

MULLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
August 10, 2026

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 Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to approve the minutes for the July 13, 2026 Special Hearing for Amending the Special Building Fund and the July 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. 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 Michael Stichka, second by Mike French to approve the claim from the Hooker County Tribune for \$340.88. 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 Patrick Wright to approve the August payment to Hackel Construction and JEO Consulting out of the special building 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 Michael Stichka to approve the SNDEN dues for internet and distance learning for the 2026-2027 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 purchase of a 2017 Kia Sedona Minivan with trade in of the 2014 Ford Econoline Van using Depreciation Funds. 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 following August claims: Payroll \$271,145.37, General Fund \$216,653.19, Special Building Fund \$465,693.41, Depreciation Fund \$6,500.00, and July Activity Fund \$6,659.79. 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 propane bid to prepay 25,000 gallons from Sandhills Oil for the 2026-2027 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 Casey Phillips, second by Dane Peterson to approve the following 2026-2027 Mullen Public Schools Handbooks: Student, Staff, and Activity. 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