WDS Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 21, 2026

PLACE: VAC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Mahoney, Paula Martin, Melissa Moore, Rachel Fekken, Shannon McGoran, Tim Cross, Jimmy TenBrink

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: CJ Van Wieren, Kirsten Bolles, Mason Pardue, other staff and community members

President Fekken called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion Cross/Martin moved to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes (7) Cross, Martin, Mahoney, McGoran, Moore, TenBrink, Fekken
Nays (0)
Motion Carried

Public Comment

K. Pelleran-Mahoney - Safety
S. Mund - Morality
C. Christensen - NHD

WDS Spotlight: National History Day

Ms. Klco introduced the team members who participated in NHD with the following exhibits:

Youth Division:
Adi Hernandez, Aria Lenoir, and Lucy Mann placed 2nd in the Group Exhibit category with their entry, Susan B. Anthony: A Revolutionary in Voting Rights.
Evelynn Butler won the Adler Award for Best Entry on Women's History with her Individual Exhibit, Alice Paul: Striking for a Vote.
Kobe Freiheit, Easton Raymo, and August won the award for Best Entry on Naval or Maritime History with their Group Exhibit, The Attack on Pearl Harbor: The Reaction that Changed the Outcome of World War II.

Junior Division:
Kallie Sapp qualified for the History Day National Contest in the Individual Performance category with her entry, Prologue or Epilogue? How the Chernobyl Explosion Revolutionized Modern Radiation Science

Senior Division National Qualifiers:
Izzie Causie, Individual Website, Buckle Up: The Seat Belt that Revolutionized Automotive Safety Standards
Beth LeaTrea, Individual Performance, Getting to the Heart of it All: The Revolutionary Development of Cardiac Catheterization
Alexandra Risthouse and Annabelle George, Lighting a Flame: Matchgirls Ignite Revolution in Factory Conditions

Introduction of New Teaching Staff

The following new teachers were introduced to the board members tonight:
Emma Rahrig, Shoreline Elementary, 1st Grade

Ms. Halterman, Ealy Elementary, 4th Grade
Ms. Kibart, Ealy Elementary, 5th Grade
Mr. Smith, Ealy Elementary, 5th Grade
Ms. Webster, Middle School, 8th Grade ELA
Miss Bremby - Middle and High Schools, Band

Student Representative Introduction and Update

Student Representative, Mason Pardue, introduced himself and gave an update for this month. Starting with the High School, students attended a cybersecurity assembly. Students and staff are enjoying rival week as well as homecoming season and spirit week festivities. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in early October. The Middle School Student Leadership Team will attend Camp Miniwanca for a leadership camp this week and after-school clubs will be starting soon as well. Ealy students are in the process of completing fall benchmarks. Ealy and Shoreline students also celebrated Constitution Day on September 17th. Looking ahead, both Ealy and Shoreline will hold the Fruit with Families event, which is designed to involve families with school and emphasize the importance of reading. Shoreline students are working on their NWEA, DIBELS and math assessments. Second grade students attended a Lumberjacks game on 9/11 as part of their reading program, and our own Mr. Kris Kraai, 2nd grade teacher was named as our district's first WZZM Teacher of the Week. Overall the district is settling into the new school year well.

Consent Action Agenda

Motion TenBrink/Cross moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Ayes (7) TenBrink, Cross, Martin, Moore, McGoran, Mahoney, Fekken
Nays (0)
Motion Carried

Minutes of meeting dated August 17, disbursements for the month of August 2026, which include: general fund - $797,738.85, community education - $20,116.11, food service - $20,202.37, technology MAISD - $108,450.00, activity account - $46,689.58, common debt - $0, Capital Projects - $216,788.18.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Martin shared that the facilities committee met and reviewed the bond progress. Next spring will be the start of the HVAC upgrades for the Middle School and Ealy Elementary as well as the parking lot at Shoreline. Ms. Moore shared the personnel committee meeting summary, with one teacher position still open - Special Education Teacher at the Middle School.

Monthly Financials

Mr. Van Wieren reviewed monthly financials with the Board.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Van Wieren reviewed recent data from spring testing of the 25-26 school year.

WDS Delegate for the 2026 MASB Delegate Assembly

No motion was made for a delegate this year.

Public Comment

A Coon - Resignation
T. Hampel - Life Wise
S. Mund - PBIS & Attendance
M. Dillon - Thank You

K. Sapp - NHD Support

Adjournment

Motion McGoran/TenBrink moved to adjourn.
Ayes (7) McGoran, TenBrink, Mahoney, Moore, Martin, Cross, Fekken
Nays (0)
Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Paula Martin
Board Secretary/Designee