

**MULLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 13, 2025**

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, Dane Peterson, Casey Phillips, Liza Simonson, Michael Stichka, Patrick Wright. Also present were 3 administrators, \_\_ staff, \_\_ students, and \_\_ patrons

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Patrick Wright 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, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Mike French, second by Dane Peterson to approve the December 9, 2024 Superintendent Evaluation Workshop Minutes and the December 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Patrick Wright, second by Casey Phillips to Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the claim from the Hooker County Tribune for \$99.22. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to Approval of the following January claims: Payroll \$320,927.47, General Fund \$56,234.09, Lunch Fund \$4,080.90, and December Activity Fund \$13,400.33. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike French, second by Casey Phillips to reaffirm 2001 Role of the Board of Education. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Michael Stichka to reaffirm Policy 2012 Board Code of Ethics. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick

Wright: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Casey Phillips to reaffirm Policy 3035 Chain of Command. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to approve the 2025 Mullen Board of Education Calendar. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Casey Phillips to approve the Superintendent Contract for Chris Kuncel for the 2025-2028 school years. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike French, second by Dane Peterson to approve the Principal Contract with Mike Kvanvig for the 2025-2028 school years. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Michael Stichka to approve the Principal Contract for Brett Mauler for the 2025-2028 school years. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike French, second by Dane Peterson to approve the 2025-2026 Mullen Public School District Calendar. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Casey Phillips to approve Dayspring Bank in Mullen the designated depository bank for Mullen Public Schools for the year 2025. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Patrick Wright, second by Michael Stichka to approve the Hooker County Tribune as publication newspaper for Mullen Public Schools for the year 2025. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to approve KSB School Law as legal representation for Mullen Public Schools for the year 2025. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike French, second by Michael Stichka to approve the Mullen Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the Mullen Public Schools non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2026-2027 contract year. Motion carried.

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