

MULLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
July 14, 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 Dane Peterson, second by Michael Stichka to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. 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 Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association for Mullen Public Schools. 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 Michael Stichka, second by Patrick Wright to approve the claim from the Hooker County Tribune for \$223.11. 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 Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to Approval of the following July claims: Payroll \$258,130.94, General Fund \$19,416.46, Lunch Fund \$203.56, Depreciation Fund \$7,697.50, and June Activity Fund \$12,442.36. 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 revisions to policy 5018. Parental Involvement in Education Practices. 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 revisions to policy 5045 Student Fees. 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 Michael Stichka to approve the review of Policy 5057 District Title 1 Family and Engagement. 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 Michael Stichka, second by Dane Peterson to approve the review of policy 5054 Student Bullying. 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 Patrick Wright to approve 1000 & 2000 Series Policy Revisions to policies: 1002, 2006, and 2008. 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 Michael Stichka, second by Casey Phillips to approve 3000 & 4000 Series Policy Revisions to policies: 3003, 3004.1, 3023, 3026, 3036, 3043, 3047, 3057, 4051, 4057, & 4059. 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 Dane Peterson, second by Casey Phillips to approve 5000 & 6000 series policy updates for policies: 5001, 5002, 5003, 5015, 5016, 5031, 6031, & 6034. 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 adoption of the following 6000 series policies: 6025 Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices, 6040 Prekindergarten (Preschool) or Early Childhood Education, 6044 Participation and Assignment of Athletic Teams, & 6045 Behavioral Intervention. 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 Dane Peterson, second by Casey Phillips to approve the propane bid for Mullen Public Schools 2025-2026 from Neal Oil. 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 Dane Peterson, second by Michael Stichka to approve the trade in of the 2015 Chevrolet suburban receiving \$4,495 and purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Malibu for \$14,500 after the trade in amount from Schalk Auto. 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