June 10, 2026
Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Kyle Kluck called the regular meeting to order in the Board room of the Malta Middle/Senior High School at 7:00 PM. Board members present were Kyle Kluck, Katie Brown, James Barnard, and Julie McFadden. Others present were Superintendent Steve Bucks and Business Manager Heathyr Knowles. ~~NOTE: Katey Marquis joined meeting in person at 8:50PM~~	Call to Order
Visitors present: Activities Director Jake Norby, Middle School Principal Mardee Lamb, High School Principal Shawn Bleth, Transportation Coordinator Carter Clausen, IT Director Evan Grabofsky, Teri Blunt, Kari Hould, Bridgette Kluck, and Dylan MacLean.	Visitor List
Public input: None.	Public Input
Consent Agenda This consists of approving the minutes from the May 13, 2026 regular meeting and the May 21, 2026 special and annual organizational meeting, approve the agenda, and approve the current month's bills **Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve the Consent Agenda** **2nd: James Barnard** **Motion passed unanimously**	Approve Agenda, Minutes, Bills
<u>Committee Reports:</u> No committee reports.	Committee Reports
<u>Administrative Reports:</u> School Principals gave their reports, the AD presented his monthly report, the Business Manager gave a financial update and the Superintendent gave his monthly report.	Administrative Reports
Agenda Item #a – Purchase of Replacement Bus The transportation committee recommends to the board to purchase a replacement bus for one of the 2017 Chevy Trans Tech Route buses that has been having some issues. **Motion: Katie Brown moved to purchase a new route bus for a maximum amount of $120,000** **2nd: Kyle Kluck** **Motion passed unanimously**	Strategic Plan Agenda Items
Agenda Item #b – Discussion of Employment Opportunities – Info Only The Superintendent confirmed that the District is still looking for a Social Studies teacher, a Band teacher, a MS Electives teacher, a paraprofessional, two bus drivers, and a playground aide.	
Agenda Item #c – Appoint Trustee to Open Position Due to the resignation of Jessica Oyler, there was an opening on the board. Per MCA and Policy, the board put out a request for interested parties and received one response. The board interviewed Ty Lulloff.	Regular Agenda Items

Motion: Julie McFadden moved to appoint Ty Lulloff to the Board of Trustees until the next Board of Trustees election to be held in May of 2027.
2nd: Katie Brown
Motion passed unanimously
Ty Lulloff was duly sworn in and seated on the Board of Trustees.

Action Item #d – Loring Colony Agreement
The Loring Colony has returned the signed 2026-2027 agreement and have reimbursed the District for the J1 visa fees per the agreement.
Motion: James Barnard moved to approve the Loring Colony Agreement for FY27
2nd: Julie McFadden
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #e – Contracts
Administration hired Mathew Smith on a contingent contract prior to receiving a background check due to the critical need. The non-union head contracts were negotiated by the Finance Committee and we have the Snow Removal contract for FY27
Motion: Katie Brown moved to ratify the contracts for Mathew Smith and the Non Union heads and approve the contract for TD Transport for snow removal
2nd: James Barnard
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #f – Committee Assignments – Information Only
The board reviewed and agreed with the committee assignments
Transportation: James Barnard, Katie Brown
Finance: Kyle Kluck, James Barnard
Personnel: Ty Lulloff, Julie McFadden
Building: Kyle Kluck, Ty Lulloff
Curriculum: Katie Brown, Julie McFadden

Agenda Item #g - Obsolete Online Auction
The Obsolete Online Auction hosted by Shane Anderson with Northwest Realty and Auction has been publicly noticed on facebook and will run in the paper next week. The public has until 6/26 to file any response. Tentative dates are 7/13-7/23 for the auction.

Agenda Item #h – 2nd Semester TR-5 and TR-6 Claims
The board reviewed the TR-5 and TR-6 claims. They have been submitted to the County Superintendent who has forwarded them to OPI.

Agenda Item #i – Review Property and Liability Insurance Renewal
The District has received the FY27 Property and Liability Insurance renewal and it increased by $13,000. Administration reached back about increasing the deductible and were given quotes for a $5,000 deductible and a $10,000 deductible.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to increase the Property Insurance deductible to $5,000.

2nd: James Barnard
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #j – Dissolution of Whitewater/Malta Cross Country Co-op
Whitewater has sent over the MHSA paperwork to be signed by the board. Only one party is required to request and approve the dissolution so this is information only for our board and we will sign in.

Agenda Item #k – FY27 Student Handbooks
The MS and HS have submitted drafts of their handbooks for approval. The ES will submit theirs next month. Mardee Lamb and Shawn Bleth reviewed all changes with the board.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve the FY27 MS and HS Student Handbooks
2nd: Julie McFadden
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #l – FY27 Activity Handbook
Jake Norby submitted the draft of the FY27 Activity Handbook. There was one small change.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve the FY27 Activity Handbook
2nd: Julie McFadden
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #m – Policy Updates
The board went through the second reading of Policy 1420 and a first reading of Policy 2700 which is the new AI model policy from MTSBA.
Motion: Julie McFadden moved to approve Policy 1420
2nd: Katie Brown
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #n – FY27 Individual Transportation Contracts
The board was provided a list of the current Individual Transportation Contracts. There was some question about Alex Wiederrick owning a house in town and possibly being eligible for Room and Board, but no additional action was requested.
Motion: Kyle Kluck moved to approve the list of Individual Transportation contracts
2nd: Julie McFadden
Motion passed with Katie Brown abstaining due to family connections

Set next board meeting

Adjournment

Agenda Item #o – Approve Business Manager to make Final Fiscal Year End Expenditures and Journal Entries
There may be some late bills that could not be included on the board meeting voucher and this allows the Business Manager to pay them prior to fiscal year end as necessary. The Business Manager also reviewed the potential journal entries that may be needed at the end of the year.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve the Business Manager making any final year end expenditures and journal entries while

staying within Budget Authority
2nd: James Barnard
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #p – DRAFT Budget Overview
Chairman Kyle Kluck requested that the Business Manager present the board with a draft of the FY27 budget as it stands right now. The Business Manager gave a high-level power point presentation that reviewed the different funds, where the money came from in each fund, and how the money is proposed to be spend in FY27. This is a DRAFT only as FY26 will not be closed until the end of the year and that will effect how much is rolled over into FY27.

The next regular board meeting is set for **Wednesday, July 8, 2026** at 7:00 PM at the Malta Elementary School.

Motion: Katie Brown moved to adjourn the meeting
2nd: James Barnard
Motion passed unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Kyle Kluck

Kyle Kluck
Chairman of the Board

Heathyr Knowles
Clerk of the Board