

The West Bend-Mallard CSD Board of Directors held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 in the West Bend-Mallard Administration Board Room, 300 3rd Ave. SW, West Bend, IA.

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

Absent: Dawn Schmidt, Nicole Myer, and Jillian Hansen.

Visitors: Superintendent Paul Peppmeier, Tara Chaddock, Board Secretary Maria Steier, and Principal Tyson Wirtz (arrived 6:15pm).

All motions are unanimously approved unless noted otherwise

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

Board Informational News: None

Educational News:

Principal Tiffany Morey told the board we are almost a month into school, and everything is running smoothly. All-day preschool is a huge adjustment for the students, but Cindy and Abi are doing a great job. We have a library outreach set up. Elementary students walk up to the public library for a story, craft/project, and then to check out books. Kaitlin, our naturalist, is also scheduled to come to the school. She will meet with each grade once a month. The students love when she comes because she will bring animal skins, taxidermy animals, and even live critters. Students are in the middle of FastBridge testing and it is also Homecoming week!

Superintendent Paul Peppmeier updated the board regarding annual reports he has submitted. Enrollment continues to grow. We've had a few more people inquire about our school and some tours coming up. Today we had 2 different individuals go around one of our stopped school buses with the stop arm out. We do have cameras on the stop arms and we turned the footage into the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Department. Our students' safety is our top priority. The Goodchild Memorial is coming along nicely, and looking great. We took down some walls and put in a drop ceiling in the wrestling room. All improvements to the wrestling room should be completed by November 1st.

Old Business: None

Financial Reports: Superintendent Paul Peppmeier told the board the Certified Annual Report (CAR) is completed and submitted. Dave Bruellman made a motion to approve the financial report. Chris Montag seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Lisa Traub, seconded by Dave Bruellman to approve Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes, Approve Warrants, Approve Fundraisers: FFA: Harvest Meal, FFA: Fruit Sales, FFA: Member Service Auction, FFA: Chili - Oyster Stew Supper, Diner: Refill Charcuterie Boards, Diner: Meal Before HS Play, Diner: Stromboli, Diner: Lemonade Sales, Drill Team: Toy Drive (Community Service), Open Enrollment, and 2nd Reading of Policies: 502.03 Student Expression and Student Publications Code, 503.01 Student Conduct, 503.11 Disruptive Behavior, 503.11 R(1) Disruptive Behavior - Removal Procedures, 503.11 R(2) Disruptive Behavior - Removal Procedures for Nonviolent Behavior for Student with IEP, 504.06 Student Activity Program. Motion carried.

New Business:

1st Reading of board policies: 503.09 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices, 503.09 R(1) Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices - Regulation, 505.08 Parent & Family Engagement Districtwide Policy, 505.08 R(1) Parent & Family Engagement Districtwide Policy - Building Level Regulation, 506.01 Education Records Access, 506.01 E(1) Request of Nonparent for Examination or Copies of Education Records, 506.01 E(2) Education Records Access - Authorization for Release of Education Records, 506.01 E(3) Education Records Access - Request for Hearing on Correction of Education Records, 506.01 E(4) Education Records Access - Request for Examination of Education Records, 506.01 E(5) Education Records Access - Notification of Transfer of Education Records, 506.01 E(6) - Education Records Access - Letter to Parent Regarding Receipt of a Subpoena, 506.01 E(7) - Juvenile Justice Agency Information Sharing Agreement, 506.1 E(8) Annual Notice, 506.01 R(1)- Education Records Access - Regulation, 506.02 Student Directory Information, 506.02 E(1) Student Directory Information - Authorization for Releasing Student Directory Information, 506.02 R(1) Student Directory Information - Use of Information, 506.04 Student Library Circulation Records.

Lisa Traub motioned to approve West Iowa Bank in West Bend (\$7,000,000), Farmers State Bank in West Bend (\$5,000,000), and ISJIT (\$5,000,000) as our official depositories for the district for the 2026-2027 school year with the limits listed. Seconded by Chris Montag. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dave Bruellman to approve the West Bend Journal as the official publication for the district for 2026-2027. Seconded by Chris Montag. Motion carried.

Superintendent Paul Peppmeier informed the board that he failed to fully claim the district's allocation of federal IDEA Part B for special education expenditures. He assured the board he would have this year's allocation claimed in October, so this doesn't happen again. The board discussed making a list of due dates for reports so something like this doesn't happen in the future. Dave Bruellman made a motion to approve the corrective action plan that is to be submitted to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) on October 7th. Chris Montag seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Last year we had a special ed deficit in the amount of \$162,313.93. By approving the deficit we can ask for the spending authority back. Lisa Traub made a motion to approve the request to the SRBC for Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) regarding special ed deficit. Seconded by Dave Bruellman. Motion carried.

Virtual Days: When polled, the teachers like virtual days and want to keep them. The board discussed the pros and cons of virtual days. Virtual day homework isn't always relevant to what they are working on in the classroom. Look at ways to make virtual day homework more meaningful. Chris Montag made a motion to approve virtual days for 2026-2027 school year, but virtual days are NEVER to be back to back. Seconded by Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

Facilities: None

Resignations: Dave Bruellman made a motion to approve the resignation of Jennica Ruppert as middle school track coach. Seconded by Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

Contracts: Motion made by Lisa Traub to approve the following contracts: Kim Hutchison - cheer sponsor, Cameron Baade - volunteer high school boys basketball coach, Anthony Bruellman - volunteer high school football coach, and Cory Thilges - volunteer high school football coach. Seconded by Chris Montag. Motion carried.

Terminations: None

Dave Bruellman made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm

John Zaugg, President

Maria Steier, Board Secretary