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# COMMUNITY EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

## Greetings from the Superintendent's Desk

The school year is off to a smooth start and I hope everyone has settled in to all the routines that come along with the start of school. We are excited to welcome several new families to our school, bringing our current enrollment in grades PK-6 to 237. We are grateful for this growth and pleased to have these families in our school community.

**Parking Lot Safety**

Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up are especially busy. With buses, students, staff, and parents arriving or leaving at the same time, we ask everyone to remain alert and use extra caution.

Please drive slowly and watch carefully for students and staff walking to or from the building. Younger children can be difficult to see and may step into traffic without noticing an approaching vehicle. Taking a few extra seconds to be patient and attentive can help prevent an accident and keep everyone safe.

We ask that parents who are dropping off or picking up their children to please use a marked parking space that is away from the main entrance rather than stopping near the main entrance or parking in a driving lane. This will ensure that our buses have enough room to enter and leave the parking lot safely, and it will also help all traffic to move safely while reducing congestion near the school entrance.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work together to keep our parking lot safe!

**Automated Alert System Test—October 15**

Medina Public School will once again be using an automated alert system to provide important information to our school families. If school is canceled, delayed, or if we have an early dismissal, we will send a text message and a phone call to inform parents. We will perform a test of this system on October 15 to ensure everything is working correctly. If you do not receive a text or an automated voice call from us on that date, please contact the school so we can add your number to the system.

Additionally, if your contact information changes, please inform the school so we can update your information.




**NDHSAA Fan Ejection Policy**

I want to provide all of our fans of the NDHSAA Fan Ejection Policy. This policy was adopted to promote sportsmanship and ensure a positive environment at all contests. The policy states:

- Any attendee ejected from a regular season or NDHSAA tournament contest will incur a minimum two (2) week suspension from that team's games/ events and all other NDHSAA games/events in the interim at any level of competition.
- An attendee ejected for a second time during a school year shall be suspended for a minimum of one (1) calendar year from all NDHSAA regular and postseason events.
- NDHSAA member schools may increase these minimum penalties at their discretion.

We ask that all spectators demonstrate positive behavior and continue to support our teams in a way that reflects well on our school and community. Also, all students are to be seated during athletic events and should not loiter in the halls, commons area, or restrooms. If students are loitering, they will be directed back to their seats to sit with their parents or will be asked to leave the building. Thank you for your help in making our extra-curricular events enjoyable for everyone!

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather while it lasts—before long, winter will be here! Thank you for your continued support of our school and students. I'm looking forward to another great school year!

*Mr. Damon Bosche*
*Superintendent/AD*

# School Board Meeting Minutes

### *Medina Public School District #3 School Board Meeting August 14, 2026*

*Chairman Rory Hoffmann called the board meeting to order at 7:15 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present (Rory Hoffmann, Shawn Gefroh, Jacob Hofmann, Jeremy Schmidt, Shawn Lachenmeier, Nancy Heinle-Bodvig, and Nolan Kartchner). Supt. Bosche, Principal Hofmann, and Business Manager Moser were also present.*

*The minutes of the July 17, 2026 regular meeting were reviewed. Shawn L. moved to approve the minutes as presented, Jacob seconded, carried unanimously.*

*The monthly financial report was reviewed and discussed. Jacob moved to approve the financial report, Nancy seconded, carried unanimously.*

*The monthly bills and payroll were reviewed. Nolan moved to pay all bills and payroll, Shawn G. seconded, carried unanimously.*

*Agenda Additions/Deletions: none. Recognize guests: none. Public comments: none.*

*Reviewed the rental agreement for DHB Activity Center – approved at the last meeting.*

*26-27 budget revision: slight decrease in the general fund property tax due to final change in property valuation from the county and slight increase in Title 1 funding. Revenue = $3,751,549.13. Expenditures = $3,738,869.28. Shawn G. moved to approve the budget revisions, Jacob seconded, roll call vote: SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y. Motion carried 7-0.*

*Annual budget hearing will be September 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM (not a board meeting).*

*Shawn L. moved to approve the Fall Festival truck pull request for use of facility and fees waived, Shawn G. seconded, roll call vote: NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y. Motion carried 7-0.*

*Jeremy moved to approve tuition free agreements for one student from PB and one student from G-S to attend Medina, Nolan seconded, roll call vote: JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y. Motion carried 7-0.*

*Jacob moved to approve open enrollments for two students from Jamestown for the 26-27 school year and one open enrollment for one student for the 27-28 school year, Shawn L. seconded, roll call vote: NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y. Motion carried 7-0.*

*Superintendent/AD Report: bus route changes – split long NE route (Rebecca Higgins and Tina Guthmiller driving) and combined Tina's route with Streeter & Tappen routes plus we added another 14-passenger bus route from Jamestown with DeAnn Ruff driving. Elementary roof repair updates – should be completed today. New playground equipment being installed – Thanks to Ryan, Damon, Ashley & Dean! AD update on fall sports. Mr. Bosche shared some information on membership at JVCTC that could benefit our school/ students and CTE programs.*

*Principal Report: open house and new students/families, Infinite Campus update/training, telehealth counseling – Rural Psychiatry, updated student policies will be reviewed with students on the first day.*

*The next regular meeting will be on Friday, September 11, 2026 at 7:15 am. Jacob moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 AM, Nancy seconded, carried unanimously.*

### **Medina Public School District #3 School Board Meeting September 11, 2026*

*The minutes of the August 14, 2026 regular meeting were reviewed. Nolan moved to approve the minutes as presented, Shawn L. seconded, carried unanimously.*

*The monthly financial report was reviewed and discussed. Nancy moved to approve the financial report, Shawn G. seconded, carried unanimously.*

*The monthly bills and payroll were reviewed. Jeremy moved to pay for the elementary roof from the general fund, Shawn G. seconded, roll call vote: SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y. Motion carried 6-0. Jeremy moved to pay all bills and payroll, Nancy seconded, carried unanimously.*

*Agenda Additions/Deletions: 14 passenger bus Recognize guests: none. Public comments: none.*

*Mr. Bosche presented the School and LEA Annual Compliance reports. Nolan moved to approve the reports, Shawn L. seconded, roll call vote: NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, SG-y. Motion carried 6-0.*

*The ND School board convention is October 8 & 9 – board members should let Dawn know asap. We will move our next board meeting to October 16 (instead of the 9th).*

*Annual Financial Report was presented. Shawn L. moved to approve the report as presented, Nancy seconded, roll call vote: JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, SG-y, NH-y. Motion carried 6-0.*

| | Beginning Balance 7/1/25 | Revenue | Expenditures | Ending Balance 6/30/26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| General Fund (01) | $1,862,062.40 | $3,798,017.96 | $3,527,873.56 | $2,132,206.80 |
| Capital Projects Fund Group (03) | $1,247,037.81 | $203,646.33 | $532,674.10 | $918,010.04 |
| Sinking & Interest Fund Group (04) | $149,635.00 | $227,291.85 | $219,350.00 | $157,576.85 |
| Food Service Fund Group (05) | $19.67 | $180,934.09 | $182,318.28 | ($1,364.52) |
| Activities Fund Group (06) | $137,364.34 | $297,003.34 | $243,073.35 | $191,294.33 |

*Outstanding bonds as of 6/30/2026: $2,875,000.00*

# WASHINGTON, DC/NYC TRIP 2028

There are 18 students signed up to go to Washington DC and New York City in June 2028 with the World Strides company (a 2026 DC trip summary is on page 5 of this newsletter). Chaperones are Tina Guthmiller, Melissa Dockter, and Jodi Dockter. The students have begun fundraising; serving concessions at elementary basketball and volleyball games. They are also selling calendar raffle tickets with drawings starting in October. Tickets are still available. If you are interested, contact a sophomore or junior student or a chaperone.

Dacotah Dockter/Dockter Chopping donated a RTIC cooler and tickets are $6 or two for $10. The drawing for the RTIC cooler will be held on October 13th between the JV and varsity volleyball games. Thank you to Dockter Chopping for this generous donation. Plans for future fundraisers are underway. Thank you for supporting our students as they plan for this exciting trip.

# St. Mary's Catholic Church Chicken Dinner

St. Mary's Catholic Church of Medina will be serving a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Medina Legion Hall.




The menu includes oven-baked chicken, baked potato, side dishes, relishes, dessert, and beverage. The meal cost is $15 for adults, $5 for kids ages 6-12; and free for kids 5 and under. There will also be a Country Store with baked goods and craft items available for sale.

# School Board Meeting Minutes continued...

*Building Committee meeting & property walk through following the October board meeting.*

*Shawn G. moved to approve open enrollments for two students from Jamestown for the 26-27 school year (deadline waived due to move), Jeremy seconded, roll call vote: NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y. Motion carried 6-0.*

*The board reviewed the Cognia Strategy Map presented by Mrs. Hofmann.*

*Shawn L. moved to rescind old policies BA, BC, BCAB, CAAB, CABB, CBAA, CBAB, FAAC, FDD, and HCAA, Jeremy seconded, roll call vote: SL -y, JS-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y. Motion carried 6-0.*

*Nolan moved to approve the adoption of policies BA, BC, CAAB, CABB, CBAA, CBAB, FAAC, FDD, and HCAA on the first reading and waive the second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA; Nancy seconded, roll call vote: JS-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y. Motion carried 6-0.*

*14 passenger bus purchase discussion - since we've added another bus route from Jamestown, we could use another small bus. We will solicit bids for a new 14-passenger bus.*

*Nancy left the meeting at 7:45 am.*

*Superintendent/AD Report: elementary reroof project is almost complete, annual budget hearing is September 16 at 5:30 in Millie's Room at the school. Replaced the AC unit in the front office. Fall sports numbers: cross country – 3 boys & 3 girls, elementary cross country – 2 boys & 1 girl, volleyball – 27 in grades 9-12 & 25 in grades 7-8, elementary girls basketball – 17 in grades 4-6. MPB Coop meeting is scheduled for September 30 at 5:30 in Medina. Elementary boys' basketball practice will start 9/21/26 and coached by Stan Johnson and Drew Hofmann.*

*Principal Report: ND A+ testing starting soon, updated Behavior Matrix, new playground equipment is a hit! Thanks to the installation crew and the carnival committee for finding additional donations to add these pieces to our playground. K-5 grade Body Safety presentation by Dakota Children's Advocacy Center, Freshman Class blood drive on 9/30/26, Hands on Lab days. Career Fair to be held October 14th at the DHB Activity Center – approximately 50 booths and other schools have been invited.*

*The next regular meeting will be on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 7:15 am. Shawn L. moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 AM.*

### **Special School Board Meeting September 22, 2026*

*Chairman Rory Hoffmann called the board meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present (Rory Hoffmann, Shawn Gefroh, Jacob Hofmann, Jeremy Schmidt, Shawn Lachenmeier, Nancy Heinle-Bodvig, and Nolan Kartchner). Supt. Bosche and Business Manager Moser were also present.*

*Agenda: discussion about purchasing a used bus from Coach Masters of Nebraska – 2019 Collins Chevy w/ 6.0 engine with 15,864 miles, 3 months/3,000-mile warranty, price - $49,995. We will need to add cameras. Jacob moved to purchase the bus, Shawn L. seconded, roll call vote: SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y. Motion carried 7-0.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.*

*/s/ Rory Hoffmann, President*
*/s/ Dawn Moser, Business Manager*

** These minutes are unapproved and subject to change at the 10/16/26 meeting.*

# City of Medina Council Minutes

## City of Medina Regular Meeting
## July 6, 2026 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the City of Medina, Stutsman County, was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall. Present was Mayor Myron Gunderson, CM Mitch Gunderson, CM Joe Schmidt and CM Dacotah Dockter. Sid Higdem (City Worker) and Rhonda Schlecht (Auditor) present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from June1st meeting were approved as read with the insertion of a comma after Buskness in the visitors by CM Mitch, 2nd CM Dacotah. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

Oath of office was given by Mayor Myron to Randy Everding (Mayor), William Busch (Council Member) and Joseph Deede (Council Member). The meeting was turned over to the new council. Members present were Mayor Randy, CM Joe D, CM Bill and CM Joe S.

Reorganization meeting – Mayor Randy appointed CM Bill as Vice Chair. The remainder appointments are tabled until the open position is filled.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe D to table appointments until the open position is filled. All ayes, no nays – motion carried. Visitors: Audry Bosche, Melinda Deede, Mark Freier, Mike Kramlich, Carder Roder, Kaitlyn Dehne, Sherry Meadows and Becky Reich

Public Comment (15 minutes max total – not each person) – None

Visitors recognized for Agenda – MED, Brian Cobb, Michelle McCarthy and Dennis Behm (Cobby's Bar), Myron Strom (Strom Sanitation)

Becky Reich – Discussion on mowing her property in June 2025.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe D. to adjust the mowing bill by $50. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

City Worker's Report – NDIRF has not responded back to the results of the claim for the roof. Sid will follow up with this. The "Medina" signs have been reordered. The old signs can be purchased at half price. The council would like the old signs to be returned. Whirly birds were ordered and not what was expected so they will be returned and new ones purchased. Dewald's Backhoe, Dehne Septic and Advantage Electric will be here Wednesday, July 8th, for #5 lift station to be completed. Advantage Electric will be here July 15th to do the grinder in the Fish Cleaning Station. Trees on 1st Ave N by Guthmiller's need trimming. CM Joe S will call Stutsman County to inquire on trimming them and pot holes on 1st Ave also. Discussion on road signs (stop signs, your speed signs). City worker's would like a brush mower for the lagoon area so if everyone could keep an eye out for a deal would be good. Excursion needs to be taken in for a rattle when driven. Council suggested checking with O'Neils. The compost pile is full and worker's are looking for suggestions to clean it out. Sid will call Jamestown to check on who does their grinding and prices. Sweeper has been repaired and has not been used yet. Flushing of hydrants is on the list of items to do.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe D to order 6 meters and 6 radio reads for $2,280. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

CM Joe S motioned, 2nd CM Joe D to purchase 4' LED bulbs for the production area of the water plant through Advantage Electric. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.
CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to transfer $2,280 from meter to general for the purchase of meters and radio reads. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Water bills were discussed. Laundromat is tabled until fish cleaning station is completed. Meeting room front (outside) repair needs another bid. The outside wall above the shop where part of the siding came off will be repaired with tin and the gutters will be looked at. Core & Main Flexread will be tabled until Jared can come to a meeting and present the options to the new board.

Auditor's Report – Auditor Rhonda will be gone July 13th – 17th. Notice of the new Restaurant/Lodging Tax will be put in the school newsletter in August.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe D to accept the Bonds Pledged from Dakota Heritage Bank for the City of Medina. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Cleaning of the laundromat and fish cleaning station will be done by the city workers. PTO is capped at 120 hours for a city worker. Due to being the only employee for that position can the cap be removed or other options be explored. This will be discussed at a special meeting to be held on July 21st at 7 PM. Menards authorizations will be changed to Sid Higdem, Rhonda Schlecht, Mike Kramlich, Bill Busch and Randy Everding.

Cobby's Bar – Council would like them to bring in information that they are registered with the Secretary of State and have an EIN with the IRS before proceeding with the liquor license.

Myron Strom (Strom Sanitation) – Myron received notice that the landfill prices are increasing so his prices will need to reflect that. He proposed to do a 1 year contract at this time .

CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to continue the agreement for garbage service with Strom Sanitation. All ayes, no nays – motion carried. (Myron will bring a new contract to the August meeting.)

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe D to sign the MPS Rental Agreement for August 2026 to May 2027 school year. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to authorize Randy Everding, Bill Busch and Rhonda Schlecht to be signers on all banking functions with 2 signatures required on documents. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mowing complaint was given to the council to address. Any mowing of properties will come from the council to the city workers to complete. Options will be explored on selling the blade that the city has and looking for a less expensive one. An inquiry was made on the workers position that is open. This will be discussed at the special meeting on July 21st at 7 PM. Website is being updated by Auditor Rhonda

A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21st, at 7 PM at the Memorial Hall with the agenda of the budget, worker's position that is open and appointing a council person and fish cleaning construction loan.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to pay the presented bill. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.
CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 PM. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

/s/ Randy Everding, Mayor
/s/ Rhonda Schlecht Auditor

## City of Medina Special Meeting
## July 21, 2026 7:00 PM

The special meeting of the City of Medina, Stutsman County, was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall. Present were Mayor Randy Everding, CM Joe Schmidt, CM Bill Busch, CM Joe Deede and Rhonda Schlecht (Auditor).

GUESTS: Val Flegel, Audrey Bosche, Nancy Heinle-Bodvig, Sherry Meadows, Chris Soukup and Brian Buskness

CM Joe S motioned, 2nd CM Bill for nominations to be opened up. CM JS nominated Chris Soukup and CM Joe D nominated Audrey Bosche for the vacated unexpired 2 year term of the council seat. Votes for Chris – JS-Y, BB-N, JD-N, Audrey – JS-N, BB-Y, JD-Y Motioned passed with Audrey Bosche receiving 2 votes.

Mayor Randy swore Audrey into the council position. Mayor Randy designated CM Joe Schmidt to Streets, CM Joe Deede to Buildings, and CM Audrey Bosche to Water/Sewer.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to get a construction loan for $165,000 for the fish cleaning station at Dakota Heritage Bank with Mayor Randy and Auditor Rhonda as signers and to keep monthly records in a separate lined item. BB-Y, JS-Y, AB-Y, JD-N – Motion carried.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe D to form a committee for Salary / Financials. All ayes, no nays – motion carried. Mayor Randy appointed CM Bill and CM Audry to the Salary / Financial committee.

Tabling the open city worker position until the financial committee has gone over the numbers.

ADJOURN: CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

/s/ Randy Everding, Mayor
/s/ Rhonda Schlecht Auditor

## City of Medina Regular Meeting
## August 3, 2026 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the City of Medina, Stutsman County, was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall. Present was Mayor Randy Everding, CM Joe Deede, CM Audrey Bosche, CM Joe Schmidt and CM Bill Busch. Sid Higdem (City Worker) and Rhonda Schlecht (Auditor) present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the July 6th meeting were read with the correction of Jared to Josh for Core & Main. CM Joe D motion to approve with the correction and 2nd CM Audrey. All ayes, no nays – motion carried. CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Audrey to approve the minutes from the July 21st meeting as read. All ayes, no nays – motioned carried.

Visitors: Brian Buskness, Melinda Kramlich-Deede, Nancy Bodvig-Heinle, Carter Roder

Public Comment – None

Visitors recognized for Agenda: MED (observe), Joshua Schumann (Core & Main), Myron Strom (Strom Sanitation), Dave Nadeau (Sewer @ 304 NP St), Cobby's Bar, Medina Café (Clyde Reister), Jordon (Moore Engineering)

Josh (Core & Main) – The city is currently on auto read and that system is fazing out and it would increase 27% next year to stay on and support is $5,600 per year. Now this system is going to cloud based called flex read. The charge would be $4,000 a year with an increase of 3% every year after. If the city holds off the charge to converting would be $9,600 after 1/1/2027. The $9,600 charge is waived if this is done before 1/1/2027. The new Flex Read will detect leaks and reverse flow. The board will research options.

Strom Sanitation supplied a new contract. The board needs to sign the contract and return a copy to Myron Strom if everything is OK. The City has an additional dumpster that we have had for years and requested to use this at the fish cleaning station if OK with Strom Sanitation. Strom Sanitation is OK with using the dumpster.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to sign the 1 year contract with Strom Sanitation. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

Dave Nadeau (304 NP St sewer) – The house was taken out and sewer was capped. No easement has been located. The water keeps coming into the pump area – where the water is coming from needs to be determined. The water needs to be pumped out and see how fast it comes in. Dave should dig the sewer up to 3 ft. Moore Engineering did a study and will be here on 8/12 .

Cobby's – The business is licensed as a sole proprietorship. The council looked at the papers that were registered with the IRS and confirmed how it was registered.

CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Audrey to issue a liquor license to Brian Cobb DBA Cobby's Bar & Grill. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

Jordon (Moore Engineering) – Water Tower Project work is all completed. CDBG has a closeout meeting at the Memorial Hall on 8/14/26 at 10 AM. The Water Treatment Plant's final closeout is processed with DEQ. The City will

# Washington, DC Trip 2026

Medina had a total of 12 juniors and seniors plus 2 supervisors go to DC. We went to Washington, DC from May 27th-31st. We left Medina at 11:45 pm to drive to Fargo to fly on the first flight to DC. We layover in Minneapolis before we made it to DC. When we got there, it was go, go, go.

Each day we were there, we got up early and went to places all day. We usually got back to our hotel around 9:30 pm - our days were full of sightseeing and full of adventure and fun. The temperature there was in the 90s the entire time we were there. We were with 3 other schools on the tour bus that we were on for sightseeing. There was a total of about 50 people all together on the bus. We went to a lot of monuments, museums, and historical places in Washington, DC. The one that got to most people was probably the Holocaust Museum. It had a lot of artifacts and displays from the Holocaust. They had this whole display of shoes that had belonged to Jewish people, including little kids' shoes, that was very impactful. There were so many displays in that museum, and it was also very impactful. The tour organizers decided to not take us to the Aerospace Museum as a whole bus group, but our school group went the day before to this museum.




On the last day before we flew out to come home, we went to Mount Vernon. This was where George Washington lived. We then made our way to the airport to fly home. We landed in Fargo at about 11:45 pm and got home around 2 am. Overall, the experience of going to Washington, DC was fast paced but a good one.

I would recommend to the underclassmen to take advantage of this opportunity in the future to go on a trip like this!

*Nikki Hayes*

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coordinate with Moore Engineering on making final payment to contractor. The testing and instructions for the GPS/GIS were completed. The preliminary work was completed on the drainage study and a time will be coordinated to review the work. The NDDEQ DWSRF questionnaires are due in October. There is no obligation to do a project this just puts the city on the funding list which could provide a low interest (2%) loan if you decide to do a project. Moore will put the City on the priority list. An example option could be for the 4 blocks of water main replacement on Water Street.

Medina Café is requesting a liquor license for wine and beer. The café would be open 7 AM – 2 PM, 7 days a week. Clyde Reister inquired about if a business owner in town can vote in elections. The Council said those rules are set by the Secretary of State.

CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Audrey to table to check how many liquor licenses can have in town. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

Abby at Dalsted & Ryan will be asked to draw up a letter on behalf of the City of Medina addressing the alley and gate issue.

CITY WORKERS – Sid ordered 8 water meters instead of 6 from Core & Main. Reule Lake residents are bringing in moss to the compost pile. Sid will inquire on additional signage stating "For Medina Resident's Only". Hall roof adjustment came back from NDIRF. Tecta said the roof would be good for 10-15 years and they would inspect the roof yearly and let us know what needs to be repaired. The cost of the new lid for Lift #5 has not been received yet and pipe will be put around it for protection. There is one more "Medina" sign that needs to be put up. Hydrant flushing is ¼ done. A hammer drill and shovel chisel was purchased to dig out the gate valves. "Your Speed Signs" quotes were presented. Ottertail Power put up a street light by the Fish Cleaning Station. Advantage Electric ordered a new sensor light for the Fish Cleaning Station due to the current one stays on since a power outage. Cleaning sheets will be made up for the fish cleaning station, bathrooms and laundromat. The Whirly Birds were fully refunded so they will be put together and see how they are or use the parts on the old ones. Plant is running good. The following people will be added to the dialer for the WTP – Sid, Randy, Bill and the Main Lifts – Sid, Randy, Audrey. Rhonda is listed at the administrator. Sid suggested to put decals on the window that was replaced. Community service worker needs to do 50 hours and will have to complete these hours during 8 AM to 5 PM work day. Laundromat needs the screens replaced, trough cleaned and the pews from the hall can be moved into there. Water Sales building needs to be tinned and a local guy would do this for $40 hour and could also do the outside of the office window area. Question on if this person needs to be licensed and bonded.

CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Bill to proceed with Tecta to do the roof repairs. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

CM Joe S, 2nd CM Audrey to purchase two "Your Speed Signs" from Radar Signs. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – Water bills were discussed. Laundromat remodel vs. new - waiting on estimates. Mayor Randy appointed Rhonda Schlecht – Auditor, Abby, Dalsted & Ryan – City Attorney, Moore Engineering – City Engineering and all Council Members – City Health Officers.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Audrey to transfer $34,200 from Specials 78606 to General for loan payment #MEDIWTR24. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

CM Joe D. motioned, 2nd CM Audrey to transfer $12,784.42 from $7.50 Specials collected to pay loan payment MEDIWTR24A. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

CM Joe S motioned, 2nd CM Bill to purchase cameras from Jamestown Communications for $5,437.00 for the Fish Cleaning Station. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion on future laundromat, paint, fans, take out old dryers. In the budget there should be more put in for the lawyer. There will be a budget meeting on 8/5/2026 at 1 PM.

CM Joe D. motioned, 2nd CM Audrey to charge $8.00 per 1000 gallons of treated water. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILL – CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Audrey to pay the bills that were presented for payment. All ayes, no nays – motioned carried.

CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Audrey to pay Dewald Excavating $18,900.00 for the work done on the Fish Cleaning Station. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to pay S & S Construction $78,619.25 for the construction of the Fish Cleaning Station. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

ADJOURN – CM Joe D motioned, 2nd CM Audrey to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 PM. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

/s/ Randy Everding, Mayor
/s/ Rhonda Schlecht Auditor

### City of Medina Special Meeting
### August 10, 2026 7:00 PM

The special meeting of the City of Medina, Stutsman County, was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall to discuss maintenance position and blade. Present were Mayor Randy Everding, CM Joe Schmidt, CM Bill Busch, CM Joe Deede, CM Audrey Bosche and Rhonda Schlecht (Auditor).

GUESTS: Sherry Meadows, Sid Higdem, Karen Schlecht

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to discuss maintenance position. Discussion on smaller projects that need to be done. CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to hire a maintenance person for the smaller projects to get completed. This will not replace getting a 2nd person. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

Laundromat will get work done on the inside.

Relief for weekends will be provided for Sid.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Audrey to hire cleaning person for the laundromat, bathrooms at hall, hall and fish cleaning station, etc. for $15 hour. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe S to discuss blade. Discussion on to advertise and look for a smaller blade, County can be hired to maintain gravel roads if needed.

CM Bill motioned, 2nd CM Joe S. to list the blade for sale for $135,000 to see if there is any interest. JD-N, BB-Y, JS-Y, AB-Y – motion carried.

ADJOURN: CM Joe S motioned, 2nd CM Bill to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. All ayes, no nays – motion carried

/s/ Randy Everding, Mayor
/s/ Rhonda Schlecht Auditor
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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our school has grown again this year, welcoming approximately 15 additional students. With growth often come growing pains as we adjust routines, prepare space, and learn how to meet new needs. At times, these changes can feel overwhelming, but they also bring fresh energy, new perspectives, and exciting opportunities. Again and again, we have seen that working through these adjustments ultimately makes our school stronger. We are thankful for our new students and families – welcome to MPS!

As our school grows, we want every new family to feel welcomed—not only within our school, but throughout our entire community. Our families and community can all help these new students and new families feel connected and included. A friendly introduction, an invitation to participate, or simply taking time to answer a question can make a meaningful difference. When we reach out with kindness and hospitality, we show new families that they are already an important part of our community.




Our continued growth also reflects the positive culture we have built together. We are proud to be part of a school where students feel supported, families feel valued, and staff members are committed to our students and families. This is a place where people want to learn, work, raise their families, and belong. As we grow, we will continue protecting and strengthening the culture that makes our school and community so special. Here is to a great year!

*Mrs. Tara Hofmann, Principal*

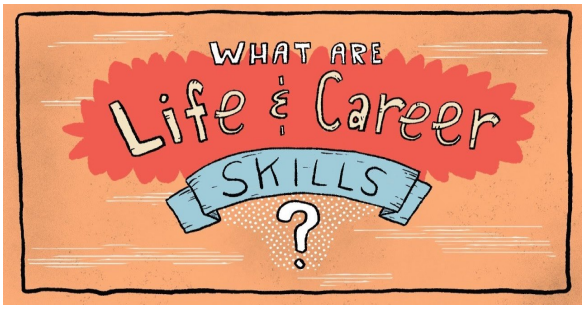
# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE: ✓

Medina Elementary students celebrate a summer of stories by flashing their earned "Medina Bucks" after successfully completing the annual Summer Reading Challenge. The reward program, supported by community partnerships, allows students to spend their reading earnings directly at participating local businesses.



# COUNSELOR CONNECTION

## MEDINA CAREER FAIR DISCOVER. CONNECT. LAUNCH.




A career fair is being planned, and is scheduled to take place at the Dakota Heritage Bank Activity Center, on Wednesday, October, 14th from 9am to 2pm. This fair will represent over 50 careers and will bring career representatives from across the state of North Dakota, including from our own Medina community. Medina students in grades 5-12 will participate in this career fair experience which is designed to help expose students to a vast array of careers that span the 14 career clusters. Students from area schools will also attend.

Beyond the opportunity to explore careers, students in upper grades benefit from the opportunity to make connections with area workforce. By approaching, introducing themselves and engaging in conversation with career reps, students build networking and interview skills that could help them find and get a job in the future.

Additionally, in response to numerous student survey comments and suggestions over the past 3 years, Medina students will also have an opportunity to participate in a variety of life skills breakout sessions. Sessions may include skills like changing a tire and checking the oil and fluids of a car, simple sewing like sewing on a button, how to read a bill & pay stub, understanding taxes, food & fire safety, basic home tasks like laundry and cleaning. If you would like to help out with this skills fair by teaching a life skill, please contact me.

This career and life skills day is an excellent way for our students to explore the many opportunities today's workforce provides as well as build the skills necessary for independent living. Our goal is to help our students be prepared for their life beyond Medina Public School.

*April Foth, K-12 School & Career Development Counselor*

# JUST SAY NO CLUB

The first meeting for the Just Say No Club will be Thursday, October 8th in the Commons area at 2:45. This is for students in grades 4 and 5. Permission slips will be sent home with students and parents, and/or guardians will be asked to sign a permission slip for their children to participate in the Just Say No Club for the 2026-2027 calendar year.

We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, October 26th - 30th. Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program, celebrated annually from October 23rd to 31st.

**The Origin in 1985**

- **Enrique "Kiki" Camarena**: A dedicated Drug Enforcement Administration special agent working in Mexico, he was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered by drug traffickers in early 1985.
- **Tribute**: Shocked by his death, family, friends, and neighbors in his hometown of Calexico, California, began wearing red satin badges and created "Camarena Clubs" to honor his sacrifice and show opposition to illegal drugs.

**Growth to a National Movement**

- **National Attention**: In 1985, club members presented the "Camarena Club Proclamation" to then-First Lady Nancy Reagan, bringing the symbol to the national stage.
- **Statewide Efforts**: In 1986, a statewide coalition in California organized by groups like Californians for Drug-Free Youth promoted the first statewide observance.
- **First National Week**: In 1988, the National Family Partnership (NFP) coordinated the first official National Red Ribbon Week, with President Ronald Reagan and Nancy Reagan serving as honorary chairpersons.

**Today's Observance**

- **Participation**: More than 80 million people wear or display red ribbons each October during Red Ribbon Week!

*Tammy Schlecht, Just Say No Club Advisor*

# Medina Fall Festival



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# TRUNK OR TREAT

## OCTOBER 31 | SATURDAY

Join us for a frightfully fun night full of games, free meal, and trunks with lots of treats!

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM | TRUNKS 7:00–7:30**

**Location:**
English Lutheran Church, Medina

**Contact:**
Taylor Bush (701)367-7738
Karissa Yunck (701)659-3433

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 2026

# Helping Children Learn®

*Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School*

Medina Public School

## Use frequent and fun activities to help your child master math



Math is a subject that builds on what students already know. To solve today's problems, your child must be able to remember and apply previously-learned concepts.

Research shows that one effective technique for long-term learning is *distributed practice*. This means that instead of practicing math for one hour once a week, your child should practice the same material in shorter chunks of time every day.

There are many fun ways to help your elementary schooler practice math. Here are three to try together:

1. **Pretend your calculator is broken.** Say, "Imagine our calculator has no number 8. What are some other ways to represent that number?" It could be 10-2 or 4+4 or 24/3.
2. **Play games with dice or cards.** Take turns rolling two dice or flipping over two cards and quickly adding up the sum of the two numbers. Later, include subtraction, multiplication and division in the challenge.
3. **Combine coins.** Put an array of coins on a table. Keep a few in your hand that your child can't see. Then, say something like, "I have three coins in my hand. Together, they are worth 60 cents. What are they?" Your child can use the table coins to solve the problem. Then, trade places.

Source: G.M. Donoghue and J. Hattie, "A Meta-Analysis of Ten Learning Techniques," *Frontiers in Education*.

## Questions are welcome at conferences

A parent-teacher conference provides valuable one-on-one time with the teacher to learn about your child's academic progress, behavior and well-being. You can also find out more about what to expect in the year ahead.

Preparing specific questions in advance will help you make the most of your time with the teacher. Ask questions like:

- **Are my child's reading** and math skills at the level you would expect for this time in this grade?
- **Is my child in different** groups for different subjects?
- **What topics will you cover** in class this year?
- **What are your expectations** for work and reading at home?
- **What are my child's** strengths and areas for improvement?
- **How well does my child** get along with other students?
- **Does my child qualify** for any special programs?
- **How can I support** my child's learning at home?

## Dive deeper into reading



Strong readers can understand the meaning, context and details in a text. To develop reading comprehension skills, encourage your child to:

- **Summarize the** chain of events in a story out loud. Why did things turn out that way?
- **Discuss ways** the text relates to things your child has learned or experienced.
- **Take a character's** place. Would your child make the same choices?
- **Consider what point** the author was trying to get across.

Source: "Reading Comprehension and Higher Order Thinking Skills," K-12 Reader.

## Learning thrives on respect

Respectful behavior helps create the positive school environment students need to learn. To teach your child what it involves:

- **Discuss respect.** How does it feel to be treated with respect or disrespect?
- **Demonstrate.** Treat your child and others with respect.
- **Notice and praise** respectful behavior.

## Reinforce responsibilities

Learning in school is your child's job, and it comes with responsibilities. Remind your child that fulfilling them means:



- **Being prepared** for class with pencils, paper and a positive attitude.
- **Participating** in class discussions.
- **Organizing,** so your child can find schoolwork and supplies when needed.
- **Persisting** when work is challenging.

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## Q&A Gaming is taking over my child's life. What can I do?

**Q: My child loves to play games online, and often rushes through schoolwork in order to play them. I'm worried about the effects on my child's schoolwork and mental well-being. What should I do?**



**A:** Some games—such as those on educational topics or that promote exercise—can be beneficial. However you are right that too much time on the wrong activities can negatively affect health and learning. Game designers know how to create games that keep players hooked. And some games include "gambling" and reward elements that increase the risk that players will become online gamblers.

To keep gaming from interfering with schoolwork, healthy activities and time with friends and family:

- **Set boundaries.** Review game content. Allow only educational games, and only in your presence. Then, establish screen-free times of day, such as schoolwork time, reading time, mealtime, family time and bedtime.
- **Emphasize** that learning matters more than leveling up in a game.
- **Offer enjoyable screen-free alternatives.** Plan fun activities such as reading aloud, playing outdoors and playing board games.

## Parent Quiz Are you teaching problem-solving skills?

All children face obstacles. To overcome them, they must identify and act on solutions. Are you helping your child learn to think through problems and decide what to do? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

1. **Do you provide** your child with lots of opportunities to practice making decisions?
2. **Do you ask** your child to think through problems with you? Do you ask questions rather than jumping in with solutions?
3. **Do you talk** about your child's strengths and suggest applying them to challenges?
4. **Do you tell** your child about strategies you use to find solutions when you have problems?
5. **Do you remind** your child about times your child managed problems well in the past?

**How well are you doing?**

*More* yes *answers mean you are helping your child tackle problems head-on. For each* no, *try that idea.*

"A problem is a chance for you to do your best."
—Duke Ellington

## Teach the value of honesty

Honesty is a fundamental value in school as well as life. However, around third grade, when grades and tests take on more importance, cheating sometimes follows. Stress the importance of honesty with your child. Make it clear that:

- **Working hard** at learning and being honest are more important than getting a high grade.
- **Cheating is never OK,** even to help a friend. Together, role-play ways to say *no*.
- **A grade or test score** will never change your love for your child.

## Encourage recall practice



Research shows that recalling information is a learning activity that helps students retain material better. To help your child put this study strategy to use:

- **Suggest inviting** a friend over to study. The children can quiz one another. Or, you can call out questions.
- **Create practice tests.** Help your child look over notes, reading and handouts and create questions the teacher might ask. Then your child can answer them.

Source: P.K. Agarwal and others, "Retrieval Practice Consistently Benefits Student Learning," *Educational Psychology Review.*

## Chores teach skills & more

Assigning chores may sound old-fashioned. But children who do a few age-appropriate chores at home learn lessons they can apply in school. Chores can help children:

- **Invest** in making their surroundings or family life better.
- **Learn** life skills.
- **Develop** self-discipline.
- **Learn** to take pride in their work.
- **Practice** working with others.

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# October 2026



*Breakfast served daily from 8:05 - 8:25 am. Milk and salad bar served every day with lunch. Menu subject to change.*
*Families are welcome for lunch — please make prior arrangements with the office.*

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| |  | | September 30<br>***School Picture Day***<br> | 1<br>Fish Patty & Chips<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***EGBB @ Medina 4:00***<br>***VB @ Ellendale 4:30***<br>***(JH, C, JV & Varsity)*** | 2<br>Dakota Nachos | 3<br>***CC meet @ Rugby***<br>***VB C Squad Tourney @ Carrington*** |
| 4<br>***St. Mary's Catholic Church Chicken Dinner***<br>***11:00—1:30***<br>***@ Medina Legion Hall***<br> | 5<br>Pizza Corn<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***College Application Day for Seniors***<br>***Elem BBB @ Medina 4:30*** | 6<br>Knoephla Soup Sandwiches<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***Freshman tour Collins Aerospace, Jmst.***<br>***EBBB @ Buchanan 4:00***<br>***VB @ Medina 4:30***<br>***(JH, C, JV & Varsity)*** | 7<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Potato Smiles<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***FFA District Leadership*** | 8<br>Hot Ham&Cheese Sandwich<br>Baked Beans<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***Just Say No mtg 2:45***<br>***VB @ Edgeley 4:30***<br>***(JH, C, JV & Varsity)*** | 9<br>Taco in a bag<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***FFA meeting*** | 10<br>***VB JH Tourney @ Wishek***<br>***Regional CC meet @ Cooperstown***<br> |
| 11<br> | 12<br>McRib Sandwich<br>Coleslaw French Fries<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***Internet Safety Presentation+***<br>***Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30-7:30***<br>***Students dismissed @ 1:15*** | 13<br>Tomato Soup<br>Grilled Cheese<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***EBBB @ Steele 4:00***<br>***VB @ Medina 4:00***<br>***(JH, C, JV & Varsity)*** | 14<br>Mexican Lasagna<br>Garlic Toast<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***Career & Life Skills Fair @ DHB Activity Center*** | 15<br>Chicken Breast<br>Rice Pilaf<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***EBBB @ Medina 4:30*** | 16<br>Tacos<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***End of First Quarter***<br>***School Board mtg. 7:15am***<br>***VB @ Pingree 5:00***<br>***(C, JV & Varsity)*** | 17<br> |
| 18 | 19<br>Sweet & Sour Chicken<br>Rice<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***EBBB @ Medina 4:00***<br>***VB @ Pingree 5:00***<br>***(C, JV & Varsity)***<br>****Senior/Parents Night**** | 20<br>Chili Garlic Toast<br>Cottage Cheese<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***EBBB @ Ashley 4:30***<br>***VB @ Shiloh 5:00***<br>***(C, JV & Varsity)*** | 21<br>Chicken Wings<br>French Fries<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***Bookmobile***<br>***Early dismissal @ 1:15 for Professional Development*** | 22<br>***NO SCHOOL***<br>*Educators conferences* | 23<br>***NO SCHOOL***<br>*Educators Conferences*<br>***State CC meet @ Jamestown***<br> | 24 |
| 25<br> | 26<br>Stuffed Baked Potatoes<br>Ham & Cheese<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***JH GBB practice begins***<br>***Elem BBB @ Medina 4:30***<br>***Dist. 2 Volleyball play-in game if needed*** | 27<br>Chicken Noodle Soup<br>Sandwiches<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***Elem BBB @ Medina 4:30*** | 28<br>Chicken Pot Pie<br>Breadsticks | 29<br>Hamburgers<br>French Fries | 30<br>Sack Lunch<br>~~~~~~~~~~<br>***Dist. 2 Volleyball Tournament @ LaMoure*** | 31<br>***Trunk or Treat @ English Luther 5:30***<br> |

**** JUST SAY NO CLUB ** RED RIBBON WEEK ****

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# PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
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***October 12, 2026 1:30 - 7:30 PM***

## TITLE 1 INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

There will be a meeting to provide information about Medina Public School's Schoolwide Title 1 program at 5:00 pm in the Library during Parent Teacher Conferences on Oct. 12th.

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to take home the informational handouts that will be available in the lunchroom.

## PARENTS & CAREGIVERS: YOU'RE INVITED!

Want to feel more confident navigating your child's digital world? Join experts from the ND Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force for a practical, parent-friendly presentation covering apps and trends, parental controls, screen time, online safety, and how to have meaningful conversations with your kids about the digital world.

***Two presentations times will be offered Oct. 12th during Parent Teacher Conferences at 2:15 and 4:00.***

Come learn, ask questions, and take home resources you can use right away!