

The West Bend-Mallard CSD Board of Directors held their regular meeting on Thursday June 25, 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 (left at 6:30), Dawn Schmidt, Chris Montag (left at 6:30), and Lisa Traub (left at 6:30).

Visitors: Superintendent Paul Peppmeier, Tara Chaddock, and Craig Olson.

Board Secretary Maria Steier was absent, Superintendent Paul Peppmeier took notes.

All motions are unanimously approved unless noted otherwise

Approve Agenda: Chris Montag moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

Educational News: Principal Tiffany Morey is proposing the Little Rines 4-year-old preschool transition to a full day program. The proposed schedule would be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:25am-3:30pm. Families that prefer a shorter schedule can enroll their child as a half-day student, with pick up at 11:30am. The teachers are supportive of the transition.

Superintendent Paul Peppmeier provided an update on the facilities projects that are underway this summer. SANDE Construction is prepared to begin work and will be able to work around the existing electrical and gas lines until those utilities are relocated. The goal is to have the firewall completed before the start of the school year.

Superintendent Peppmeier also reported that he has been working to obtain permission from the county to connect the floor drain in the FFA shed to the drainage ditch located on the north side of the building.

In addition, Superintendent Peppmeier noted that the district is focused on completing end-of-year reports and wrapping up the FY26 school year.

Old Business: None

Financial Reports: Dawn Schmidt motioned to approve 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: None. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

New Business: Dawn Schmidt motioned to approve the farm ground lease. Seconded by Dave Bruellman. Motion carried.

No action was taken regarding the parking in front of the school.

Nicole Myer motioned to approve full day 4 year old preschool. Seconded by Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

8th grade students will be allowed to participate in varsity sport beginning August 1, 2026. More information to come close to August.

No facility improvements at this time.

Resignations: Jillian Hansen made a motion to approve the following resignations: Liz Hoffman - Elementary Special Ed, Paul Peppmeier - Middle School Baseball, Amy Fries - Cook. Seconded by Dawn Schmidt. Motion carried.

Contracts: Motion made by Dave Bruellman to approve the following contracts: Faith Kahler - Middle School Instructor/ELL. Seconded by Dawn Schmidt. Motion carried.

Terminations: None

At 7:02pm Jillian Hansen made a motion to go into closed session under Iowa code 21.5(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Seconded by Dave Bruellman.

At 7:10pm Jillian Hansen made a motion to come out of closed session. Seconded by Dawn Schmidt.

Dave Bruellman made a motion to adjourn at 7:11pm

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John Zaugg, President

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Maria Steier, Board Secretary