MULLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
September 8, 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 Also present were 3 administrators, __ staff, __ students, and __ patrons

Motion by Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to approve the August 11, 2025 Board Meeting minutes and the August 25, 2025 Special Meeting minutes. 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 Casey Phillips to approve ALICAP as the insurance company for Mullen Public Schools and approve payment to ALICAP 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 Patrick Wright, second by Michael Stichka to approve the final payment 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 final payment to Cooley Well Drilling, Inc for the elementary school retaining wall project out 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 Dane Peterson to approve the final payment to ByteSpeed, LLC for the 6-12 computer lab upgrade out 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 claim from the Hooker County Tribune for $109.55. 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 September claims: Payroll $317,872.88, General Fund $150,823.99, Lunch Fund $9,825.86, Depreciation Fund $95,962.50, and August Activity Fund $18,130.84. 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 Dane Peterson to approve the 2025-2026 Mullen Public Schools Budget. 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 legal services agreement with Frantz Law Group for purposes of joining the Powerschool Data Breach Litigation. 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 2025-2030 copier lease with Eakes. 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 2025-2030 copier lease with Eakes. 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 Resolution "1" to policy 5004 Option Enrollment for 2026-2027. 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.

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Chris Kuncl, Recording Secretary