

MULLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
September 14, 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 Mike French, second by Michael Stichka to approve the August 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes and the August 31, 2026, Budget Workshop 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 Dane Peterson, second by Casey Phillips to approve ALICAP as the insurance company for Mullen Public Schools and approve payment to ALICAP 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 Mike French, second by Patrick Wright to approve payment from the depreciation account to Egan Supply for restoration of the Hilltop Gym Floor. 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 Dane Peterson to approve payment to JEO Consulting for work through August 28, 2026 to be paid 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 Casey Phillips to approve payment to Hackel Construction for work through August 28, 2026 to be paid 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 Michael Stichka, second by Casey Phillips to approve the claim from the Hooker County Tribune for \$238.38. 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 Dane Peterson to Approval of the following September claims: Payroll \$332,722.47, General Fund \$141,436.25, Lunch Fund \$13,136.48, Special Building Fund

\$918,470.32, Depreciation Fund \$6,505.00, and August Activity Fund \$37,351.05. 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