

**M I N U T E S**  
**Mason Consolidated Schools**  
**Meeting of the Board of Education**

**Pending Approval 3/4/26**  
**February 4, 2026**

**Regular Meeting**

On February 4, 2026, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Mason Senior High School Cafeteria. President Otting called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: England, Fowler, Grodi, Nehrig, Otting, and Waller  
Also Present: Hammond, McCain, Pollard, Rymanowicz, Russow,  
Tuller and Wright

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

Revision to the Agenda: Move Public Comment after Administrative Reports  
Addition of Closed Session  
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-Motion by Waller, supported by Grodi  
Motion carried 6-0

**Student Council Report**

Molly Sepulveda shared updates on activities that the high school student council has planned or engaged in over the past month.

**Superintendent's Report**

Celebrations –A shout out to our kiddos and staff as we wrapped up the first part of our school year. The hard work, new programs, and new activities were the highlights of our first semester, and we are excited about semester two. It is hard to believe we are already halfway finished with our year.

Update: The HS Media Club will not be attending the Journalism Conference in April due to the unrest in Minneapolis at this time.

Operations: Trane Technologies is nearly finished with the review of areas that the District will consider for updates using a non-voted guaranteed energy performance bond. The greatest focus will be on heating, controls, and lighting. TRANE shared that they plan to release information to us mid-March, an RFP to be posted in April and an anticipated approval in May.

Academics and Programs: The CHOICE program was developed due to the DARE program not being available to the district this year. Our district knew how important it was to our students and staff to have a program for our fifth grade students. At the beginning of the year, Officer Rollins consulted with the principal, staff, and counselors of the elementary school to design a program for our district. Together they came up with topics they thought were important to instruct our young students. This was how CHOICE was born. CHOICE is an

acronym which stands for Creating Habits Of Integrity, Character, and Excellence.

Donations to the District:

- Chuck Hatch graciously donated \$1060 to the HS YIG group for student fees, resources and materials
- Erie VFW donated \$530 for HS YIG Student Sponsorship.
- Anonymous donation of \$500 to Mason Music Booster
- Anonymous donation of \$500 to Keeney Field Maintenance

### **Administrative Reports**

February administrative reports can be found on the District's website under the District Tab for the Board of Education.

### **Public Comment**

Public comment offered; no action taken

### **Monthly Items**

Check Register

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

Financial Reports

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason Senior High School Library

### **Consent Agenda.**

Approve the January 7, 2026, Board of Education Regular/Organizational Meeting Minutes.

Approve the January 7, 2026 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

Approve the January 6, 2026 Special Call Meeting minutes

Approve the January 6, 2026 Special Call Meeting Closed Session Minutes

Approve the January 2026 Check Register

Approve Kelli Tuller to attend the MASA Women in Leadership Conference, April 27-28, 2026, in Traverse City, MI.

Approve Christopher Phillips to attend the MIAAA Athletic Administrators Conference March 12-15, 2026, in Traverse City, MI.

Approve Stefanie Albring to attend the MIAAA Athletic Administrators Conference March 12-15, 2026, in Traverse City, MI.

Approve Will Green and Dianna Synowiec to attend the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Council for Exception Children Conference, February 25-27, 2026, in Grand Rapids, MI

Approve Terry Davison, Mahailey Albain and 14 high school students to attend the Michigan Youth in Government Conference in Lansing, MI, February 26-March 1, 2026

-Motion by Waller, supported by Fowler to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0

**Action**

Approve Middle School Course Addition Woodshop

-Motion by England, Supported by Nehrig  
Motion carried 5-1 (Fowler)

Approve Middle School Course Addition Robotics, Coding

-Motion by Waller, Supported by Grodi  
Motion carried 5-1 (Fowler)

Approve High School Course Addition American Sign Language

-Motion by Fowler, Supported by Grodi  
Motion carried 6-0

Approve High School Course Addition AP Biology

-Motion by England, Supported by Fowler  
Motion carried 6-0

**Closed Session:** Section 8(1)(h) To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Motion to enter closed session made by Waller, supported by Grodi

Roll Call:

Waller-Yes

Fowler-Yes

Otting-Yes

England-Yes

Grodi-Yes

Nehrig-Yes

-Motion Carried 6-0 Time In: 6:51 p.m.

-Motion to come out of closed session: England, Nehrig, -Motion carried 6-0  
Time Out: 7:26 p.m.

**Closed Session:** Section 8(1)(a) To consider dismissal, suspension, or discipline of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named individual requests a closed hearing.

Motion to enter closed session made by Grodi, supported by Waller

Roll Call:

Waller-Yes

Fowler-Yes

Otting-Yes

England-Yes

Grodi-Yes

Nehrig-Yes

-Motion Carried 6-0 Time in: 7:27 p.m.

-Motion to come out of closed session Waller, supported by Nehrig

-Motion carried 6-0 Time Out: 8:11 p.m.

**Action: Appoint Schol Board Member**

Board members voted for their first and second choices. Each candidate received 2 points for a first-place vote and one point for a second place vote. President Otting totaled scores for each candidate and announced the highest score.

England- 1<sup>st</sup> choice Fortner/2<sup>nd</sup> choice Eurenus

Fowler- 1<sup>st</sup> choice Fortner/2<sup>nd</sup> choice Eurenus

Grodi- 1<sup>st</sup> choice Fortner/2<sup>nd</sup> choice Eurenus

Nehrig- 1<sup>st</sup> choice Fortner/2<sup>nd</sup> choice Carner

Otting- 1<sup>st</sup> choice Fortner/2<sup>nd</sup> choice Eurenus

Waller- 1<sup>st</sup> choice Eurenus/2<sup>nd</sup> choice Fortner

**Total Scores:**

Stubleski- 0

Fortner- 11

Carner- 1

Eurenus- 6

-Motion to appoint Fortner by Nehrig supported by Grodi

**Roll Call:**

Waller-Yes

Fowler-Yes

Otting-Yes

England-Yes

Grodi-Yes

Nehrig-Yes

-Motion carried 6-0

**Oath of Office-**Selected candidate, Melissa Fortner, was not present to take Oath.

**Celebrations**

Grodi: Mentioned it is a great problem to have 4 great candidates for the open position.

Otting: Echoed what Mr. Grodi shared.

**Adjournment**

Motion by England, Supported by Waller

Motion carried 6-0 to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

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Rachel England, Board Secretary