

The West Bend-Mallard CSD Board of Directors held their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 in the West Bend-Mallard Administration Board Room, 300 3rd Ave. SW, West Bend, IA.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by President John Zaugg. The following members were present: Dave Bruellman, Jillian Hansen, Nicole Myer, and Dawn Schmidt.

Absent: Chris Montag and Lisa Traub

Visitors: Principal Tyson Wirtz, Principal Tiffany Morey, Superintendent Paul Peppmeier, Board Secretary Maria Steier, Tara Chaddock, Anita Fisher, Kadin Knapp, and Mason Knapp.

All motions are unanimously approved unless noted otherwise

Approve Agenda: Nicole Myer moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

Board Informational News: May is School Board Appreciate month. We want to thank our school board members for all they do.

Educational News:

Principal Tiffany Morey updated the board that we are wrapping everything up for the end of the year. Our 4th and 5th graders invited GCB 4th and 5th over for centers and activities. Shout-out to the teachers for planning everything. The kids said they loved it, and want to have them over more. We are still looking for a 6th-grade teacher/ELL and an MS/HS ELA teacher. This week has ended with May term. 4th grade and MS incorporated community members and businesses to come in and share what they do for a living. We have one field trip tomorrow, and that is 8th grade. They are going to Ann Grimms' farm/shed to play yard games, eat pizza, make s'mores, and just bond before summer and their freshman year.

Principal Tyson Wirtz updated the board that we graduated 25 seniors on Sunday. We had 2 girls make it to state track this week and baseball and softball are getting started. The juniors are job shadowing for May term. The freshman and sophomores went to Buena Vista University and Iowa Central Community College for college visits.

Superintendent Paul Peppmeier updated the board on projects coming up. The City has asked that the school provide a stem wall for the pickleball court, and it is estimated at \$6700. They are set to move the transformer mid to late June, and we will be without power for 2 days. The Certificate of Need was sent to the state. Should hear back sometime around June 9th. There is a preconstruction meeting Tuesday May 26th at 2:00pm in the board room.

Old Business: None

Financial Reports: the board would like a monthly detailed report on Amazon and credit card purchases. Nicole Myer approved the financial reports. Seconded by Dave Bruellman. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Dave Bruellman moved to approve Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes, Approve Warrants, Open Enrollments - None, Approve Fundraisers: Music Boosters - 4th of July stand. Volleyball - youth camp. Junior Class - Raffle, yard lines, concession stands, cookie trays, meal at FB game, homecoming T-shirts, candy bars, 4th of July stand, Gilmore City Fun Days stand. Seconded by Dawn Schmidt. Motion carried.

New Business:

FFA students brought their phase 2 plan to the board. The initial quote is \$60,000, but there are areas they can cut without compromising the integrity of the shed. They plan to create a loft in the shed for storing larger items that are currently stored offsite.

Dave Bruellman made a motion to approve phase 2 of the FFA Building. Seconded by Nicole Myer. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dawn Schmidt to approve the 2026-2027 Superintendent Sharing Agreement. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dave Bruellman to approve the 2026-2027 Business Manager Sharing Agreement. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dawn Schmidt to approve the 2026-2027 Curriculum Coordinator Sharing Agreement. Seconded by Nicole Myer. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nicole Myer to approve the 2026-2027 Transportation Sharing Agreement. Seconded by Dave Bruellman. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dave Bruellman to approve the 2026-2027 Managed Services Agreement with Prairie Lakes AEA. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion Carried.

Principal Tyson Wirtz presented 2 new positions to WBM for 2026-2027 for approval. Academic Interventionalist: This person would help students not on an IEP, but need some additional support. Does not need to have a teaching license, but would have a classroom. Other schools that have gone this route have seen lower dropout numbers and less office referrals.

Fulltime Sub: We needed a sub in some form or another, everyday this year. This person would come to work everyday and get their placement each morning.

Nicole Myer made a motion to approve adding two additional positions for 2026-2027. Seconded by Dave Bruellman. Motion carried.

Farmground lease - no action. Will revisit at the next meeting.

Resignations: Jillian Hansen made a motion to approve the following resignations: Zach Witherspoon - MS/HS English, Ed Montag - Bus Driver, Bailey Verhelst - paraprofessional. Seconded by Dawn Schmidt. Motion carried.

Contracts: Motion made by Dave Bruellman to approve the following contracts: Zach Witherspoon - K-12 Music, Kylie Schmidt - Kindergarten, Kade Hobbs - 6-12 Social Studies, Jim Klepper - Bus Driver, Kevin Montag - Bus Driver. Seconded by Nicole Myer. Motion carried.

Terminations: None

Dave Bruellman made a motion to adjourn at 7:32pm

John Zaugg, President

Maria Steier, Board Secretary