

**Medford Area Public School District
Annual Meeting Minutes
Medford Area School District Office
August 22, 2025**

A. Call the meeting to order – Board President

The Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing of the Medford Area Public School District was called to order by Dave Fleegel at 6:00 p.m. at the Medford Area Public School District, District Office Board Room.

B. Roll Call – Board Clerk

Roll Call indicated that Board members: Aemus Balsis (virtual), Steve Deml, Brian Hallgren, Laura Lundy, John Zuleger, Kurt Werner, Corey Dassow, Heidi Haynes, Dave Fleegel, and Don Everhard were present.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Election of Chairperson

Nominations were taken for Chairperson. Motion (Zulegar) to elect Dave Fleegel as Chairperson. Motion carried.

E. Presentation of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Steve Deml presented minutes from the last meeting. Motion (Miller/Deml) to approve meeting minutes as printed in the annual booklet from August 26, 2024. Motion carried.

F. Presentation of 2024 Annual Meeting Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Brian Hallgren, read a summary of the Treasurer's Report. Motion (Zulegar/Haynes) to approve report, motion carried.

G. Purpose of Budget Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was stated by Dave Fleegel, "According to Wisconsin Statute Section 65.90(4) that a public hearing shall be held at the time and place stipulated, at which time any resident or taxpayer of the governmental unit shall have an opportunity to be heard on the proposed budget."

H. Review Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

Director of Business Services, Audra Brooks, reviewed the proposed 2025-26 Budget. Motion (Zuleger/Deml) to approve the proposed 2025-26 Budget.

I. Annual Meeting Business

1. *Motion (Fleegel/Deml) that the following resolution be adopted: Resolution to authorize the school board to designate sites for school district buildings and provide for the erection of suitable buildings or for the lease of suitable buildings for a period not exceeding 20 years with annual rentals fixed by the lease, pursuant to Wis.*

Stat. § 120.10(5),), including proposed lease of space for school offices (Rural Virtual Academy), proposed lease of space for a regional learning center (Rural Virtual Academy), proposed lease of space for school district purposes (Simek Center), and other leases of suitable buildings for school district purposes. Motion carried.

2. *Motion (Hallgren/Miller) that the following resolution be adopted: Resolution to authorize the school board to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, real estate and structures and facilities appurtenant to such real estate necessary for school district purposes, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 120.10(5m). Motion carried.*
3. *Motion (Everhard/Haynes) that the following resolution be adopted: Resolution to authorize the school board to lease school district real property, buildings, and equipment not needed for school purposes to any person for any lawful use at a reasonable rental, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 120.13(25), including proposed lease of vacant land located on County Road Q, and other proposed leases of real property, buildings, and equipment not needed for school purposes. Motion carried.*

4. Set Salaries of Board of Education Members

Motion (Miller/Deml) that the following resolution be adopted:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Education be compensated as follows for Board Members expense, \$125 per board meeting for the President, \$120 per meeting for the Clerk, and \$100 per meeting per member for all other board members. For committee meetings board members will be compensated \$60 per committee meeting.” Motion carried.

(Everhard/Werner) makes a motion to amend the previous motion to increase per diem amounts to \$150 per board meeting for president, \$145 per board meeting for clerk, \$125 per board meeting for board members , and \$80 per committee meetings.

Motion (Everhard/Werner) that the following resolution be adopted:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Education be compensated as follows for Board Members expense, \$150 per board meeting for the President, \$145 per meeting for the Clerk, and \$125 per meeting per member for all other board members. For committee meetings board members will be compensated \$80 per committee meeting.” Show of hands vote requested. Yes: 19 No: 9 Motion carried.

5. Adoption of the Tax Levy

In accordance with Wisconsin Statute 120.12 (3) it is resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of Medford adopt a tax levy for the 2025-2026 year in the amount of \$9,244,370 calls for an estimated all fund tax levy mill rate of 5.96 mills (\$5.96 per \$1000 of equalized property value). [Understanding that “On or before, November 1 the school board shall determine the amount necessary to be raised to operate and maintain the schools of the school district if the annual meeting

has not voted a tax sufficient for such purposes for the school year.” Wisconsin Statute 120.12(3) (a)]. A motion is needed to adopt a tax levy for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$9,244,370 which calls for an estimated all fund tax levy mill rate of 5.96 mills.

Motion to adopt a tax levy for the 2025-26 school year in the amount of \$9,244,370 which calls for an estimated all fund tax levy mill rate of 5.96 mills (Zuleger/Everhard) motion carried.

6. Set Date, Place and Time for the 2024 Annual Meeting

Motion (Fleegel/Deml) that the following resolution be adopted

“It is resolved that the annual meeting of the Medford Area Public School District shall be held on a date, time, and place to be established by the Board of Education, but no earlier than May 15 and no later than October 31, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Motion Carried.

J. Questions

No additional questions

K. Adjourn

Motion (Deml/Werner) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The annual meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Nicole Gebert
Recording Secretary

Steve Deml
Clerk