

MULLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
August 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mullen School Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Liza Simonson. She announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall. Board members in attendance were **Present:** Mike French, Dane Peterson, Casey Phillips, Liza Simonson, Michael Stichka, Patrick Wright. Also present were 3 administrators, ___ staff, ___ students, and ___ patrons.

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Michael Stichka to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: Abstain (With Conflict), Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Patrick Wright, second by Mike French to approve the payment to date to Facility Advocates for the lighting project out of the Depreciation Fund. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Casey Phillips to approve the SNDEN dues for internet and distance learning for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Mike French, second by Michael Stichka to approve the claim from the Hooker County Tribune for \$216.66. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: Abstain (With Conflict), Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 5, no: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Mike French to Approval of the following August claims: Payroll \$248,412.30, General Fund \$389,282.04, Lunch Fund \$681.14, Depreciation Fund \$98,875.00, and July Activity Fund \$10,272.52. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Michael Stichka to approve the updated 2025-2026 Mullen Public Schools Calendar. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes
yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to approve the 2025-2026 handbooks- Student, Activity, and Staff. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Dane Peterson, second by Michael Stichka to approve Girls Wrestling as a sport for Mullen Public Schools. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to approve the purchase of new desktops for the 6-12 computer lab using the depreciation fund. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Michael Stichka to approve the criteria listed on the attached document to evaluate the superintendent pursuant to Board Policy 4057 beginning the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

Motion by Patrick Wright, second by Mike French to approve the Upper Loup National Resource District Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2024-2029. Motion carried.

Casey Phillips: yes, Dane Peterson: yes, Liza Simonson: yes, Michael Stichka: yes, Mike French: yes, Patrick Wright: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

As soon as the next month's meeting notice is posted on the Mullen Public Schools website, an agenda will be available for public inspection on both the school website and on the SPARQ meetings site.

Chris Kuncl, Recording Secretary