

April 9, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

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Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Jessica Oyler
Second – Katie Brown
Approved

**Approve
Agenda,
Minutes, Bills**

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Curriculum Committee – Reviewed historical grading scale and requested input from teachers/administrators. Discussion meeting only.

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High School Principal Shawn Bleth reported on high school events. Elementary Principal JF Hewitt gave his report. AD Jake Norby reported on sports and activities. Transportation Director Carter Clausen reported on buses. Heathyr Knowles gave a finance report, and Steve Bucks gave the Superintendent report.

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Motion to approve FY2024 Audit: Jessica Oyler

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Second: Katey Marquis
Approved

#2 – 2025-2026 School Calendar

Mr. Bucks provided the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Staff had an opportunity for input

Motion to approve 2025-2026 School Calendar: Katey Marquis

Second: Kyle Kluck
Approved

#3 – 2024-2025 Contracts

Tanner Kelly – HS Asst Golf Coach, Debora Schutt – Sub Teacher (pending background check), Andrea Lien – Loring Route Bus Driver for mornings only

Motion to approve the hire list: Jessica Oyler

Second: Katie Brown
Approved

#4 – 2024-2025 Summer Hires

Sue Gilkerson – Drivers Ed, Trinity Young and Kallie Rummel for Summer School Teachers, Milissa Flatt and Kelci Baker for Summer Custodian help. Removed Rylee Mix and the Summer Weight Room.

Motion to approve the list as revised with removal of Rylee Mix and the Summer Weight Room position – Jessica Oyler

Second: Katey Marquis
Approved

#5 – 2025-2026 Contracts

Lists attached with following revisions:

Remove from the Certified list Julie McFadden and Whitney Reints as they have resigned.

Remove from Classified list Kitty Cowan as she has resigned

Remove from Coach list Kalen Wiebe and Dustin Squires as they are volunteers and do not receive contracts and it is unknown if they will be needed yet.

The following names were moved to a different list due to related parties on the board:

Alex Weiderick - Certified

Emma Oyler – Certified and Coach

Fallon Handley - Certified

Aaron DeVries - Coach

Motion to approve the revised 2025-2026 Certified, Classified, and Coach Lists with the named related parties removed: Jessica Oyler

Second: Katie Brown
Approved

Motion to approve Alex Weiderick for a 2025-2026 Certified contract: Katey Marquis

Second: Katie Brown

Approved with Jessica Oyler abstaining

Motion to approve Emma Oyler for a 2025-2026 Certified and Coaching contract: Katey Marquis

Second: Kyle Kluck
Approved with Jessica Oyler abstaining
Motion to approve Fallon Handley for a 2025-2026 Certified contract: Jessica Oyler
Second: Kyle Kluck
Approved with Katie Brown abstaining
Motion to approve Aaron DeVries for a 2025-2026 Coaching contract: Jessica Oyler
Second: Katie Brown
Approved with Angel DeVries abstaining

#6 – Elementary school cafeteria floor repairs. Two bids were reviewed. Both are under the \$80,000 state threshold for RFP.

Motion to hire to approve a contract with Bruco up to \$32,402 with a recommendation to review the needs included in the bid: Katey Marquis
Second: Jessica Oyler
Approved

#7 – FY2025 Certified RIP Offer
The RIP offered will be for up to 3 positions with 28 years or more in the district, \$675/month cash offer or to be used towards district provided health insurance, and will be one year in duration after retirement.
Motion to approve the RIP Offer: Katie Brown
Second: Kyle Kluck
Approved

#8 – Policy 1230 Update
Per MASBO and MTSBA, there is specific language that needs to be included in our Policy 1230 to be eligible for the STARS Act. This is the first read through. No action.

#9 – FCCLA Nationals
Our FCCLA team qualified for Nationals and need approval for out of state travel. They have also requested financial support of \$4,866 to help with the costs of students attending. They will fundraise the rest.
Motion to approve the out of state travel for FCCLA Nationals competition and the request for \$4,866 towards the costs of attending because they qualified for this opportunity: Katey Marquis
Second: Kyle Kluck
Approved

#10 – Approve Tru-Green bid for spring/summer lawn maintenance and weed abatement.
Motion to approve using Tru-Green and to prepay in order to receive the prepay discount: Katey Marquis
Second: Jessica Oyler
Approved

#11 – Resolution to request Phillips County to Conduct the 2026 school elections.

Motion to approve the resolution: Jessica Oyler
Second – Katie Brown
Approved

#12 – 2024-2025 Individual Transportation Contracts
Due to the resignation of the Loring Bus Route Driver and our ability to only hire a driver for mornings only, we need to provide Individual Transportation Contracts to those effected families.
Motion to approve the Individual Transportation Contracts as presented: Katie Brown
Second: Kyle Kluck
Approved

#13 – Webb-Hughes Endowment
This endowment has not generated enough funds for a full scholarship for several years and the family has been supplementing on their own. The CD is coming up for renewal and they would just like it liquidated and just turned back to them to administer.
Motion to approve the transfer of the Webb-Hughes Endowment back to the family: Katie Brown
Second: Jessica Oyler
Approved

Set next board meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the boardroom of the Malta High School.

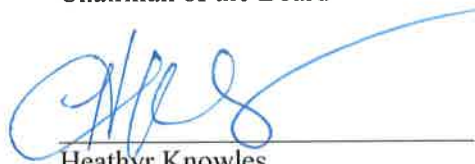
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Jessica Oyler
Second: Katie Brown
Approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.



Angel DeVries,
Chairman of the Board



Heathyr Knowles,
Clerk of the Board

Primary Job Title	Name	Tenured	Contract Year
Teacher	MENDY S ESTILL	N	N/A
Teacher	RENAE A HEISLER	N	3rd Contract
Teacher	MIKAYLA A HUBER	N	3rd Contract
Teacher	KAITLYN D INDRELAND	N	3rd Contract
Teacher	JAKE W NORBY	N	3rd Contract
Teacher	ERIKA M SIEGELIN	N	2nd Contract
Teacher	KATHERYN A SMITH	N	3rd Contract
Teacher	JAMES C IVHOWLAND	P	4th Contract
Teacher	RACHEL P MORTENSON	P	4th Contract
Teacher	EMMA L OYLER	P	4th Contract
Teacher	ALEXSANDRA WIEDERRICK	P	4th Contract
Teacher	DANIEL G BAIN	Y	
Teacher	JAMES BRYAN BENTON	Y	
Teacher	MEAGAN E BLETH	Y	
Teacher	TERI ANN BLUNT	Y	
Teacher	SHYLA M CLAUSEN	Y	
Teacher	RAWNIE A CRASCO	Y	
Teacher	JENNY M CROWDER	Y	
Teacher	SEAN P ESTILL	Y	
Teacher	BARBARA J GALT	Y	
Teacher	SUSAN GILKERSON	Y	
Teacher	FALLON E HANDLEY	Y	
Teacher	RAYMOND B HOUGH	Y	
Teacher	KORI J KINDLE	Y	
Teacher	ANNA C LABRIE	Y	
Teacher	MARDEE G LAMB	Y	
Teacher	MAKENZIE M MANOUKIAN	Y	
Teacher	APRIL D OST	Y	
Teacher	KATIE J OTTINGER	Y	
Teacher	NICHOLAS M OXARART	Y	
Teacher	KALLI N RUMMEL	Y	
Teacher	SHAYLEY K SIMANTON	Y	
Teacher	STACIE SIMANTON	Y	
Teacher	KELLY J SJOSTROM	Y	
Teacher	JANINE M TUSS	Y	
Teacher	KENDRA VEIT	Y	
Teacher	KATHARINE E WEBB	Y	
Teacher	TRINITY A YOUNG	Y	

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Primary Job Title	Name
Bus Driver	DONALD C GREEN
Bus Driver	AMANDA A HARRIS
Bus Driver	ROBERT R REYNOLDS
Bus Driver	CANDEE L SOENNICHSEN
Custodian	DALE M ENERSON
Custodian	EDENIA S LOOTEN
Custodian	JOSHUA M SALVESON
Custodian	SETH D SWICK
Food Service	KELCI A BAKER
Food Service	MARIAH KOWCEUN-MARINO
Food Service	VINCE T MACE
Food Service	CHRISTINE MCEWEN
Food Service	RHONDA L WATERS
Instructional Assistant	ANNETTE J BENTON
Instructional Assistant	ANDREA N DARRINGTON
Instructional Assistant	CARRIE A DICKSON
Instructional Assistant	MILISSA A FLATT
Instructional Assistant	LINSEY A KAARIO
Instructional Assistant	CRYSTAL L LETT
Instructional Assistant	PAMELA J LINDGREN
Instructional Assistant	CHARLOTTIE MCCREADY
Instructional Assistant	SHEILA B NATHE
Instructional Assistant	AMBER D OLSEN
Instructional Assistant	WENDY L OLSON
Instructional Assistant	MICAELA K SCORE
Instructional Assistant	BOBI J SHORES
Instructional Assistant	SIERRA P WHITE
Instructional Assistant	JASMINE J YOUNG
Play Ground Aide	LYNDA E BROWN
Play Ground Aide	ALECIA M WATERS
Secretary	TARA L COLE
Secretary	MELISSA M DUNBAR
Secretary	SHELLEY L DUNBAR
Secretary	DONNA J SCHEFFELMEAR

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