

The West Bend-Mallard CSD Board of Directors held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the West Bend-Mallard Administration Board Room, 300 3rd Ave SW, West Bend, IA 50597.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by President John Zaugg. The following members were present: Dave Bruellman, Jillian Hansen, Nicole Myer, Dawn Schmidt, and Lisa Traub. Absent: Chris Montag

Visitors: Superintendent Paul Peppmeier, Board Secretary Crystal Eggers, Principal Tiffany Morey, Principal Tyson Wirtz, Cloe Massner, Tiffany Fehr, Claire Gerber, Anna Ackerman, Amber Vonnahme, Tabitha Mogler, Jane Thilges

All motions are unanimously approved unless noted.

Approve Agenda: Schmidt moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bruellman. Motion carried.

Educational News: Tiffany Morey updated the board that she has had quite a few interviews for our open teaching positions. We hope to have all these positions filled soon. Grandparents day for the elementary is on Thursday and also on Thursday is Donuts with Grownups for the intermediate students. The elementary track meet will be held on May 9th for grades Pre-K – 3rd grade. GCB students will also be joining us for the track meet.

Tyson Wirtz updated the board that the school year is going great. Mid-terms were just this last week. We got the ISASP testing results and will be getting those sent out. Our community service day has been scheduled for next Friday weather permitting. One of our music groups had a perfect ballet this past weekend which is awesome. Graduation is around the corner and will be held on May 18th.

Superintendent Peppmeier updated the board that he met with Tyson and John Rasmussen to plan some of the outside summer projects down by the football and baseball field. Next week the elementary through sixth grade students will have an Olympic theme all week. Next Friday Hunter Armstrong, an Olympic swimmer, will be coming to West Bend Mallard to do an assembly and hang out with our students. Mr. Peppmeier will be meeting with Lisa Sewell from the City to discuss the pickle ball court that they are looking to place between the splash pad and playground.

Amber Vonnahme did a presentation for our DCAP Team. DCAP stands for District Career & Academic Plan and we are required by the state to have this program for our 8th – 12th graders. Annually DCAP will present to the board with updates on what they are doing.

Old Business: None

Financial Reports: Myer moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Bruellman moved to approve Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes, Approve Warrants, Open Enrollments as presented, Fundraisers (Baseball – Leading Edge Fundraiser, Yearbook – Sponsorships, Volleyball – Youth Camp Fundraiser), Approve 2nd Reading of Board Policies –103, 103R1, 104, 104R1, 300, 301.01, 302.01, 302.02, 302.03. Seconded by Schmidt. Motion carried.

New Business

1st Reading of Board Policies – 302.04, 302.05, 302.06, 302.07, 302.08

President Zaugg opened the Public Hearing for FY26 Budget at 6:15 pm. Superintendent Peppmeier presented the proposed budget for FY26. President Zaugg closed the public hearing at 6:28 pm.

Motion made by Myer to approve the FY2026 Budget. Seconded by Hansen. Motion Carried

President Zaugg opened the Public Hearing for 2025-2026 School Calendar at 6:28 pm. Superintendent Peppmeier presented the proposed calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. First day of school would be August 25, 2025 and the last day would be May 21, 2026. There is one built in snow make up day on April 6, 2026. Graduation will be held on May 17, 2026. We will continue to have a 1-hour early dismissal every Wednesday. President Zaugg closed the public hearing at 6:36 pm.

Motion made by Schmidt to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. Seconded by Traub. Motion carried.

Motion made by Traub to approve the Class of 2025 contingent upon them all completing their requirements to graduate. Seconded by Bruellman. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Bruellman to approve the FY24 Audit. Seconded by Myer. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt to approve the Grass Masters contract for the 2025-2026 school year. Seconded by Traub. Motion carried.

Motion made by Traub to approve the changes to the athletics handbook in regards to middle school softball and baseball as follows: In order to preserve the 7th and 8th grade baseball and softball programs, 6th graders will be allowed to participate if it is determined that there is a need for more participants to provide the numbers required to play games. All 6th graders are allowed to practice with the middle school team if their parent/guardian has approved. WBM School Board and Administration have determined that if there are fewer than 14 athletes in 7th and 8th grade combined participating in softball or baseball that 6th graders will be allowed to participate on that specific date. If there are 14 or more athletes in 7th and 8th grade combined, 6th graders will not be allowed to participate in the games on that specific day. All 7th & 8th grade athletes will get priority for playing in the 7th and 8th grade games. Any 6th graders with the permission of their parent / guardian that would be asked to play up will do so on a rotation basis to fill the needs to get to the 14 athletes. Seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

District Facility Improvements: None

Resignations: None

Contracts: Motion made by Bruellman to approve hiring Emma Fehr as a Co-MS Drama Coach. Seconded by Traub. Motion carried.

Terminations: Motion made by Schmidt to approve the termination of Isabelle Ruppert as a Para Professional effective immediately. Seconded by Myer. Motion carried.

Bruellman moved to adjourn at 8:39 pm. Motion carried.

John Zaugg, Board President

Crystal Eggers, Board Secretary