

MULLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
March 10, 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:** Dane Peterson, Casey Phillips, Liza Simonson, Michael Stichka, Patrick Wright, **Absent:** Mike French. Also present were 3 administrators, __ staff, __ students, and __ patrons

Motion by Patrick Wright, second by Michael Stichka to approve the February 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting minutes and the February 24, 2025, Board Workshop for Goal-Setting minutes. Motion carried.
Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: Abstain (With Conflict), Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: Absent, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Patrick Wright to approve the option enrollment for Martin Connealy. Motion carried.
Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: Absent, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Michael Stichka to approve the certified teaching contracts for Mollie Finney, Cece Coons, and Harlee Fischer. Motion carried.
Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: Absent, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Michael Stichka to approve the claim from the Hooker County Tribune for \$111.88. Motion carried.
Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: Abstain (With Conflict), Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: Absent, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Patrick Wright, second by Dane Peterson to approve the invoice from Rutts Mechanical Services for repairs to the Mullen Elementary HVAC System. Motion carried.
Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: Absent, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to Approval of the following March claims: Payroll \$300,224.30, General Fund \$67,957.53, Lunch Fund \$6,856.73, and February Activity Fund \$10,778.10. Motion carried.
Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: Absent, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Michael Stichka to approve the Mullen Board of Education Goals for 2025-2028. Motion carried.

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Motion by Patrick Wright, second by Dane Peterson to approve the classified wage scale and the classified positions for the 2025-2026 School Year. Motion carried.

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to approve the 2025-2026 contracts with ESU 16 for Special Education-Early Childhood & School Age, Mental Health Services, and Southwest Nebraska Distance Education Network. Motion carried.

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

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

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