June 11, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Kyle Kluck called the regular meeting to order in the Board room of the Malta Middle/Senior High School at 7:01 PM. Board members present were Angel DeVries, Katie Brown, Jessica Oyler and Katey Marquis. Others present were Superintendent Steve Bucks and Assistant Clerk Jana Moran who was serving due to absence of Heathyr Knowles.

Call to Order

Visitors present: High School Principal Shawn Bleth, Elementary Principal JF Hewitt, IT Director Evan Grabofsky, Middle School Principal Mardee Lamb, Teri Blunt, and Jasmine Young.

Visitor List

Public input: None

Public Input

Consent Agenda
This consists of approving the minutes from the May 14, 2025 regular meeting and the May 20, 2025 special meeting, approve the agenda, approve the current month's bills and approve the substitute list.
Motion: Angel DeVries moved to approve
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Unanimously Approved

Approve Agenda, Minutes, Bills

Committee Reports:
Transportation Committee – worked on job descriptions for the Transportation Coordinator positions.
Finance Committee – finalized negotiations for Non-Union heads and Certified Union. Also reviewed 2025-2026 Budget.

Committee Reports

Administrative Reports:
High School Principal Shawn Bleth reported on high school events. Elementary Principal JF Hewitt gave his report. Mr. Bucks reported that we hadn't heard back from Hoven about selling the old toolcat, HVAC is complete, we will address East Colony contract in July, Bruco will be at the elementary school to replace flooring and will be finished by 7/31/25, the Chiller Replacement bidding closes on 6/13. We have not received any official bids. We have a commitment from MTSBA for the 7/9/25 all day training and our Perkins Grant application with OPI is due 6/30/25.

Administrative Reports

Action Item#1: Approve Business Manager to make Final Expenditures. The motion allows the Business Manager to make any final expenditures within budget constraints.
Motion: Angel DeVries moved to allow the Business Manager to make final expenditures within budget constraints.
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Unanimously Approved

Action Items

Action Item #2: Affirm Contract Variance – the District and the Classified Union entered a Contract Variance for Sierra White. This allows the District to offer Sierra White a 2025-2026 contract with a stipulation to complete PASS by December 30, 2025. There will be no step increase for the 2025-2026 contracted year.
Motion: Katey Marquis moved to affirm the Contract Variance between Malta Public School District and Malta Classified Education Association to offer Sierra White a 2025-2026 contract.
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #3: Approve Athletic/Activity District Direct Pay Agreement. The agreement is for budgeting purposes and a guideline for costs that the District will pay direct for Athletics and Activities. Any excess over the agreed amounts will be paid for from the Athletics and Activities Funds at the High School.
Motion: Jessica Oyler moved to approve the Athletics/Activities District Direct Pay agreement which specifies amounts for the Athletic Director and District Business Manager to operation within with oversight from the Superintendent.
2nd: Katie Brown
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #4: Whitewater and Turner Transportation Requests. School Districts are allowed to transport school children through other school district lines with approval and permission by the Board of Trustees. We received the Turner request but have not received a request from Whitewater yet. Based on historical knowledge, they will both be requested and we are just approved in advance of that request.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve Whitewater and Turner school districts be allowed to cross our district lines to transport school children as long as they are similar to the ones from last year.
2nd: Angel DeVries
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #5: Individual Transportation Contracts. There is a list of the 2025-2026 Individual Transportation Contracts that have been offered and we have received two requests for isolation status. We now have a form where the decisions from the Malta Board of Trustees and the County Superintendent Transportation committee will be recorded and saved in the file for any status requests.
Motion: Angel DeVries moved to approve the Individual Transportation Contracts list except for Alex Wiederrick, Crystal Anderson, and Katey Marquis due to conflicts of interest on the Board and also approving the Isolation Status requests from Anna Merriman and Crystal Anderson to be sent on to the County Superintendent.
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Unanimously Approved

Motion: Angel DeVries moved to approve Individual Transportation contract for Alex Wiederrick
2nd: Katie Brown
Approved with Jessica Oyler abstaining

Motion: Angel DeVries moved to approve Individual Transportation contract for Crystal Anderson
2nd: Katey Marquis
Approved with Katie Brown abstaining

Motion: Angel DeVries moved to approve Individual Transportation contract for Katey Marquis
2nd: Katie Brown
Approved with Katey Marquis abstaining

Action Item #6: Approve 2025-2026 Bus Routes. List attached.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve the 2025-2026 Bus Routes as listed
2nd: Katey Marquis
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #7: Loring Colony Agreement. The current agreement expires this year. The new contract is for one year only.
Motion: Katey Marquis moved to approve the 2025-2026 Loring Colony Agreement.
2nd: Katie Brown
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #8: Ratify the Classified CBA
Motion: Katey Marquis moved to ratify the Classified CBA
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #9: Ratify the Certified CBA
Motion: Katey Marquis moved to ratify the Certified CBA
2nd: Katie Brown
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #10: Bateman Endowment. The District has a CD which is titled Bateman Endowment which is supposed to fund a Vo-Ag Education Major, but we have not given this scholarship for several years. In the absence of being able to find any associated family members, the District would like to transfer these funds to be administered by the Mustang Foundation. Katie Brown moved to transfer the funds, but Katie Brown then rescinded her motion. The board decided to table the item for the next board meeting.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to table Item #10 for additional time and confirmation from the Mustang Foundation that they are willing to administer the Bateman Scholarship.
2nd: Angel DeVries
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #11: Approve 2025-2026 Transportation Handbooks. The board had a month to look the handbooks over prior to this meeting so they could offer feedback. No feedback with given.
Motion: Katey Marquis moved to approve the 2025-2026 Transportation Handbooks
2nd: Angel DeVries
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #12: Approve 2025-2026 Student Handbooks. Copies of the ES, Loring Colony, MS, and HS Handbooks were provided to the Board prior to the meeting for review.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve the 2025-2026 student handbooks
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #13: Approve 2025-2026 Activity Handbook. Copies of the handbook were provided to the board prior to the meeting to review.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve the 2025-2026 Activity Handbook
2nd: Katey Marquis
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #14: 2025-2026 Contracts.
Anna Fuller – HS Special Ed Teacher
Bradley Hofer – Loring Colony sub
Abigail Wiebe – Elementary School Reading Teacher
Linda Miller – Special Ed Para
Deborah Schutt – Special Ed Para
Tara Cole and Carter Clausen were already approved at the 5/20 special meeting so they were removed from the action item.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve the new positions as listed.
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #15: Information Only – the TR-5 and TR-6 claims were given to the Board.

Action Item #16: Obsolete Property Resolution – we are bringing a shredding truck to clean out the files per the guidelines for record retention and will open up the storage building for an Obsolete sale at the same time. We found out after this packet was sent out that the shred truck date is July 28, 2025. Noted that the dates of publishing the resolution on the attached Resolution were incorrect and will need to be updated prior to legal notice being posted.
Motion: Katey Marquis moved to approve the Obsolete Property Resolution with the dates updated.
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Unanimously Approved

Action Item #17: First Reading Policy 7220. Mr. Bucks reviewed.

Action Item #18: Information Only – the 2025-2026 Property and Liability Insurance packet was provided to the board for review and knowledge. We received a 7.1% increase which is about the industry standard for the year.

Set next board meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the boardroom of the Malta High School.

Adjournment

Motion: Angel DeVries moved to adjourn the meeting
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Unanimously Approved
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Kyle Kluck,
Chairman of the Board

Heathyr Knowles,
Clerk of the Board