

**Medford Area Public School District  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Medford Area Middle School  
July 28, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 6:02 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

**Roll Call**

Roll call indicated that Board Members Dave Fleegel, Kurt Werner, Brian Hallgren, Steve Deml, John Zuleger, Heidi Haynes, Corey Dassow and Don Everhard were present. Aemus Balsis was absent. 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:** None

**Recognitions/Good News:** None

**Legislative Update:** Audra Brooks/Laura Lundy presented the legislative update.

- Act 20 Literacy Funds
- 500 million to special education by increasing the reimbursement rate from 32% to 42% in the first year and 45% in the second year (Sum Certain)
- No general school aid increase. \$325.00 on revenue limits comes from taxpayers
- Open Enrollment Increases
- Student Mental Health - 30 million
- High Cost Special Education - changed from 26% to 50% in 25-26 and 90% in 26-27 (Sum Certain)

**Consent Agenda**

Motion (Zuleger/Deml) to approve the consent agenda: Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report; Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2025; Approval of treasurer's report, personnel reports, and RVA Annual Report. Motion carried.

Motion (Fleegel/Deml) to amend the personnel report to reflect Callie Crass's salary to state \$50,550. Motion carried.

**Regular Business**

1. **Construction Update:** Laura Lundy presented on the construction updates around the district. The first week of school is currently the plan for the ground breaking at the high school. More details will be shared as we get closer.
2. **Consideration of Academic Standards - Wisconsin Act 55 (Strategic Goal #1:**

**Academic Skills):** Motion (Hallgren/Deml) (that) the Medford Area Public School District uses the Wisconsin State Standards, the Next Generation Science Standards and the ACT Standards to help guide and make curriculum and instructional decisions. Motion carried.

- 3. Update on Finance Meeting:** Audra Brooks and Brian Hallgren provided an update on the finance meeting. There will be food service menu changes due to sugar reduction that was mandated by the state.

Audra Brooks provided an update on **changes in the biennium budget since last update:**

- Special Education increase from 30% to 42%
- Open Enrollment increases for Regular & Special Education:
- Open Enrollment Regular Ed increase of \$1140 for 25-26
  - From \$8,962 to \$10,102
- Open Enrollment Special Education increase of \$640 in 25-26
  - From \$13,814 to \$14,454

- 4. Consideration of OPEB Contribution:** Motion from finance to transfer \$297,454 into the Trust Fund (OPEB) Motion carried.

- 5. Consideration of Fund 46 Contribution:** Audra Brooks presented on fund 46. Motion from finance to transfer \$1,700,000 to fund 46. Motion carried. The remainder will increase the Fund Balance.

## **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn (Hallgren/Zuleger) Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:31p.m.

Nicole Gebert

Recording Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

Steve Deml

Clerk\_\_\_\_\_