

MULLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
July 13, 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 Dane Peterson, second by Michael Stichka to approve the June 15 Board Workshop and Regular Board 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 the three year contract with HUDL for video sharing, video storage, and streaming of MPS activities. 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 July payment to Hackel Construction, the July payment to JEO Consulting, and the payment to Gilmore Bell legal services using 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 membership with the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association 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

Motion by Michael Stichka, second by Casey Phillips to approve the claim from the Hooker County Tribune for \$53.44. 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 July claims: Payroll \$283,943.19, General Fund \$52,057.12, Special Building Fund \$168,663.32, and June Activity Fund \$14,958.89. 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 reaffirm Policy 5018 Parent Involvement in Education Practices. 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 the revisions to policy 5045 Student Fees.

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 Patrick Wright to reaffirm policy 5054 Student Bullying. 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 to reaffirm Policy 5057 District Title 1 Family and Engagement. 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