

**MULLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 9, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Mullen School Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Liza Simonson She announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall. Board members in attendance were **Present:** Mike French, Travis Hampton, Dane Peterson, Casey Phillips, Liza Simonson, Patrick Wright. Also present were 3 administrators, \_\_ staff, \_\_ students, and \_\_ patrons

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Travis Hampton to elect Liza Simonson as Board President for 2023.  
Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: Abstain (With Conflict), Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Travis Hampton, second by Casey Phillips to elect Dane Peterson as Board Vice President for 2023.  
Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: Abstain (With Conflict), Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Travis Hampton to elect Mike French as Board Secretary for 2023.  
Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: Abstain (With Conflict), Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Mike French, second by Patrick Wright to elect Casey Phillips as Board Treasurer for 2023. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: Abstain (With Conflict), Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Mike French to approve the 2023 Board Committee Assignments as presented. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Travis Hampton to approve the December 12, 2022 Board Workshop Minutes and Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: Abstain (With Conflict), Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Mike French, second by Dane Peterson to approve the agenda, and verify that notice of the meeting was published in the Hooker County Tribune, and posted according to board policy. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Travis Hampton to approve the following January claims: Payroll \$277,678.15, General Fund \$58,047.18, Lunch Fund \$3,144.05, and December Activity Fund \$10,557.43.  
Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Patrick Wright, second by Mike French to approve the review the renewal of policy 2001 Role of the Board of Education. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Casey Phillips to approve the review the renewal of policy 2012 Board Code of Ethics. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Mike French, second by Travis Hampton to approve to review policy 3035 Chain of Command.  
Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Travis Hampton to approve the Mullen Public Schools Board of Education Calendar for 2023. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Travis Hampton, second by Dane Peterson to approve the superintendent evaluation for Chris Kuncel for December 2022. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: Abstain (With Conflict), Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Mike French to approve the superintendent contract for Chris Kuncel for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Patrick Wright to approve First State Bank to be designated as the depository bank for Mullen Public Schools for the year 2023. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis

Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Mike French, second by Dane Peterson to approve KSB School Law to be designated as the legal counsel for Mullen Public Schools for the year 2023. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Patrick Wright, second by Casey Phillips to approve the Hooker County Tribune as the official newspaper for Mullen Public Schools for advertisement for 2023. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: Abstain (With Conflict), Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Travis Hampton to approve Mullen Education Association (MEA) as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2024-2025 contract year. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Mike French, second by Dane Peterson to approve the review of the MPS Pandemic Plan. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes, Travis Hampton: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

As soon as the next month's meeting notice is posted on the Mullen Public Schools website, an agenda will be available for public inspection on both the school website and on the SPARQ meetings site.

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Chris Kuncl, Recording Secretary