The West Bend-Mallard CSD Board of Directors held their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 in the West Bend-Mallard Administration Board Room, 300 3rd Ave. SW, West Bend, IA.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by President John Zaugg. The following members were present: Dave Bruellman, Jillian Hansen, and Dawn Schmidt.

Absent: Chris Montag, Nicole Myer and Lisa Traub

Visitors: Superintendent Paul Peppmeier and Board Secretary Maria Steier

All motions are unanimously approved unless noted otherwise

Approve Agenda: Dawn Schmidt moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

Board Informational News: None

Educational News:

Superintendent Paul Peppmeier informed the board that he has been working with Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT) on where to put our bond proceeds.

The transformer has been moved, and construction is really getting underway. They are working on pouring the footings, All the windows on the South side have been removed and drywalled. They will begin mudding and painting soon. Also, the windows in the admin building will be removed within the next week.

We are on day 2 of our yearly audit, and things are going well. We have been working on recoding items with help from the auditors. It's a great learning opportunity having them here.

Old Business: None

Financial Reports: With the auditors here, the financial reports are not completely accurate. Throughout the week we will be changing and recoding items. June financials will be complete in September. Dave Bruellman made a motion to approve the financial report. Jillian Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Dawn Schmidt moved to approve Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes, Approve Warrants, Approve Fundraisers: Dance Team: Friends of the Pacesetters, garage sale, wreath sales, cookie/cupcake sales, state shirts, drill team night; Track/Cross Country: 4th of July celebration 5K and breakfast. The board would like monthly reports for fundraisers. Seconded by Dave Bruellman. Motion carried. Dawn Schmidt moved to deny the presented open enrollment. Dave Bruellman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:
1st Reading of board policies: Post-Issuance Compliance Policy (804.361) - this ensures our bond stays compliant with the rules and laws over the life of the debt.
Bond Disclosure Policy (804.36R2) - this ensures we follow the policies regarding disclosure statements.

8th graders playing varsity: There are multiple things that will be taken into account when considering an 8th grader playing a varsity sport. First, athletic ability. We will not hold back any 8th grader who has the athletic ability to play a varsity sport, no matter how many individuals are currently on the team. The coach will meet with the Athletic Director to discuss the move then they will both have a conversation with the athlete and parents. Dave Brulleman made the motion to allow 8th graders to play varsity sports. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dave Bruellman to approve not increasing the meal prices for FY 26-27. Seconded by Dawn Schmidt. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jillian Hansen to approve the bread and milk bids received from Okoboji Bake shop and Anderson Erickson for FY 26-27. These were the only bids that came back this year. Seconded by Dave Bruellman.

Motion made by Dave Bruellman to approve the audit bid 2026-2028. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dawn Schmidt to approve making a change to the FY 26-27 staff handbook. Any unpaid balances owed to the school will be pulled from the staff's December and June payrolls. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

Approve Resolution to Transfer Funds for Athletic Safety Equipment

Superintendent Paul Peppmeier recommends the transfer of **$14,121.05** from the general fund to the student activity fund for protective and safety equipment. Director JIllian Hansen RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Bend-Mallard CSD in Palo Alto County, Iowa approved the transfer of **$14,121.05** from the general fund to the student activity fund for the 2025-2026 school year. Director Dave Bruellman seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Voting:
AYES
Dave Bruellman
Jillian Hansen
Dawn Schmidt

NAYS
None

Absent:
Lisa Traub
Chris Montag
Nicole Myer

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code provides school districts greater flexibility to transfer excess funds to the other specified purposes:

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that funds of $14,121.05 in the general fund shall be transferred to the student activity fund to purchase protective and safety equipment required for any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition that is sponsored or administered by an organization as currently defined by Iowa Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board:

Passed and approved this **28th day of July 2026**.

Board President

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John Zaugg

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

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Maria Steier

Resignations: None

Contracts: Motion made by Dawn Schmidt to approve the following contracts: Hannah Fehr - para professional and Breann Schneider - academic interventionalist. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

Terminations: None

Dave Bruellman made a motion to adjourn at 7:34pm

John Zaugg, President	Maria Steier, Board Secretary