

MULLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
January 8, 2024

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 Patrick Wright to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and the Board workshop meeting minutes. 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 Travis Hampton to Approval of the following January claims: Payroll \$296,774.91, General Fund \$49,001.90, Lunch Fund \$2,524.52, and December Activity Fund \$18,796.04. 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 Travis Hampton to approve to keep the same officers with Liza Simonson- President, Dane Peterson-Vice President, Mike French-Secretary, and Casey Phillips- Treasurer. 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 Travis Hampton to approve to keep the same officers with Liza Simonson- President, Dane Peterson-Vice President, Mike French-Secretary, and Casey Phillips- Treasurer. 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 Dane Peterson to approve the board committees 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 Casey Phillips to approve the review 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 Travis Hampton, second by Casey Phillips to approve the review 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 Patrick Wright, second by Dane Peterson to approve the review of 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 2024. 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 Dane Peterson to approve the completion of the superintendent evaluation for Chris Kuncel for December 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 Dane Peterson, second by Casey Phillips to approve the superintendent contract for Chris Kuncel for the 2024-2025 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 Mike French, second by Travis Hampton to approve Dayspring Bank as the designated depository bank for Mullen Public Schools for 2024. 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 KSB School Law to be designated as the legal counsel for Mullen Public Schools for the year 2024. 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 Travis Hampton to approve the Hooker County Tribune as the official newspaper for Mullen Public Schools for advertisement for 2024. 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 approve the Mullen Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2025-2026 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 Dane Peterson, second by Casey Phillips 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.

Chris Kuncl, Recording Secretary