

**Mendon Community Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2026**

**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

Board President, Regina Schinker called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Middle/High School library.

**B. Roll Call**

- Members Present: Roger Cupp, Jesse King, Sonya Moyle, Jeremy Palmer, Regina Schinker, and DyAnn Steinberger
- Members Absent: Norma Switalski
- Administrative Staff Present: Bobby Kretschman, Glen Samson, Angie Spence, and Lisa VanZoest
- Others Present: Carol Higgins, Jim Munn, Julie Nemire, Rick Nemire, Brandon Wenzel, Tiffany Wenzel, and Tina Wenzel

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. Approval of Minutes, Bills, Receipts and Financial Report**

Motion was made by King and supported by Steinberger to approve the Board Minutes for February 16, 2026, as well as the Bills, Receipts, and Financial Report as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays, 1 absent

**II. Communication**

**A. Oral**

- a. Carol Higgins addressed the Board thanking them for the school newsletter and gave an update on Mendon Thrives which will be under the umbrella of Three Rivers Area Mentors. She will keep the Board informed. She went on to hand a formal appeal from the Wenzel family to the Board secretary and president regarding events from May 9, 2025. A response was requested by March 27, 2026.
- b. Tiffany Wenzel addressed the Board regarding her daughter's accomplishments and a Foundation scholarship from May, 2025. She also referred to the school's Facebook page and a podcast.

**B. Written**

- a. Resignation Letter from Scott Adkins, Elementary Music and MS/HS Band Teacher. - Secretary Moyle read.
- b. Resignation Letter from Katy McTarsney, Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher. - Secretary Moyle read.
- c. Approval of the following coaching appointments:
  - i. Travis Allen, Head Jr. High Baseball Coach
  - ii. Eric Whitney, Volunteer Baseball, All Levels
  - iii. Chris Lawson, Volunteer Baseball, All Levels

**C. Board Communication**

## **I. Consent Agenda**

Approval of

- A. Resignation of:
  - a. Scott Adkins, K-12 Music Teacher
  - b. Kathryn McTarsney, Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher
- B. Jr. High Baseball
  - a. Travis Allen, Head Jr. High Baseball Coach
  - b. Eric Whitney, Volunteer Baseball, All Levels
  - c. Chris Lawson, Volunteer Baseball, All Levels

Motion was made by Cupp and approved by Palmer to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

## **II. Board Reports**

### **A. Athletic Report**

Samson reviewed the basketball seasons. Girls Basketball finished at 21-4 with a District Championship - 3rd in a row. They are also SCAA West Division League Champions. Earning First Team All-League: Jadyn Samson and Gracie Schultz; Second Team: Cienna Nightingale; and Honorable Mention: Brooke Gerth and Rowan Allen. The Boys' Basketball team finished the season with a 22-2 record; they were also SCAA West Division League Champions. Earning First Team All League: Ryder Gorham (Captain) and Owen Gorham; Honorable Mention: Carter Huston and Dante Goto. Samson went on to inform the Board that Xavier Zinsmaster earned All-State honors. Samson reviewed the numbers for Spring Sports: Varsity Baseball-12; Varsity Softball-10 and JV Softball-10; Varsity Track for Girls-15 and Boys-20.

### **B. Elementary Report**

Spence reported that the elementary student count decreased by one since February (210). Go for the Gold in Reading kicked off this month with Family Literacy Night. Students will continue participating in Budding Reading across grade levels. Spence went on to thank Mr. Adkins for the trip to the Kalamazoo Symphony; she also thanked the PTO and the numerous volunteers who helped make the Me and My Guy Dance so special.

### **C. Middle/High School Report**

Kretschman reported that the student count at the MS/HS is down 2 students from February (234). He reported that the Spring Testing Schedule is completed thanks to Leigh Ann Jackson. He went on to thank the cast and crew of Play On! The drama production was a huge success. The math instructors are focusing on curriculum from grade six through twelve.

### **D. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Griffith-Mathews was not in attendance for the meeting as she was with her family at the hospital.

**V. Discussion Items**

**A. District Provided Professional Development as Instructional Time and DPPD Advisory Committee**

Kretschman discussed the formation of the Committee and the requirements MDE has in place for the committee. The committee will meet two to three times a year to determine professional development needs by working with the admin teams in both buildings. Kretschman went on to inform the Board that the team/committee would like to utilize the option for the 2026-2027 school year. He went on to explain that the current half-day professional development schedule is difficult on parents and students alike. Studies have shown that parents feel finding care for scheduled full-days off is easier than half-days.

**VI. Action Items**

**A. Approval of the DPPD Committee as presented, as well as Using District Provided Professional Development as Instructional Time**

Motion was made by Moyle and supported by Palmer to approve the DPPD Committee as presented as well as using District-provided professional development as instructional time for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

**B. Approval of Triangle App #19 in the Amount of \$286,979.86**

Motion was made by Cupp and supported by Palmer to approve Triangle Pay App #19 for \$286,979.86.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

**C. Approval of FSMC Contract Renewal - Chartwell's**

Motion was made by Palmer and supported by Steinberger to approve the renewal of the FSMC contract with Chartwell's.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

**D. Approval to Adjourn to Closed Session for the Superintendent's Evaluation**

Motion was made by Palmer and supported by King to adjourn to Closed Session for the Superintendent's Evaluation at 6:06 pm with an approximate return to Open Session of 6:20 pm.

Motion Carried: 6 aye; 0 nays; 1 absent

**E. Approval to Return to Open Session**

Motion was made by Palmer and supported by Cupp to approve the return to Open Session at 6:21 pm.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

**F. Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation Rating**

Motion was made by King and supported by Cupp to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation Rating of Effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

**VII. Good of the Order**

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm by Palmer and supported by Steinberger.

Motion Carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent

Respectfully Submitted by,

Regina Schinker  
Board President

Sonya Moyle  
Secretary