

**Medford Area Public School District
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Medford Area Middle School
May 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

Roll Call

Roll call indicated that Board Members Dave Fleegel, Kurt Werner, Brian Hallgren, Steve Deml, Corey Dassow, John Zuleger, Jodi Nuernberger, and Don Everhard were present. Aemus Balsis arrived at 6:10 Laura Lundy, District Administrator was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Meeting Compliance

Dave Fleegel stated, "This meeting has been posted in accordance with the state open meeting law."

Period of Public Comment: N/A

Recognitions/Good News: Schools presented good news going on in their buildings.

Legislative Update: No new updates at this time.

Consent Agenda

Motion (Hallgren/Deml) to approve the consent agenda: Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report; Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2025; Approval of treasurer's report, personnel reports, 66.0301 Soar Contract, Driver's Education Contract, and new RVA affiliated member, Manawa School District. Motion carried.

Regular Business

1. **Educator of the Month:** Lisa Porten was honored as educator of the month.
2. **Raiders Committed End of Year Report:** Toryn Rau presented on the past activities Raiders Committed has accomplished throughout the year.
3. **Update on Strategic Goal #5 Operations / Technology:** Dennis Hinderliter presented on operations and technology.
4. **Consideration of Board Vacancy:** The five candidates were introduced to the board and given an opportunity to tell more about themselves. The five candidates were Ben Koch, Charles Prihoda, Taylor Kent, Monelle Johnson, and Heidi Haynes. First vote for school board vacancy: Dave Fleegel: Heidi Haynes, Aemus Balsis: Taylor Kent, Corey Dassow: Heidi Haynes, Don Everhard: Chuck Prihoda, Steve Deml: Ben Koch, Brian Hallgren: Monelle Johnson, Jodi Nuernberger: Ben Koch, Kurt Werner: Heidi Haynes, and John Zuleger: Taylor Kent.

The top 3 from the first vote were: Heidi Haynes with 3 and Taylor Kent and Ben Koch with 2. The second vote was held with the following results. Jodi Nuernberger: Ben Koch, Brian Hallgren: Heidi Haynes, Dave Fleegel: Heidi Haynes, Aemus Balsis: Taylor Kent, Corey Dassow: Heidi Haynes, Kurt Werner: Heidi Haynes, Don Everhard: Heidi Haynes, Steve Deml: Ben Koch. Heidi Haynes 5 votes, Ben Koch 2 votes, Taylor Kent 2 votes. Heidi Haynes will take our board vacancy position.

5. **Approval of Open Enrollment Report:** Nicole Gebert presented on the open enrollment report. Motion (Fleegel/Deml) to approve 292 applications to attend MAPSD schools (including MASH, MAMS, MAES, SES & RVA). Motion carried.

Motion (Fleegel/Zuleger) to deny 28 applications to attend MAPSD schools (including MASH, MAMS, MAES, SES & RVA). If IEPs are updated and the district/school is able to provide services, the district has the ability to reverse the denial and approve application(s). Motion carried.

Motion (Fleegel/Deml) to approve 23 applications for students to attend school in another district. Motion carried.

Motion (Fleegel/Deml) to allow the Open Enrollment Coordinator and Administrator(s) to determine the approval or denial of any alternate open enrollment applications, part time open enrollment applications, and any Start College Now or Early College Credit Program applications received during the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried.

6. **Update on Construction:** Laura Lundy gave a referendum update including the district projects, Miron/Wendel projects, and the timeline. Phase 1 construction begins soon on the MAMS gym restroom renovations and the MAMS replacement of the north cafeteria entrance doorway. Total for phase one is \$662,721.
7. **Consideration of Dual Sports:** Discussion on consideration of dual sport athletes. Administration believes it should be left up to the discretion of administration depending on the sports. They would want a contract completed with the athletes if it is allowed. The board had concerns and would like Athletics Director Ryan Pilgrim to reach out to other districts where dual sports are allowed to see how it works within their district. The board would also like to review the athletic policy relating to the minimum number of athletes needed for a sport to run. This will be brought back to the June board meeting.
8. **Consideration of Alcohol Sales at Back In Time Tractor Show:** The State Statute states: Possession of alcohol beverages on school grounds is **prohibited, except** when: "Alcohol beverages may be possessed or consumed on school premises, in motor vehicles or by participants in school-sponsored activities if **specifically permitted in writing by the school administrator consistent with applicable laws, ordinances and school board policies.**"

Motion (Fleegel) to approve and allow alcohol sales at the back in time tractor show. Motion fails, it receives no second. At this time the board agrees with current practice of not allowing alcohol sales on school grounds.

9. **Update on Staffing:** The schools reported on their staffing updates for next school year.
10. **Update on Finance Meeting:** Review and discussion of finance meeting. Insurance timeline was reviewed.
- a. **Consideration of Food Service Management:** Motion from finance to approve K12 by Elior as the FSMC effective July 1, 2025. Motion carried.
- b. **Discussion of OPEB:** Audra Brooks presented on OPEB.
- c. **Consideration of Budgets:** Motion from finance to allow flexibility and use the 24-25 budget money to purchase the ELA adoption materials to allow for training in June 2025. Motion carried.
- d. **Consideration of Other Funds and Revenue Budgets**
11. **Approve Date of Annual Meeting:** Audra Brooks presented on the date of annual meeting. October was suggested but it was in error. Motion (Everhard) to hold the meeting on August 25 received no second. Motion (Zuleger/Hallgren) to hold the board meeting on September 22, 2025 with the annual meeting starting at 6:00 and the regular meeting to follow. Motion carried.

Contemplate Adjourning to Closed Session

1. Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to discuss and take action, if appropriate, regarding the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, to consider the preliminary notice of contract non-renewal of a teacher pursuant to Wis. Stat. §118.22

Motion (Everhard/Hallgren) to adjourn to closed session. Roll Call Vote: Yes, Dave Fleegel, Kurt Werner, Don Everhard, Aemus Balsis, John Zuleger, Steve Deml, Corey Dassow, Jodi Nuernberger, Brian Hallgren. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:30 p.m. A short break was held to clear the board room and closed session began at 7:41 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Hallgren/Dassow) Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Nicole Gebert

Recording Secretary _____

Steve Deml

Clerk _____