

The West Bend-Mallard CSD Board of Directors held their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 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: Chris Montag, Jillian Hansen, Nicole Myer (left and joined remotely at 7:49 pm), Lisa Traub, Dawn Schmidt, and Dave Bruellman.

Visitors: Principal Tyson Wirtz, Principal Tiffany Morey, Superintendent Paul Peppmeier, Board Secretary Maria Steier, Tara Chaddock, and Joel Armitage - Sande Construction.

All motions are unanimously approved unless noted otherwise

Approve Agenda: Move items 6,7,8 above item 1 under new business. Dawn Schmidt moved to approve the agenda. Jillian Hansen seconded. Motion carried.

Board Information News: None

Education News:

Principal Tyson Wirtz gave the yearly presentation on DCAP (District Career and Academic Plan) to the board. DCAP gives students the opportunity to explore different career options through internships and work-based learning.

Principal Tiffany Morey updated the board on applicants for the elementary positions. We've had quite a few applicants and will begin interviewing next week. Preschool Open House is April 15th from 4:00-6:00 pm. This is open to anyone who would like to see what we have to offer. Thursday is our Literacy Connection. Anyone with kids under the age of 5 can come and have community members read stories, activities, etc. All kids will receive a free book. Grandparents Day is Friday, April 17th, from 2:00-3:00 pm in the admin gym. Grades are due tomorrow, April 15th, for midterms.

Principal Tyson Wirtz updated the board that Spring sports are in full swing. Prom is coming up on April 25th. Community service day is Friday, April 24th. Coming up is May term and the Pops Concert.

Superintendent Paul Peppmeier gave the board their IASB board booklets. There is advancing legislation regarding 8th graders availability to play varsity sports for the 2026-2027 FY. Currently, the certified enrollment date for open enrollment is October 1st. The state is looking to change that to two dates. October 1st and January 15th. We will need to consider that when discussing early graduation.

Old Business

Financial Reports:

The board would appreciate when printing the profit and loss statement to put last year's month-to-date on there as well. The board would also like to see a monthly breakdown of the FNB credit card statement. With those changes going forward, Nicole Myer made a motion to approve the financials. Dave Bruellmen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Consent Agenda:

Lisa Traub made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes, Approve Warrants, Approve Open Enrollments as presented, and Approve Fundraisers: Football - Gridiron Club Memberships, Football & Volleyball - Discount Coupon Cards. Seconded by Nicole Myer. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

On April 9, 2026, we opened the sealed bids, and Sande Construction came in with the lowest bid. If approved, construction could start June 1, 2026, or earlier. Developmental costs (ex, furniture) are not included in the bid price and are estimated at roughly \$610,000, bringing the cost of the building over \$5.4 million. Dawn Schmidt voiced concerns regarding the price. Questioning why the bids came in so much higher than the architect's predictions. The community is expecting us to make wise decisions on this project. Chris Montag was also concerned about the increase in price. Nicole Myer suggested going through the plans and seeing if there were ways to cut costs. We want to make smart cuts, not something that will cause more problems later on. Joel Armitage from Sande Construction said we could do some value engineering. He has some ideas on areas we could potentially cut costs. This project would allow West Bend-Mallard CSD to continue to grow. Dawn made a motion to approve the construction, provided we do some value engineering. Dave Bruellman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave Bruellmen, Dawn Schmidt, Nicole Myer, Jillian Hansen, Chris Montag, and Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

Jillian Hansen made a motion to approve the Financial Underwriter Agreement with Piper Sandler for the SAVE bonds. Nicole Myer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chris Montag made a motion to approve the Dissemination Agent Agreement with Piper Sandler. Lisa Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Public Hearing FY 2027 Budget began at 7:18 pm.

We will have around 336 students enrolled next year, which is roughly 7 more students compared to FY 2026. The challenges with the budget include: Enrollment changes, staff changes, legislation, and facility upgrade or maintenance.

With no questions from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:27 pm

Dave Bruellman made a motion to approve the 2027 FY budget. Chris Montag seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Public Hearing FY 2027 School Calendar began at 7:28 pm

The first day of school will be August 24, 2026. Three days off at Thanksgiving and two weeks off for students over Christmas. We will also have March 15- 19, 2026, off for Spring Break. Tentatively, the last day of school would be May 21, 2027.

With no questions from the public, the public hearing was closed at 7:33 pm.

Dawn Schmidt made a motion to approve the 2027 FY School Calendar. Lisa Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lisa Traub made a motion to approve the 2026 graduating seniors based on successfully meeting all graduation requirements. Nicole Myer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Building Priorities

The West Bend Economic Development would like to buy the wrestling room up town. Looking at what they are willing to purchase the building for, how much it will cost to build a new wrestling room, and the approval of the new addition, it is in the district's best interest not to sell the building at this time.

### Resignations:

Molly Fehr - Teacher & Assistant Volleyball Coach, Maddie Schiltz - Teacher, Brooklyn Erickson - Teacher, and Julie Zaugg - Para (effective immediately). Dave Bruellman made a motion to approve the resignations. Nicole Myer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Contracts:

Kendrick Miller - Assistant Baseball Coach. Chris Montag made a motion to approve. Lisa Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Terminations: None

Chris Montag made a motion to go into an exempt session. Dawn Schmidt seconded the motion.

Chris Montag made a motion to come out of the exempt session. Dawn Schmidt seconded the motion.

Chris Montag made a motion for a school-funded HSA for any employee with the high deductible health plan. Dave Bruellman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dawn Schmidt made a motion to approve the Non-Certified salaries as presented for the 2026-2027 School Year. Jillian Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chris Montag made a motion to approve the Administration and SBO \$1,000 raise for the 2026-2027 school year. Lisa Traub seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Bruellman made a motion to adjourn at 9:26pm

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John Zaugg, President

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Maria Steier, Board Secretary