March 11, 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 Katey Marquis, Kyle Kluck, Katie Brown, Jessica Oyler and Angel DeVries. Others present were Superintendent Steve Bucks and Business Manager Heathyr Knowles.

Call to Order

Visitors present: High School Principal Shawn Bleth, Middle School Principal Mardee Lamb, James Barnard, Anthony Bruno, Teri Blunt, Bob Jo Shores, Jasmine Young, Kalli Rummel, Trinity Young, Julie McFadden, Raymond Hough, Gina Lamb and Kaitlyn Indreland.

Visitor List

Public input: None.

Public Input

Consent Agenda
This consists of approving the minutes from the January 14, 2026 regular meeting, approve the agenda, and approve the current month's bills
Motion: Jessica Oyler moved to approve the Consent Agenda
2nd: Katie Brown
Motion passed unanimously

Approve Agenda, Minutes, Bills

Committee Reports:
Finance Committee met to review YTD budget figures and to discuss upcoming negotiations. Curriculum Committee met and Mr. Bleth gave information regarding Dual Credit Policy and Graduation Credit Requirements. The Personnel Committee met and discussed the Superintendent search and employee timeclock practices.

Committee Reports

Administrative Reports:
School Principals gave their reports, the AD and Transportation provided written reports, the Business Manager gave a financial update and the Superintendent gave his monthly report.

Administrative Reports

Agenda Items:

Agenda Item #1 – Strategic Plan – Communication Guides. This item was an information request only. The Administration wanted the board to offer some ideas for Communication Guides that were called for in the Strategic Plan. The Board gave several ideas for Administration to think about.

Agenda Item #2 - Approve 2026-2027 Calendar
The superintendent presented the 2026-2027 calendar for approval.
Motion: Angel DeVries moved to approve the 2026-2027 calendar
2nd: Katey Marquis
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #3 – Policy 2410-P(1)
Second reading to update language to align with MCA.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve policy 2410-P(1).
2nd: Angel DeVries

Motion passed unanimously

Action Item #4 – SB307 Resolution Regarding Permissive Levy
SB 307 resolution is based on prior year taxable valuations. Right now we are showing a decrease or just slight increase on dollars needed for our permissive funds.
Motion: Katie Brown moved to approve SB 307
2nd: Katey Marquis
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #5 – 2026 Election Resolution Regarding General Fund Budget Levy
The board discussed and ultimately decided to move forward with the voted levy with the understanding that if anything changes that we can cancel the levy from the ballot by April 3, 2026.
Motion: Angel DeVries moved to approve the 2026 Election Resolution to hold a General Fund Budget Levy.
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #6 – FY27 Certified and Classified List Approval
Administration presented the board with a list of Certified and Classified staff for approval.
Motion: Angel DeVries moved to approve the Certified staff list for FY27
2nd: Katey Marquis
Angel DeVries, Kyle Kluck, and Katey Marquis approved. Katie Brown and Jessica Oyler abstained for conflict of interest due to family connections

Motion: Katey Marquis moved to approve the Classified staff list for FY27
2nd: Angel DeVries
Angel DeVries, Katey Marquis, Katie Brown, and Kyle Kluck approved. Jessica Oyler abstained for conflict of interest due to family connections. Motion Passed

Agenda Item #7 – FY27 Fall Coach List
Administration presented the board with a list of Fall Athletics and Extracurricular Activities coaches.
Motion: Jessica Oyler moved to approve the FY27 Fall Coach List
2nd: Katey Marquis
Jessica Oyler, Katey Marquis, Kyle Kluck, and Katie Brown approved. Angel DeVries abstained for conflict of interest due to family connections. Motion Passed

Agenda Item #8 – Montana Medical Billing Agreement
Administration would like to start billing Medicaid for our eligible services. After researching, it was determined that we are better off using a medical billing service rather than trying to do it ourselves.
Motion: Katey Marquis moved to approve the use of Montana

Medical Billign for FY27 eligible services and appoint Steve Bucks to sign an agreement on behalf of the board.
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item #9 – Superintendent Application Screening
Board members were asked to list their top three applicants from the pool of received applications. Discussion followed and the group settled on three candidates to bring forward to the interview process. The board also discussed dates and times for the interviews. Angel DeVries asked if we could do a 4PM-8PM schedule instead of a longer day schedule. Heathyr said she would make that work. The board chose 3/19 as a first date with 3/23 as a backup date and 3/27 as a final date. Heathyr will reach out to all candidates tomorrow and settle on a date.
Motion: Kyle Kluck moved that the board has reviewed all application submitted for the superintendent position. At this time the board would like to move forward with the following applications for interviews in no particular order: Chris Arent, Doug Pfau, and Dylan MacLean
2nd: Katie Brown
Motion passed unanimously

The next regular board meeting is set for **Wednesday, April 8, 2026** at 7:00 PM in the boardroom of the Malta High School.

Set next board meeting

Motion: Kyle Kluck moved to adjourn the meeting
2nd: Jessica Oyler
Motion passed unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Adjournment

Kyle Kluck
Chairman of the Board

Heathyr Knowles
Clerk of the Board