July 8, 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, James Barnard, Julie McFadden, and Ty Lulloff. Katie Brown was absent. Others present were Superintendent Dylan MacLean and Business Manager Heathyr Knowles. — Call to Order

Visitors present: Transportation Coordinator Carter Clausen, IT Director Evan Grabofsky, Maintenance Manager Matt Roberts, Teri Blunt, Kari Hould, Katie Ottinger, Gina Lamb. — Visitor List

Public input: None. — Public Input

Consent Agenda — Approve Agenda, Minutes, Bills

This consists of approving the minutes from the June 10, 2026 regular meeting, approve the agenda, and approve the current month's bills. An error was found on the minutes and the minutes were revised.
Motion: Kyle Kluck moved to approve the revised consent agenda
2nd: Julie McFadden
Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports: — Committee Reports

The Transportation Committee met on 6/29/26 and reviewed bus routes. They are bringing their recommendation to the board.

Administrative Reports: — Administrative Reports

The Transportation Coordinator gave an update, the IT Director gave an update, the Business Manager gave a financial update and the Superintendent gave his monthly report.

Agenda Item #a – The Strategic Plan Taskforce met and provided recommendations for the top three goals for FY27. #1 Elementary School - moving forward on the McKinstry report and forming an advisory committee as well as doing beautification projects to boost morale and pride. #2 Individualized Instruction and Support Services - CTE Pathways, emphasis on after school program referrals and integration, and AI/Technology Use. #3 Develop and Implement a Communication Plan - Communication Guides and using the same survey every year to compare results — Agenda Items
Motion: Ty Lulloff moved to approve the top three priorities as recommended by the taskforce
2nd: James Barnard
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #b – Contracts
The board was presented with contracts from Interquest Detection Canines, Summit Fire, Diagnostic Pest Control, Summer FFA being split

between Ryan LaBrie, Lynnel LaBrie, and Rylee Mix, the MS Electives Teacher Hayley MacLean, and the attached Schedule B positions.
Motion: James Barnard moved to approve the contracts as presented
2nd: Ty Lulloff
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #c – Elementary School Handbook
The new principal and lead teachers worked on updating the Elementary School Handbook. The board reviewed the changes and discussion followed. There were some questions about clarifying the language regarding students bringing medication to school.
Motion: Julie McFadden moved to approve the Elementary School Handbook with the request for clarification from Mr. Arent on the medication language
2nd: Ty Lulloff
Motion passed unanimously

Action Item #d – Out of District Agreements
Turner School District has sent their out of district agreements for approval as well as a request to cross district lines to pick up students. Heathyr also provided a list of students from Dodson who are requesting to attend Malta schools for board approval.
Motion: Julie McFadden moved to approve the list of FY27 out of District Students attending Malta and the FY27 Turner out of district agreements.
2nd: Ty Lulloff
Motion passed unanimously
Motion: Ty Lulloff moved to approve the FY27 Turner bus route request to cross district lines
2nd: James Barnard
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #e - Bus Route Approval
The transportation committee brought forward the bus routes. The routes are based on best case scenario of Amanda Harris getting her CDL and driving the 14 passenger bus for Zortman, the new 32 passenger bus being driven by Robert Reynolds, and hiring a driver for the South Wagner route. Mr. MacLean will take these routes to the county transportation meeting.
Motion: Ty Lulloff moved to approve the bus routes
2nd: Julie McFadden
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #f - High School Handbook - Revision
Mr. Bleth rethought some language and the handbook and proposed a change.
Motion: Ty Lulloff moved to approve the revised FY27 High School Handbook
2nd: James Barnard
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #g - New Superintendent Signature Authority
The board confirmed they wanted to continue the practice of the Superintendent and Business Manager signing checks.
Motion: Ty Lulloff moved to confirm that the signatories on checks are Superintendent Dylan MacLean and Business Manager Heathyr Knowles
2nd: Julie McFadden
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #h - MSGIA Premium Credit
We've received an annual credit from MSGIA for $6,319. Heathyr would like direction from the board to either use the credit to offset our insurance premium or keep the credit and use it to offset workers comp costs in the future.
Motion: Kyle Kluck moved to hold the credit to use at a later date
2nd: Julie McFadden
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #i - Budget Update - no action
Heathyr reported that she was balanced with the treasurer for year end and gave a high level proposed budget update. She also reviewed in more depth how the General Fund budget would be spent.

Agenda Item #j - Proposed District Staff Handbook - no action
The board was provided with two drafts of a District Staff Handbook. The Superintendent would like to move forward with a District Staff Handbook instead of individual school handbooks. Any school specific information would be added as appendices to the district handbook. Ty Lulloff noted that there appeared to be some differences between the staff handbooks and student handbooks that reference staff. The Superintendent confirmed that all handbooks would be aligned. Staff will bring forward a completed draft at the August meeting.

Agenda Item #k - AI Policy 2700 Second Reading
Mr. MacLean gave a detailed presentation on how the proposed policy would impact students, staff and administration. Discussion followed about the importance of establishing the policy first and then everything else has to follow the policy. Staff will make sure that the PIR day scheduled for AI training aligns with the new policy and develop language to add to handbooks. There was some dissent about the use of AI in the schools and whether it was the right choice.
Motion: Ty Lulloff moved to approve Policy 2700
2nd: Julie McFadden
Motion passed with James Barnard abstaining from the vote

Agenda Item #l - Policy Updates - First Reading
Mr. MacLean went through a policy packet provided by MTSBA for update and gave his recommendations. The board will review and vote at the second reading next month

Agenda Item #m - FY27 Lunch Prices

It's been two years since we increased student lunch prices and costs continue to rise. Staff is proposing a $0.10 increase to student lunch costs. Staff is also proposing that Adult breakfast and lunch prices be aligned to the federal food reimbursement rate so that if we are audited we don't have to provide a detailed breakdown justifying a higher price.
Motion: Julie McFadden moved to increase student lunch prices by $0.10 and have adult breakfast and lunch prices reflect the reimbursement rate
2nd: James Barnard
Motion passed unanimously

Set next board meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for **Wednesday, August 12, 2026** at 7:00 PM in the boardroom of the Malta High School.

Adjournment

Motion: Kyle Kluck moved to adjourn
2nd: Julie McFadden
Motion passed unanimously
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Kyle Kluck

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Chairman of the Board

Heathyr Knowles
Clerk of the Board