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SUPERINTENDENT'S VIEW
Medina Public School District #3

Another school year is about to begin! Our first day of school will be Thursday, August 20, and we're excited to welcome all of our students back for another great year at Medina Public School.



Before we start the first day of school, we invite all students and families to join us for our Back-to-School Open House on Monday, August 17 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This is a wonderful chance to meet teachers, explore classrooms, and get familiar with the building before the first day. We'll also be serving hot dogs during the event, so come hungry! I hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing summer break and is ready for the excitement and opportunities a new school year brings. I look forward to seeing everyone on August 17 at the open house and again on August 20 as we begin the 2026-2027 school year. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

New Staff Members

I am excited to introduce and welcome our new staff members for this year.

- Isabel Schmidt will serve as a Title 1 Teacher. She will also be coaching volleyball and girls' basketball.
- Dean Moser is coming out of retirement and will serve again as our head custodian.

Welcome, Isabel…and welcome back, Dean!

Infinite Campus Online Registration & Parent Portal

This year we will be switching to a new student information system. Previously we used PowerSchool, but this year we will be using Infinite Campus. Part of the set-up process for Infinite Campus will involve online registration and setting up a parent portal account. Please look for communication in your email or on our live feed and Facebook page with information on how to complete online registration and the parent portal. If you have questions on any of this, please call the school or visit with us at our Back-to-School Open House on August 17 and we can walk you through the set-up process.

School Day

Medina is on a 7-period day. School will begin at 8:30 and will end at 3:25. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM until 8:25 AM. Students are not allowed into the school building until 8:25 AM if they are not eating breakfast at school. Exceptions to this will be allowed for an extracurricular practice/meeting, open gym for grades 7-12, or if a student is meeting with a teacher to receive extra help.

Preschool

Medina School has a 3 day per week preschool program for all children who are four years of age by midnight, August 1st. Preschool is full school days on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Preschool children may ride the bus to and from school. The cost for preschool is $20 per day or if you qualify for free/ reduced benefits, the cost is $10 per day for reduced and no charge for free. All preschool charges are billed monthly.

Physicals, Fees, and Fall Sports Information

All athletes in grades 7-12 will need a sports physical before being allowed to participate in any NDHSAA sport. 6th grade students competing at the junior high level will also need a physical. The sports participation fee is $30 per activity with a family maximum of $150. This fee applies to students in grades K-12 and must be paid prior to the first contest. All activity schedules can be found on our school website under Links>Activity Schedules & Information. If students or parents have any questions regarding fall sports, please call the school.

7-12 Volleyball
First Practice: Monday, August 17 at 3:30 PM
Head Coach: Jacie Connell
Assistant Coach: Isabel Schmidt
C-Squad Coach: this position is open
JH Coaches: Sarah Heinle & Kassie Frederickson

7-12 Cross Country
First Practice: Monday, August 10 at 8:00 AM @Medina
Head Coach: Tammy Heinrich

Elementary Cross Country
First Practice: Tuesday, August 25 at 7:30 AM in Medina
Coach: Jennifer Hayes

Elementary Girls' Basketball
First Practice: Monday, August 24
Coach: Jenny Schlecht & Tara Hofmann

Elementary Boys' Basketball
First Practice: September 21
Coaches: Stan Johnson & Drew Hofmann

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Mandatory Parent Presentation for Sports Participation
Just a reminder that all parents of athletes in grades 7-12 are required to view an online sports presentation. The presentation discusses the general rules and guidelines for the upcoming sports seasons. Coaches may also provide their own rules/guidelines at the beginning of each season. Students will not be able to participate in a contest/event until this requirement is completed. The presentation can be found on our website under Links>Activity Schedules & Information> MPB Athletics Parent Presentation and Consent.

ImPACT Testing for Concussion Management
All student-athletes in grades 7-12 will be required to take an ImPACT test prior to participating in sports. There is no cost to students for this testing. All testing will take place at Medina School. ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is a collection of neurocognitive assessments administered completely online in about 20 minutes. This testing is used to help determine if an athlete can safely return to an activity after a concussion.

Free & Reduced Meals Program
We encourage parents to apply for the free and reduced lunch program at the school to see if you are eligible. (Qualifications are listed on the forms included in this newsletter). This is a great program which benefits you, your family, and even the school. Certain funding and grants are based on the percentage of free and reduced meals so the school benefits more as the percentage of free and reduced lunches increases. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Moser at the school. Remember, this is confidential as only Dawn knows the identity of the families.

Farm to School Program Donations
Medina School is once again accepting donations for the Farm-to-School Program. In the past, we have had donations of pork, beef, and garden produce. The school will pay for the processing costs of the animals that are donated. If anyone is interested in donating through this program, please contact the school.

Notice to Withhold Directory Information
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Medina School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with district procedures.
The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the district to include information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Some examples of directory information include: the yearbook, honor roll or other recognition lists, graduation programs, and sports rosters.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require districts receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories, names, addresses and telephone listings, unless parents have advised the district that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. If you do not want the district to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the district in writing by **September 1, 2026**.

Home School Statement of Intent
Parents who decide to educate their children at home are reminded to complete a Statement of Intent to Home Educate form. ND Century Code states: "At least fourteen days before beginning home education or within fourteen days of establishing a child's residence in a school district, and once each year thereafter, a parent intending to supervise or supervising home education shall file a statement, reflecting that intent or fact, with the superintendent of the child's school district of residence."

If you have any questions, please call the school.

Damon Bosche, Superintendent/Athletic Director

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Children must be four years of age by midnight, August 1, to attend preschool. Children must be five years of age by midnight, August 1, to begin kindergarten. Children must be six years of age by midnight, August 1, to start first grade. State law requires that all children attend school until they reach the age of 16, although they may have completed only the eighth grade.

Good attendance is important for the education of students. Parents play a major role in their children's school attendance. ***Please notify the office or teacher by phone or in writing if your child is absent from school.*** *This applies to elementary students as well as junior high and senior high school students. If notification is not received by 9:00 AM, the school will call to check on the student.*

PRINCIPAL'S MEMO



We hope you have been enjoying the summer. The building looks great, and we are excited for the school year. We hope you can join us for our Open House on Monday, August 17 from 5-7 pm. We are extremely grateful to our anonymous donor for purchasing the classroom school supplies again this year. There will also be notebooks and pencils for high school students at the Open House and during the first few days of school, in hopes that students can use them.

Thank you to our school carnival committee and area gaming funds for your support in adding equipment to our playground! Thank you to Ryan, Dean, and Mr. Bosche for getting it installed. We look forward to the additional swings and equipment.

Thank you to the PBIS committee and our entire staff for their work on the updated behavior matrix that now includes both elementary and high school. This updated matrix can be found in the handbook.

The food and beverage expectations were also updated. Here are a few of the important notes:

- Students are allowed **<u>water only in classrooms and hallways.</u>**
- All other beverages, including soda, energy drinks, pre-workout supplements, and similar drinks, are prohibited and may not be brought into the school.
- **Beverage cans are not allowed** in the school at any time. Only water in an approved drinking container may be carried or consumed outside of designated commons areas.
- Pop and beverages containing 100 mg of caffeine or less per container are permitted on school transportation. (If students have a beverage over 100 mg of caffeine, it will not be allowed on any school transportation, including bus routes and activities.)

This updated policy, along with all our policies, can be found in the student handbook. Please review these changes with your child(ren). Thank you for your support and understanding.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and we can't wait to see you!

Tara Hofmann, K-12 Principal

MUSIC DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026-2027 School Year Concert Schedule

7-12 Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 3rd
Elementary Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 10th
Junior High Spring Concert: Tuesday, March 16th
High School Spring Concert: Thursday, April 22nd
Elementary Spring Concert: Thursday, May 6th



Required Concert Apparel for 7th-12th Grade Bands & Choirs:

Girls: Black dress and black shoes (dresses with low necklines and/or revealing backs are not appropriate). A black skirt with a black shirt is also acceptable.
7th & 8th Boys: Black pants, a white button up shirt, and black shoes. Ties are optional.
9th- 12th Boys: Black pants and black shoes. A black shirt and red tie will be provided by the school, with the option to purchase the shirt.

5th Grade Band: All fifth grade students participating in band will need to have an instrument in school no later than *Tuesday, August 25th*. Please be sure that instruments have been inspected by a technician to ensure they are in good working condition. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bosche.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

School Board Meeting Minutes
Medina Public School District #3
June 12, 2026

Vice Chairman Jacob Hofmann called the board meeting to order at 7:15 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Member Shawn Gefroh was absent and all other board members were present (Rory Hoffmann via phone, Jacob Hofmann, Jeremy Schmidt, Shawn Lachenmeier, Nancy Heinle-Bodvig, and Nolan Kartchner). Supt. Bosche and Business Manager Moser were also present.

The minutes of the May 15, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Rory moved to approve the minutes as presented, Shawn L. seconded, carried unanimously.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and discussed (general fund CD rolled over on 5/26/26). Rory moved to approve the monthly financial report, Nancy seconded, carried unanimously.

The monthly bills and payroll were reviewed and discussed. Rory moved to pay all bills and payroll, Nolan seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Additions/Deletions: none
Recognize guests: none
Public Comments: none

HVAC controls & Unit ventilator upgrade: memorandum of understanding signed with engineer.

Roof repair quote: Tecta America recommends just doing the elementary roof this year. We will bid the remaining roof repairs next year. Jeremy moved to complete the elementary roof this summer, Shawn L.
seconded, roll call vote: NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Update on custodial position: we may be able to make it work with a few part-time custodians to cover our needs.

Nolan moved to approve the 2026-27 Federal Title Consolidated Application, Shawn L. seconded, roll call vote: JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH -y, NH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Preliminary 2026-2027 budget was presented. projected revenue = $3,751,923.44, projected expenditures = $3,737,079.19. Rory moved to approve the preliminary budget as presented, Nancy seconded, roll call vote: NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y, NH-y, JH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Quotes for replacement of two elementary doors: Fargo Glass $34,301. House of Glass $29,557. Jeremy moved to accept the quote from House of Glass, Nolan seconded, roll call vote: SL-y, JS-y, RH-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Jeremy moved to approve open enrollments for three Kidder County students and one Pingree-Buchanan student, Nolan seconded, roll call vote: JS-y, RH-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Nolan moved to approve tuition agreements for three Kidder County students and one Pingree-Buchanan student, Nancy seconded, roll call vote: RH-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Rory moved to appoint Supt. Bosche to the James River Special Education Unit board, Jeremy seconded, roll call vote: NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

2026-2027 meeting dates were presented – general schedule is the second Friday morning of each month.

Superintendent/AD Report: open positions – paraprofessional and bus driver, summer projects: maintenance coat done on gym floor, crack fill, seal & stripe parking lot, paint 3rd grade classroom, new carpet in ag office & storage room, general cleaning and touch up paint in entire building, add rock along west side of building, elementary roof repair, replacement of elementary doors. State Track meet: congratulations to Jackson Brenner for qualifying for state in the 110 hurdles! Volleyball C squad and JH coaching positions. Basketball camp to be held in Medina on June 22-24.

The next regular meeting will be on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 7:15 am and a special canvassing meeting on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 7:15 am. Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 AM, Nolan seconded, carried unanimously.

Special School Board Meeting
Medina Public School District #3
June 22, 2026

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions: none
Recognize guests: none
Public Comments: none

Shawn L. moved to certify the election results as follows, Shawn G. seconded, roll call vote: SG-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y. Motion carried 6-0. (denotes winners)*

At Large position (one opening for a 3-year term):

*Nancy Heinle-Bodvig	59 votes
Bill Lytle	21 votes
Casey Yunck *(write in)*	3 votes
Richard Heinrich *(write in)*	3 votes

Rural position (two openings for 3-year terms):

*Nolan Kartchner	73 votes
*Jacob Hofmann	80 votes
Shawn Hieb *(write in)*	1 vote

Publication of Minutes:

For	10 votes
*Against	75 votes

Nolan moved to approve a transfer from the general fund to the lunch fund to offset the negative lunch fund balance from the 25-26 school year, Shawn L. seconded, roll call vote: JH -y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y. Motion carried 6 -0.

Options for online time management system were discussed.

The next regular meeting will be on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 7:15 am. Jacob moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 AM, Shawn G. seconded, carried unanimously.

*School Board Meeting Minutes
*Medina Public School District #3
*July 17, 2026

Chairman Rory Hoffmann called the board meeting to order at 7:16 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Shawn Lachenmeier was absent and all other board members were present (Rory Hoffmann, Shawn Gefroh, Jacob Hofmann, Jeremy Schmidt, Nancy Heinle-Bodvig, and Nolan Kartchner (via phone)). Supt. Bosche, Principal Hofmann, and Business Manager Moser were also present.

The minutes of the June 12, 2026 regular meeting and the June 22, 2026 special meeting were reviewed. Jacob moved to approve the minutes as presented, Shawn G. seconded, carried unanimously.

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

The end of fiscal year bills and payroll were reviewed. Jacob moved to pay EOFY bills and payroll, Shawn G. seconded, carried unanimously.

Jeremy moved to adjourn this part of the meeting at 7:19 AM, Nancy seconded, carried unanimously.

Superintendent Bosche called the annual meeting to order at 7:19 AM with board member Shawn Lachenmeier absent and all other board members present (Rory Hoffmann, Shawn Gefroh, Jacob Hofmann (re-elected), Jeremy Schmidt, Nolan Kartchner (re-elected), and Nancy Heinle-Bodvig (re-elected). Superintendent Bosche, Principal Hofmann and Business Manager Moser were also present.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES (continued)



Superintendent Bosche called for nominations for Chairman. Jacob nominated Rory for chairman. Jeremy moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Rory Hoffmann as Chairman, Nancy seconded, roll call vote: SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, JS-y, RH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman Hoffmann called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Rory nominated for Jacob for vice chairman. Jeremy moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jacob as Vice Chairman, Shawn G. seconded, roll call vote: NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee appointments as follows:
Policy: Rory, Jacob, Shawn L
Finance: Shawn G, Jacob, Jeremy
Transportation: Shawn G, Jeremy, Nolan
Building: Rory, Jacob, Shawn L
Sports Coop: Rory, Nancy, Nolan
Curriculum: Rory, Shawn L, Shawn G
Negotiations: Shawn L, Nolan, Nancy
School Lunch Official: Rory Hoffmann

The July monthly bills and payroll were reviewed and discussed. Jeremy moved to allow the allow the class of 2025 funds to the Medina Booster Club for the DHB Activity Center, Jacob seconded, roll call vote: JH-y, NK-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Shawn G. moved to pay all bills and payroll for July, Shawn G. seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Additions/Deletions: AC unit for 5th grade classroom.

Recognize guests: none.
Public comments: none.

Time management system on hold for this year.

Jacob moved to appoint Supt. Bosche as the authorized representative for all Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, transfer programs, and cooperative agreements, Shawn G. seconded, roll call vote: JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Nolan moved to approve tuition free agreements for one student from the Carrington district to attend Medina for the 26-27 school year, Nancy seconded, roll call vote: NK-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Jacob moved to approve one open enrollment application for a student from the Carrington district to attend Medina for the 27-28 school year, Jeremy seconded, roll call vote: JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Board member pay discussion - consensus of board to leave at $75 per meeting.

School fees and lunch prices: Supt. Bosche recommends leaving activity fees and ticket prices the same. Lunch prices: Jacob moved to leave student prices as is and raise staff lunch prices by 5 cents to $5.05, Nancy seconded, roll call vote: RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, JS-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Student Handbook updates: Mrs. Hoffmann presented the changes. Jacob moved to approve the handbook changes, Jeremy seconded, roll call vote: SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, JS-y, RH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Jeremy moved to approve the destruction of school financial records as allowed by board policy ABCD (2018-19 records and earlier), Shawn G. seconded, roll call vote: NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion about a rental agreement for DHB activity center with a $5,000 per year fee. Shawn G. moved to approve the agreement, Nancy seconded, roll call vote: JH-y, NK-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Rental agreement with the City of Medina for hall use was presented with a $2,000 per year fee. Jeremy moved to approve the agreement, Shawn G. seconded, roll call vote: NK-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Activity Bus Driver pay increase discussion: currently $20/hour CDL drive time, $15/hour without CDL plus $15/hour sit time. Jeremy moved to increase to $30/hour CDL driver, $25 without CDL and no increase in sit time pay, Shawn G. seconded, roll call vote: JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Jacob moved to designate Dakota Heritage Bank and Hometown Credit Union as the district's financial institutions and approve the Pledge of Assets from Dakota Heritage Bank as presented, Nancy seconded, roll call vote: RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, JS-y. Motion carried 6-0.

The internal controls were reviewed as presented.

The board reviewed Policy KAB for Federal Title and no changes were made.

Nolan moved to appoint April Foth as the Foster Care Liaison and Homeless Liaison for the 26-27 SY, Nancy seconded, roll call vote: SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, JS-y, RH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Jeremy moved to rescind the following policies: ACCA, ACCA-BR, ACEB, BDAB, BDBB, FAAD, HBAA, HCAA, BEC, BGA, DBBA, DEAA, and KAAA, Jacob seconded, roll call vote: NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Shawn G. moved to adopt policies: ACCA, ACCA-BR, ACEB, BDAB, BDBB, FAAD, HBAA, HCAA, BEC, BGA, DBBA, DEAA, and KAAA, on the first reading and waive the second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA; Nancy seconded, roll call vote: JH-y, NK-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y,. Motion carried 6-0.

The board reviewed administrative regulations: KAAA-AR & DBBA-AR.

The A/C unit in the 5th grade room needs to be replaced (older unit). Prairie Heating & Air estimate: $3,698.96. Nolan moved to approve the replacement, Jeremy seconded, roll call vote: NK-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent/AD Report: Tecta America will be here the week of July 13th to work on the elementary roof, Staff Inservice and Professional Development will be August 17 & 18, back to school open house on August 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. First day of school will be Thursday, August 20. 26-27 Coaches are as follows:
Tammy Heinrich, Head Cross Country; Jacie Connell, Head VB; Isabel Schmidt, Assistant VB; unfilled - C Squad VB; Sarah Heinle, JH VB; Kassie Fredrickson, JH VB; Jeremy Schmidt, Head Girls' Basketball; Isabel Schmidt, Assistant Girls' Basketball; Alisa Foerderer, JH Girls' Basketball; Jenny Schlecht & Tara Hofmann, Elem. GBB; Jeremy Weinmeister, Head Boys' Basketball; Joel Foerderer & Shawna Weinmeister, Assistant Boys' Basketball; Nic Moser, JH Boys' Basketball; Stan Johnson, Elementary Boys' Basketball; Wendy Waleri & unfilled - Elementary VB; Tammy Heinrich, Head Track; Audra Montgomery & Ben Menapace, Assistant Track; Danny Fischer, Head Baseball; unfilled - Assistant Baseball

Fall sports: CC starts 8/10, VB starts 8/17, elementary GBB starts 8/24, and elementary BBB starts 9/21. Fall coop meeting will be 9/30/26 in Medina at 5:30 PM.

The next regular meeting will be on Friday, August 14, 2026 at 7:15 am. Jacob moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 AM, Nancy seconded, carried unanimously.

/s/ Rory Hoffmann, Chairman
/s/ Dawn Moser, Business Manager

**These minutes are unapproved and subject to change at the August 14, 2026 board meeting.*

EMT CLASS

FALL 2026

Medina Ambulance Service

EMS



FEATURES

* Basic life support CPR/AED & First Aid
* In class lectures
* Hands on practical application of skills
* EMS operations, HazMat & ICS training
* Medical & Trauma Responses
* Become nationally recognized

PERKS

* Learn valuable life-saving skills
* Rewarding job & great resume builder
* Possible paid position on ambulance service

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

* Be a part of EMS & frontline Healthcare
* Provide a critical service to community

CLASSES TAUGHT BY MEDINA PARAMEDIC & NREMT

- Classes: October 28th - April 7th
- Wednesdays 6 pm - 10 pm, Medina Ambulance Hall
- Age requirement: at least 16 years old
- Cost: $1300, Grant Reimbursement Available after becoming an EMT*
- Application deadline: September 30th

*Conditions apply

ENROLL NOW!

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(701) 370-0919 - Jennifer Hayes

Medina Ambulance News

We would like to thank the area for the continuing support towards the purchase of a new ambulance. We have received many donations from individuals and businesses. We just received a $20,000.00 check from Dakota Heritage Bank; this brings our total to $200,000.00 toward our goal of $350,000.00. We are very thankful for all the donations. We are looking forward to a delivery date of December 2027.

There is an EMT training class coming this fall. If you are interested in attending and joining the Medina Ambulance, Contact Brian Rau or Jennifer Hayes for more info, dates and times.

Stay Safe Out There.

Loren Schlecht,
Sec\Treas.
Medina Ambulance



Photo from L to R:
Brian Rau,
Gerald Horner,
Loren Schlecht

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Kaya Duemeland

NOTICE OF THE CITY OF MEDINA IMPOSED A LOCAL LODGING & RESTAURANT TAX

Local lodging and restaurant tax is collected on short-term lodging rentals for a city or county.

The City of Medina will impose a 1% Local Lodging and Restaurant tax effective January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026, the combined state and city rates within the city limits of Medina for lodging accommodations, restaurants, and sales of alcoholic beverages will be as follows:

- Lodging: Hotel, motel, and tourist court accommodations and bed & breakfast accommodations licensed under North Dakota Century Code Ch. 13-09.1: 7% (5% state + 1% city + 1% city lodging and restaurant tax)

- Restaurants, concession stands, and mobile food trucks (sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages): 7% (5% state + 1% city + 1% city lodging and restaurant tax)

- Alcoholic beverages: Off-sale alcoholic beverages: 8% (7% state + 1% city) On-sale alcoholic beverages: 9% (7% state + 1% city + 1% city lodging and restaurant tax)

Questions concerning the Medina city local lodging and restaurant tax may be directed to the Office of State Tax Commissioner.

Examples of lodging facilities include: • Campgrounds renting cabins or campers • Residential short-term rentals • Hotels • Hunting cabins • Man camps • Motels Examples of accommodations include: • Banquet rooms • Conference rooms • Guest rooms • Resorts • Rooming houses • Trailer Camps • Vacation home rentals

WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF INTERACTIVE DASHBOARD (School District Report Card)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

North Dakota has a website designed to help communities across the state access important information about K-12 districts and schools. Insights features easy-to-read reports on multiple measures of school success, including: Test scores, Graduation rates, English Learner progress, & Student attendance.

Insights is part of North Dakota's accountability system for public education that raises the bar for student learning, transforms testing, and places the focus on equity for all students. To learn more about the state's accountability and continuous improvement, visit North Dakota's ESSA website at https://insights.nd.gov/

To find out more information about our school, visit Insights, select "Find My School," and search alphabetically for our school.

North Dakota is committed to informing communities about how well our schools are doing. North Dakota's future success depends on tapping into the potential of all students, so they graduate choice ready with the knowledge, skills and disposition to be successful. For schools to reach this goal, teachers, parents, and the community need clear and useful measures of progress. As an accountability tool, Insights will help the state identify schools receiving additional support and assistance. Please note, the data made available to the public masks or hides data for groups with 10 or fewer students to protect confidential information about individual students.

We have strong plans for working to improve the educational programs at our school. We would like you and your child(ren) to continue to be active participants in our school. Please help support our high expectations for student achievement by participating in the school educational initiatives, offering input and support in our endeavors to raise student achievement, or volunteering at the school. Meeting our school's goals will take a united effort, and I look forward to working with our families to ensure success for each student.

All schools engage in continuous improvement for general support; therefore our school will complete a Continuous Improvement Plan annually. Medina Public School is a participating Title I school, with a K-12 student membership count of 214.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the school at 701-486-3121, or email: Damon.Bosche@k12.nd.us

CITY OF MEDINA COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Medina — Regular Meeting
June 1, 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 Dean Moser and CM Mitch Gunderson. Absent CM Joe Schmidt and CM Dacotah Dockter. Sid Higdem (City Worker) and Rhonda Schlecht (Auditor) present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the May 4th meeting were read and motion to approve by CM Mitch, 2nd CM Dean. – all ayes, no nays – motion carried. Absent CM Joe Schmit and CM Dacotah Dockter.

Visitors: Joe & Melinda Deede, Randy Everding, Bill Busch, Chris Soukup, Melody Mittleider, Brian Buskness, Audry Bosche, Mike Kramlich

Public Comment – Melody Mittleider corrected the address for the May minutes for water break to 311 Water St W, gave address for Clear Ink for the prior bill for the property she purchased and requested clarity of the ordinance for the water break. Brian Buskness questioned his billing. The council requested that Brian come to the office on Thursday (6/4/26) and the billing will be reviewed with him.

Visitors recognized for Agenda: MED, Rory Hoffmann (DHB Activity Center), Tom Nenow (Decoy Bar Liquor License), Joshua Schumann (Core & Main)

Rory Hoffmann (DHB Activity Center) – Inquiring why a service bill was sent due to in September the council said that a meter needed to be installed to know where all water in town is going. The Park bought the chunk of land that the building sits on and the park does not receive charges for water and sewer. The council and park agreed that the park would get charged $1.25 monthly for the meter.

Tom Nenow (Decoy) – Tom is requesting to have The Decoy Bar & Grill LLC liquor license renewed for the year.

CM Dean motioned and 2nd CM Mitch to renew the liquor license for The Decoy Bar & Grill LLC. All ayes, no nays – motion carried. Absent CM Joe S and CM Dacotah.

Josh (Core & Main) – A quote was given to the council for the auto read system upgrade. 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 board tabled this until the new board is in next month.

Jordon (Moore Engineering) – Water Tower Project work is all completed. CDBG needs additional information from Auditor Rhonda to close out that portion. Auditor Rhonda will give the information to her. Water Treatment Plant replaced the chemical pump. Advantage Electric has completed their work. Drainage study is completed and Moore's is working on cost comparisons with the collected data.

CM Dean motioned, 2nd CM Mitch to approve the final payment request for Advantage Electric for $37,418.58. All ayes, no nays – motion carried. Absent CM Joe S. and CM Dacotah Dockter

CITY WORKERS – Insurance adjustor will be coming for the roof tomorrow. The deductible is $1,000. Roof above the kitchen area should be addressed also. The roof is rolled roofing currently. Tecta America gave a quote for $9,723 and the work should last 10 – 15 years. If we do a maintenance contract with them, they come and look at the work and then will give a quote for what needs to be done. Discussion on hot mix vs. cold patch. CM Joe S will be contacted to check on the hot mix that will be made here in the Medina pit. This is on hold till information is brought back. City of Medina Office and the Medina signs were completed at Newman Signs. The "Medina" signs need to be redone. The sweeper was returned from Cenex and Sid will inquire as to what was repaired on it. Excursion has a rattle and will need to go in for service. CM Schmidt will be contacted to see when the County is going to fix the road in front of the Legion. DPC was here with the panel for the new lift. Sid will contact the appropriate people to get lift #5 completed. Roof turbines need to be replaced and will be ordered. Water Treatment Plant is running good and chlorine packets will need to be ordered. A quote was presented for 6 meters and radio reads. Sid will check if there is any contingency money left to use towards these. Hockey puck item can't be used with our current tablet. The tablet needs a USB connection to make this work.

OLD BUSINESS – Water bills were discussed. Laundromat remodel vs. new - waiting on estimates. There is one estimate in so far for the front of the meeting room wall (outside). The Medina Public School's meter had a computer error for reading the meter. The error was discovered and corrected and corrected billing will be sent out.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Letter of Resignation from CM Dean Moser effective end of June.

NEW BUSINESS – None

PRESENTATION OF BILL – CM Mitch motioned, 2nd CM Dean to pay the bills that were presented with the exception of not paying for the "Medina" signs that need to be redone from Newman Signs. All ayes, no nays – motion carried. Absent CM Joe S and CM Dacotah.

No reports from street, water/sewer or building commissioners.

ADJOURN – CM Dean motioned, 2nd CM Mitch to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. All ayes, no nays – motion carried. Absent CM Joe S and CM

SPORTS PHYSICALS & FALLS SPORTS INFORMATION

All athletes in grades 7-12 will need a sports physical before being allowed to participate in any NDHSAA sport. Sixth graders competing at the JH level will also need a physical.

Complete schedules of all sports can be found on our school website under "explore", then "documents", then "activity schedules & information".

If students or parents have any questions regarding fall sports, please call the school.

7-12 Volleyball
First Practice: Monday, August 17
Head Coach: Jacie Connell
Assistant Coach: Isabel Schmidt
C-Squad Coach: open
JH Coaches: Sarah Heinle & Kassie Frederickson

7-12 Cross Country
First Practice: Monday, August 10 in Medina 8:00 AM
Head Coach: Tammy Heinrich

Elementary Cross Country
First Practice: Tuesday, August 26 at 7:30 AM in Medina
Coach: Jennifer Hayes

Elementary Girls' Basketball
First Practice: Monday, August 17 after school
Coaches: Jenny Schlecht & Tara Hofmann

Elementary Boys' Basketball
First Practice: September 22
Coach: Stan Johnson

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

$25 annual fee for Vo Ag class (shop projects) (maximum of $100 per family)

$30 Sports Participation Fee per activity (maximum of $150 per family).

The $30 fee will be paid for each of the following extra-curricular activities:
Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, Track, and Archery



If you have any questions regarding activity fees, please call the school.

ATHLETIC SEASON TICKETS & TICKET PRICES

SEASON TICKETS PRICES:
Student Season Ticket: $40 (with a family cap of $120/separate from activity fee cap)
Adult Season Ticket: $85
Senior Citizen Season Ticket: $60

INDIVIDUAL GAME TICKET PRICES:
K-12 Student Ticket : $5
Adults Ticket: $8
Double–header Ticket K-12 Student: $5
Double–header Ticket Adults: $10

**Students will receive free admission to the home contest they are participating in.*

*Season tickets are valid for **ALL** elementary, junior high, C, JV, & Varsity contests in Medina and Pingree-Buchanan. Season tickets are NOT valid for tournaments or play-in games held in Medina or Pingree-Buchanan.*

If you have any questions regarding activity fees, season passes, or tickets, please call the school.

SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST & SNACKS

There is no increase in meal prices this year. Income limits for the Free/Reduced Meal Program have increased, so more families may qualify. More information and the application for free/reduced meals is included in this newsletter.

ALL MEALS SHALL BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

LUNCH PRICES:

PK — 6th grade = $3.50 per day
7th — 12th grade = $4.00 per day

BREAKFAST PRICE:

PK — 12th grade = $2.40 per day

Online meal payments will be available in the new Infinite Campus system. More information will be coming soon.

SPECIAL MILK: We are continuing the special milk program which offers students in grades PK through 6th the option of receiving a 1/2 pint of milk during snack time. **The cost is 35¢ per carton, or $7 for a milk ticket for 20 milks**, or $61.25 for the entire school year (175 days). The special milk program does not qualify under the free and reduced meals program and must be paid for in advance.

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM:

Medina Public School has received Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant again for the 2026-2027 school year. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a federally assisted program providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to students in participating elementary schools during the school day at times other than breakfast, lunch, or after-school snacks.

Each day, students are offered a fresh fruit or fresh vegetable snack. We strive to offer a variety of fruit including bananas, grapes, oranges, apples, and pineapple, for example. A variety of vegetables served may include carrots, celery, cherry tomatoes & sugar snap peas, peppers, or cucumbers, etc.

TRANSPORTATION

All rural students are provided bus transportation. Bus drivers will be contacting parents regarding morning and afternoon schedules. Bus drivers are required to wait only three minutes at each stop so please be ready when the bus comes to your house. A complete list of bus rules is in the Student / Parent Handbook, which is available online (if you want a paper copy, please contact the school office). Please review these rules with your children.

Parents should contact their bus driver (or the school office) when their children are not riding. If you are unsure who is your bus driver, please call the school.

An issue that often comes up is that of letting children off the bus if there is no adult home. We use guidelines set by The Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota which can be very helpful when determining when children are old enough to be left alone or to babysit younger siblings.



The following are the Guidelines for the Supervision of Children:

- Children under age 8 should be supervised at all times.
- Children who are at least 9 years old can be left unsupervised for less than two hours during the day, but should not be left unsupervised during the night and should not supervise younger children.
- Children ages 10 and 11 may be left alone for longer periods of time, but they need supervision during the night and should not supervise younger children.
- Children who are at least 12 years old should be allowed to babysit only when they are mature enough, ready, and willing. Again, these children need supervision at night.
- All children over age 12 who are babysitting should complete a certified babysitting course before for other children.
- Children in early adolescence, ages 12-15, should not be left unattended overnight.
- All children who are left home alone must know where their parents or other responsible adults are and how to reach them. They should also know what to do in an emergency.

If you are unable to be at home when the bus arrives, please contact the school to make arrangements for your children before the end of the school day. Our first concern is the safety of the children!

2026-2027 MPS STAFF & PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION:

Damon Bosche, Superintendent/Athletic Director
Tara Hofmann, K-12 Principal

SCHOOL BOARD:

President : Rory Hoffmann
Vice President: Jacob Hofmann
Board Members: Shawn Gefroh
Jeremy Schmidt
Shawn Lachenmeier
Nancy Heinle-Bodvig
Nolan Kartchner

FACULTY:

Wendy Reister, Preschool
Heidi Perleberg, Kindergarten
Jessica Carlson, 1st Grade
Elizabeth Schmidt, 2nd Grade
Meredith Schmidt, 3rd Grade
Mary Wick, 4th Grade
Joey Heupel, 5th Grade
Michele Cassula, 6th Grade
Tanya Hemmer, Special Education
Jennifer Hayes, Special Education/Yearbook
April Foth, Counselor/Student Council Advisor
Kim Hoffmann, P/T Title 1
*Isabel Schmidt, Title 1
Tammy Heinrich, Business Ed./Tech
Faye Heupel, English/Library/Drama
Kaylie Hieb, Science
Wendy Waleri, Math
Danny Fischer, Social Studies
Audra Montgomery, Ag Ed/FFA Advisor
Brett Thielges, Physical Education
Rochelle Bosche, Instrumental & Choral Music
Michelle Lytle, Reading & Math Corps/T1/504 Coord.

SUPPORT STAFF:

Jodi Dockter, Paraprofessional
Melissa Dockter, Paraprofessional
McKenzy Dockter, Paraprofessional
Emma Forde, Paraprofessional
Becky Greer, Paraprofessional/Math Corps
Tina Guthmiller, Paraprofessional
Jodie Krapp, Paraprofessional
Ashley Opp, Paraprofessional
Julie Opp, PK Paraprofessional
DeAnn Ruff, Paraprofessional/Reading Corps
Lois VanEpps, Paraprofessional
Brenda Wahl, Paraprofessional

Dawn Moser, Business Manager
Teresa Schelske, Secretary

Ryan Anderson, Bus Maintenance/Custodian
Dean Moser, Custodian
Ashley Opp, P/T Custodian
Julie Opp, P/T Custodian

Stephanie Wolff, Head Cook
Tammy Moser, Assistant Cook

Ryan Anderson, Bus Driver
Melissa Dockter, Bus Driver
Tina Guthmiller, Bus Driver
Rhoda Lachenmeier, Bus Driver
Dean Moser, Bus Driver
DeAnn Ruff, Bus Driver
Brett Thielges, Bus Driver
_____, Bus Driver

Tammy Schlecht, Just Say No Club leader

**** denotes new staff/board members***

ANNUAL NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

The Medina School District #3 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. All vocational opportunities will be offered without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Medina offers numerous Career and Technical Education courses such as agriculture, marketing, health careers, and business and office technology. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Damon Bosche, Superintendent
Non-Discrimination Policies
Medina Public School
300 School ST SE
Medina, ND 58467
701-486-3121

Tara Hofmann, Principal
Title IX Coordinator
Medina Public School
300 School ST SE
Medina, ND 58467
701-486-3121

Michelle Lytle
Section 504 Coordinator
Medina Public School
300 School ST SE
Medina, ND 58467
701-486-3121

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This year, we are grateful to our generous donor who gave money to purchase school supplies for all students in preschool through 6th grade! We will also have some notebooks and pencils available for high school students—feel free to take what you need. School supplies will be distributed at the open house and during the first week of school. While all other supplies will be provided, students will still need to bring a few personal items as noted below. Additionally, students may bring any specialty items, such as a different folder or notebook, if they wish.

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL:

Backpack
Water bottle
Wired headphones for kindergartners only (no earbuds)
Non-marking gym shoes (if your child can't tie their own laces, please send Velcro shoes)
Full change of clothes (in a gallon bag labeled w/ name)
Rest time blanket or nap mat

** Preschoolers should also bring a paint shirt & a drawstring bag for bookmobile.*

1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH , 5TH & 6TH GRADE:

Backpack
Gym shoes (with non-marking soles)
Wired headphones or earbuds

HIGH SCHOOL:

Basic supplies: pens, pencils, notebooks, folders
Wired headphones or earbuds
Regular calculator (TI-30x or similar)
Other supplies as requested by teachers



2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August
10 Cross Country practice starts
14 School Board meeting 7:15 am
17 Back to School Night/Open House 5-7 pm
17 Volleyball practice begins
20 First day of school!
18 Elementary GBB practice begins

September
7 NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
11 School Board meeting 7:15 am
11-13 Medina Fall Festival
16 Budget/Tax Levy Hearing 5:30
21 Elementary BBB practice begins
26-27 FFA Fall Leadership Conference

October
9 School Board meeting 7:15 am
12 Parent-Teacher Conferences (1:15 dismissal)
21 Professional Development (1:15 dismissal)
22-23 NO SCHOOL (Educator's Convention)
26 Junior High GBB practice begins

November
11 NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day)
13 School Board meeting 7:15 am
16 GBB practice begins
25-26 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving break)
27 NO SCHOOL (P-T Comp Day)
30 BBB practice begins

December
3 High School Christmas Concert
10 Elementary Christmas Concert
11 School Board meeting 7:15 am
18 End of first semester & last day of school before holidays
25 Merry Christmas!

January
1 Happy New Year!
4 School Resumes
15 School Board meeting 7:15 am
18 NO SCHOOL (MLK Day - storm day)
27 Professional Development (1:15 dismissal)

February
12 School Board meeting 7:15 am
19 NO SCHOOL (storm day)
24 Professional Development (1:15 dismissal)
27 Music Dinner Theatre

March
12 School Board meeting 7:15 am
16 Junior High Spring Concert
18 Parent-Teacher Conf. (1:15 dismissal)
19 NO SCHOOL (P-T Comp Day)
26 NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
29 NO SCHOOL (storm day)

April
9 School Board meeting 7:15 am
22 High School Spring Concert & Awards 7:30
24 Prom

May
1 State Music Contest
6 Elementary Spring Concert 00
14 School Board Meeting 7:15 am
21 End of second semester - Last day of school
23 Graduation 2:00

June
7-10 State FFA Convention @ NDSU
11 School Board meeting 7:15 am

The complete school calendar with all events and games is available on the school website: click on explore, then click on events (select calendar view to see full month)

Letter to Households with Frequently Asked Questions for Federal Free and Reduced-Price School Meals & North Dakota's Expanded Income Eligibility Guidance

This document provides information for families with students attending a school in North Dakota offering Federal Child Nutrition Programs such as the National School Lunch Program and/or the School Breakfast Program, as well as information about North Dakota's Expanded Income Eligibility Guidelines for schools. It is effective July 1, 2026.

Dear Family:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Medina Public School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs $2.40 and lunch costs $3.50 for elementary students and $4.00 for high school students. Other programs, such as Title I, rely on income eligibility. If your household income is below the numbers in the chart below, please complete the enclosed income application and return it to the school. To be considered for any other income-based programs the district may offer, please fill out the "Release of Information Form" as well.

Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?**
   - All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or the Temporary Assistance Program for Needy Families (TANF) can get free meals regardless of their income. Also, your children can get free or reduced-price meals if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart.
   - Foster children under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
   - Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
   - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
   - Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits of the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on the chart below.

Federal Income Chart
For School Year 2026-27

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Person:
Yearly	$29,526	$40,034	$50,542	$61,050	$71,558	$82,066	$92,574	$103,082	$10,508
Monthly	$2,461	$3,337	$4,212	$5,088	$5,964	$6,839	$7,715	$8,591	$876
2x per Month	$1,231	$1,669	$2,106	$2,544	$2,982	$3,420	$3,858	$4,296	$438
Every 2 Weeks	$1,136	$1,540	$1,944	$2,349	$2,753	$3,157	$3,561	$3,965	$405
Weekly	$568	$770	$972	$1,175	$1,377	$1,579	$1,781	$1,983	$233

   - Children attending schools in North Dakota may receive free meals if your household income is within the limits of the State 225 Expanded Income Guidelines (State 225). Your children may qualify for meals at no cost if your household income falls at or below the limits on the chart below:

State of North Dakota Income Chart
For School Year 2026-27

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Person:
Yearly	$35,910	$48,690	$61,470	$74,250	$87,030	$99,810	$112,590	$125,370	$12,780
Monthly	$2,993	$4,058	$5,123	$6,188	$7,253	$8,318	$9,383	$10,448	$1,065
2x per Month	$1,496	$2,029	$2,561	$3,094	$3,626	$4,159	$4,691	$5,224	$533
Every 2 Weeks	$1,381	$1,873	$2,364	$2,856	$3,347	$3,839	$4,330	$4,822	$492
Weekly	$691	$936	$1,182	$1,428	$1,674	$1,919	$2,165	$2,411	$246

2. **HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY?** Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet any of these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or email: April Foth, School Counselor @ 701-489-3121 or april.foth@k12.nd.us

3. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Medina Public School, ATTN: Dawn Moser, Business Manager, 300 School Street SE, Medina, ND 58467 / 701-486-3121 / dawn.moser@k12.nd.us immediately.

4. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Dawn Moser, Business Manager, 300 School Street SE, Medina, ND 58467 / 701-486-3121 / dawn.moser@k12.nd.us immediately.

5. **CAN I APPLY ONLINE?** Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit https://www.schoolcafe.com/medina3 to begin or learn more about the online application process. Contact Dawn Moser, MPS, 300 School ST SE, Medina, ND 58467 / 701-486-3121 / dawn.moser@k12.nd.us if you have any questions about the online application.

6. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through September 20, 2026. You must send in a new application unless the school tells you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child's eligibility status will be cleared, and meals will be charged at the full price listed above.

7. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application form.

8. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes, we may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

9. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

10. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You may also ask for a hearing by calling or writing to Rory Hoffmann, 701-659-0515, rory.hoffmann@k12.nd.us

11. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes, you, your children or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

12. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends), including yourself and all children living with you.

13. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make $1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made $900, put down that you made $1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

14. **WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT?** Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zero. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

15. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? YOUR BASIC PAY AND CASH BONUSES MUST BE REPORTED AS INCOME.** Your basic pay and cash bonus must be reported as income. If you get any cash allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income

16. **WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY?** List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application. Contact Dawn Moser, MPS, 701-486-3121 / dawn.moser@k12.nd.us to receive a second application.

17. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for State SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office at https://www.hhs.nd.gov/applyforhelp or call 1-844-854-4825.

If you have other questions or need help, call 701-486-3121.

Sincerely,

Damon Bosche, MPS Superintendent

In accordance with federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the state or local agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

2. fax: (202) 690-7442; or

3. email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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2026-27 Application for Free or Reduced-Price Meals

Complete one application per household for all children. Please use a pen (not a pencil). **Mail or return completed form to: Medina Public School, 300 School ST SE, Medina, ND 58467**

STEP 1: **List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students** up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper).

Definition: A Household Member is "Anyone living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Children in Foster care are eligible for free meals. Read *How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits* for more information. Adults over grade 12 living in the same household should be reported in Step 3. If your children attend different districts or charter/nonpublic schools, return an application to each one.

Child's First Name (list all children in household)	MI	Child's Last Name	School	Grade	Mark all that apply. Foster Child	Migrant	Homeless or Runaway
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					☐	☐	☐
					☐	☐	☐
					☐	☐	☐
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Does your child have health insurance? Many children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals may also be eligible for low-cost or free health coverage. For more information, visit https://applyforhelp.nd.gov or call 1-866-614-6005.

STEP 2: **Do Any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR? Medical assistance does not qualify through an application.**
If NO > Go to STEP 3. **If YES** >Enter SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR Case Number (between 4-9 digits, do not report EBT card number) _____ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3.)

STEP 3: **Report Income for ALL Household Members** (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

A. **All Adult Household Members (including yourself).** For each Household Member listed, report total gross income only if they receive income. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0' or leave the fields blank. You are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Not sure what income to include here? Flip the page and review "Sources of Income" for information. "Sources of Income" will help you with the All Adult Household Members section and B. Child Income section. College students living away at school can still be counted as household members..

Names of All Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Gross Earnings from Working at Jobs					Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?			Any Other Gross Income				
List all Household members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. Include children who are temporarily away at school or in college.	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Report income **before deductions or taxes** in whole dollars (no cents).	Monthly	Yearly	**Net income** from Farm or Self-Employment. Do not duplicate elsewhere.	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	SSI, Unemployment, Public Assistance, Child Support, and others on Page 2
	☐	☐	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	☐	☐	$
	☐	☐	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	☐	☐	$
	☐	☐	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	☐	☐	$
	☐	☐	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	$	☐	☐	☐	☐	$

B. **Child Income.**
Sometimes, children in the household earn or receive income, such as from a part-time job or SSI. Please include the TOTAL income received by all children listed in STEP 1. Do not include income received by adults in the box to the right.

Total Income Received by All Children	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
$	☐	☐	☐	☐

STEP 4: **An Adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her social security number or mark the 'I do not have a Social Security Number box.**

A. **Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Adult Household Member**: XXX-XX-☐☐☐☐ Or ☐ √ I do not have a Social Security Number

Total Number of All Household Members (Children + Adults) Here: ☐

B. **Attestation & Signature:** "I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

X _____ _____

SIGNATURE of Adult Completing Application (*Form must be signed to be complete.*) **DATE**

_____

Print Name **Daytime Phone**

_____

Address (if available) **Apt#** **City** **Zip**

SCHOOL OFFICE USE ONLY ❑ **Error Prone Application**

❑**Case # Application** ❑**Foster Application** ❑**Directly Certified:** ***Date of Disregard***: _____
❑**Income Application** ❑**Homeless/Migrant/Runaway**
Household Size: _____
Total Income: $_____ Per: ❑ Week ❑ Bi-Weekly (Every 2 Wks.) ❑ 2x Month ❑ Monthly ❑ Annual
Eligibility: Federal Free (130%) ____ Reduced (185%) ___ State 200 ___ Denied ____
Reason for Denial ❑Income Too High ❑Incomplete App
Determining Official's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

❑ **Selected For Verification:** *Confirming Official's Signature*: _____ Date: _____
Verifying Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

See Page 2 for Additional Information. Return completed form to the school at the address listed at the top of the form.

INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children

Sources of Child Income	Examples
• Earnings from work • Social Security a. Disability Payments b. Survivor's Benefits • Income from person outside the household • Income from any other source	• A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages. • A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security • A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits. • A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money. • A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
• Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes) • Net income from self-employment (farm or business) • If you are in the U.S. Military: a. Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) b. Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	• Cash Assistance from State or local government • Supplemental Security Income • Unemployment benefits • Worker's compensation • Alimony payments • Child support payments • Veteran's benefits • Strike benefits	• Social Security • Disability benefits • Regular income from trusts or estates • Annuities • Investment income • Rental income • Regular cash payments from outside household

OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Respond to both Step One, *Ethnicity* and Step Two, *Race*.

Step One: Ethnicity (check one): ☐ **Hispanic or Latino** ☐ **Not Hispanic or Latino**

Step Two: Race (check one or more): ☐ **American Indian or Alaskan Native** ☐ **Asian** ☐ **Black or African American** ☐ **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** ☐ **White**

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced-price meals. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Foster, migrant, homeless, and runaway children and children enrolled in a Head Start program are categorically eligible for free meals and free milk. If you are completing an application for these children, contact the school For more information.

Nondiscrimination Statement: *In accordance with federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.*

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the state or local agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint *and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:*

Mail: 1. U.S. Department of Agriculture*
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 202509410
2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

*Only use this address if you are filing a complaint of discrimination.

Return completed form to your child's school.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 	17 ***BACK to SCHOOL*** ***Open House 5:00-7:00*** ***Volleyball practice begins***	18 	19	20 Pizza Corn ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL***	21 Dakota Nachos ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	22 ***CC @ Parkhurst***
23 	24 General Tso Chicken Rice ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***Elem GBB practice begins***	25 Knoephla Soup Sandwiches ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***VB Scrimmage @ Carrington***	26 Spaghetti Garlic Toast	27 Hot Dogs French Fries 	28 Taco in a Bag	29 ***Varsity VB Tourney @ Northern Cass***
30	31 Stuffed Baked Potatoes Ham & Cheese ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***EGBB @ Wishek 4:30***	1 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***EGBB @ Buchanan 4:00*** ***VB @ Napoleon 3:30***	2 Corn Dogs French Fries	3 Hamburger Stroganoff Corn ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***EGBB @ Medina 4:30*** ***VB @ Pingree 5:00***	4 Tacos	5
6	7 ***NO SCHOOL*** LABOR DAY	8 Chili Cottage Cheese Garlic Toast ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***EGBB @ Napoleon 4:30*** ***VB @ Medina 5:00***	9 Tator Tot Hotdish Green Beans	10 Chicken Rice Hotdish Mixed Vegetables ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***VB @ Strasburg 6:00*** ***EGBB @ Medina 4:00***	11 Sack Lunch ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***School Board mtg. 7:15 am*** ***FFA Alumni Pitchfork Fondue 5:00-7:30***	12 MEDINA FALL FESTIVAL
13 MEDINA FALL FESTIVAL	14 Orange Chicken Rice ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***CC @ Medina (CSBCamp)*** ***EGBB @ Steele 4:30***	15 Chicken Noodle Soup Sandwiches ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***VB @ Medina 4:30***	16 Sloppy Joes French Fries ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***Budget/Tax Levy Hearing 5:30 PM***	17 Meatballs & Gravy Mashed Potatoes ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***EGBB @ Medina 4:30*** ***VB @ Tower City 4:30***	18 Tator Tot Ole'	19 ***Varsity VB Tourney @ Valley City***
20 	21 Pizza Corn ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***Elem BBB practice begins*** ***EGBB @ Hazelton 4:30*** ***VB @ Valley City 5:00***	22 Chicken Tortilla Soup Sandwiches ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***EGBB @ Carrington 4:00*** ***VB @ Medina 4:30***	23 Sub Sandwiches Chips ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***Bookmobile***	24 Chicken Alfredo Peas ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***EGBB @ Medina 4:30*** ***VB @ LaMoure 5:00***	25 Chicken Wraps	26 ***Elem GBB Jamboree @ Napoleon*** ***JV VB Tourney @ Carrington***
27	28 Chicken Drumsticks Mac & Cheese ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***VB @ Carrington 3:30***	29 Taco Soup Breadsticks ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***Elem BBB @Buchanan 4:00***	30 Stuffed Baked Potatoes Ham & Cheese ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ ***School Photo Day***	October 1 ***EGBB @ Medina 4:00*** ***VB @ Ellendale 4:30***	2 	3 ***C Squad VB Tourney @ Carrington***

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE MEDINA FALL FESTIVAL!

Come to Medina for a great weekend of community events. We are planning for the Fall Festival the weekend of September 11-13, 2026.



These are events that are planned for the weekend:

- FFA Alumni Pitchfork Fondue
- Fun Walk/Run
- Truck Pull
- Heritage Center
- Kites at baseball diamond
- Dessert Bake Off
- Bingo at Legion
- Street Dance Saturday
- Ecumenical Service on Sunday

Please watch the Medina School website and Facebook page for any updates or additions to the schedule. We look forward to a great Fall Festival weekend — September 11th, 12th, and 13th!