalie Anderson and seconded by Jen Rasset, Passed.

Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

#### 9.B. IAQ FUND

Discussion on the IAQ fund balance (looking at bigger projects you can't complete with Levy money)

- Science labs
- Windows on west side of building
- Lights/ doors
- Drinking Fountains
- Elementary lockers

Looking at doing an open forum meeting/tour to show problem areas.

#### 9.C. Wright Technical Center's Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan

Motion to approve 27-28 Wright Tech Center LTFM plan. This motion, made by Joe Paumen and seconded by Liz Lind, Passed.

Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

#### 9.D. Jr. High Golf Assistant Coach

Motion to add an assistant golf coach for the 2026 spring season. This motion, made by Branson Thomas and seconded by Scott Mavencamp, Passed.

Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe

Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

#### 9.E. State of the School

### 10. (7:45) Representative Reports

10.A. District Leadership Team - Natalie Anderson  
Committee did not meet.

10.B. ECFE/Community Education - Liz Lind  
Committee did not meet.

10.C. Food Service Committee- Branson Thomas  
Committee did not meet.

10.D. Meeker and Wright Special Ed Co-Op - Jen Rasset

- They took a tour of the Howard Lake building.
- Step program (18-22 year old's) 18 students this year.

10.E. Minnesota State High School League - Liz Lind  
Committee did not meet.

10.F. Safe Schools Committee - Kaitlyn Helmbrecht  
Committee did not meet.

10.G. Technology Committee - Branson Thomas  
Committee did not meet.

10.H. Wright Technical Center - Joe Paumen

- They had a science teacher's resignation.
- Maple Lake took 1st place in the welding competition in every category but tig welding.
- Buffalo Farmers market will be using the parking lot this season.
- Talked about projects to complete with the LTFM money they are receiving.

10.I. Elementary School - Anna Reedy

- **GLOW Party on Feb. 27 was a success! Students had the opportunity to take pictures at a photo booth display; run and jump on a couple of inflatables (courtesy of Brad Salveson); dance to music from DJ Brummer, play glow-in-the-dark tic-tac-toe; and compete in human bowling, football toss, and cornhole. If they read more than 50 minutes over their goal, they also got to paint the principal!**
- **We conducted the 20th annual Battle of the Books on Thursday-Friday, March 5-6. We want to give a special shout out to Logan Meyer and Maevyn Geyen, who were crowned 6th grade Battle winners - completing a full sweep, winning every year of their eligibility!**

- **We have PTA Bingo night coming up on Thursday this week, 5:30-7:15pm. I will be your Bingo caller. We will be serving walking tacos, handing out great prizes to bingo winners, and MLE classrooms have put together themed Baskets of Chance to be auctioned off!**
- **Our staff are getting ready for MCA testing season, which begins at MLE on April 7 and will run through May 7.**
- **We are working on getting our character pictures displayed in the main hallway. They have been up temporarily since January, but Steve Fritz will be working on permanently I'd like to give an extra shout out to Mr. Kiebel, who was kind enough to construct and paint a sign that will be hung with the pictures.**

#### 10.J. High School - Dave Hansen

##### 1. Donkey Basketball

a. Great turn out

##### 2. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held February 27

a. Average turnout for Spring Semester

b. 10 people approx. showed for the registration and Post-Secondary meetings

##### 3. Pops Concert Grades 5-12 Band

a. Excellent turnout

b. Impromptu art show - amazingly talented art students!

##### 4. ACT Test for those students signed up in December will take place Wednesday, March 12.

a. Approx. 15 Students testing

##### 5. Vision and Hearing Screening for Grades 7 & 10 - April 18

##### 6. MCA Testing

a. Begins next week on Thursday, March 19, with reading in grade 10

b. Continues the first 3 school weeks of April

##### 7. Scholarship applications are due Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 3:15 pm

a. The scholarship committee will meet in April to rank applications

##### 8. End of 3rd quarter - March 27

##### 9. Registration for 2026-2027

a. Grades 8 -11 are completed with registration

b. Working with EV-W School to offer Spanish to their upper level students due to their program being cut

## 11. (7:55) Committee Reports

#### 11.A. Activities Committee - Lind, Thomas, Mavencamp

The committee did not meet.

#### 11.B. Building and Grounds Committee - Paumen, Helmbrecht, Mavencamp

- They talked about Diamonds and Dreams Ball field.
- Getting quotes for fixing projects.
- Figuring out which projects are most important to complete first.

11.C. Confidential Staff Committee - Rasset, Anderson, Thomas  
They met on 2/18/26 and settled the contracts.

11.D. Finance and Programs Committee - Helmbrecht, Rasset, Anderson  
The committee did not meet.

11.E. Licensed Staff Committee - Helmbrecht, Anderson, Paumen  
The committee did not meet.

11.F. Support Staff Committee - Anderson, Lind, Mavencamp  
The committee did not meet.

12. (8:20) Set Meeting Dates

12.A. Licensed Staff Committee

13. (8:25) Other Business

13.A. Mail

13.B. Upcoming Meetings

Tana Fobbe added a Community Ed meeting on Monday March 16th, 2026.

13.B.1. District Leadership Team Meeting at 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the Board Room

13.B.2. Regular School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, April 13, 2026**, in the Board Room

13.C. Miscellaneous Information

14. (8:40) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the board meeting that was held on March 9th, 2026 at 8:19pm. This motion, made by Branson Thomas and seconded by Natalie Anderson, Passed.

Natalie Anderson: Yea, Kaitlyn Helmbrecht: Yea, Liz Lind: Yea, Scott Mavencamp: Yea, Joe Paumen: Yea, Jen Rasset: Yea, Branson Thomas: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0