

**MSAD #72 Board of Directors
Wednesday - July 8, 2026
Meeting Minutes
Molly Ockett School
7:00 PM**

Call to Order: Sarah Owens called the meeting to order at 7:00 and declared a quorum.

Members Present

Bartlett, Tanya
Blasi, Jessica*
Di Nucci, Mary
Egan, Teresa
Goodwin, Eli
Guarnaccia, Paula*
Henebury, Christine*
Khriel, Rebecca
Legare, Michelle
Marshall, Pamela*

McCarthy, Erin
McElroy, Candice*
Mead, Bob
Muse, Christopher
Owens, Sarah
Pine, Chad*
Sessions, Savannah
Shorey, Kathiann
Thompson, Lisa
Tripp, Linn

Administrators

Kirkpatrick, Emily
Lewey, Carolyn
Lokken, Matt
Nehez, Meg
Rajaniemi, Merri
Robinson, Jay

Members Absent

Karwowski, Alisa*
Quinn, Allyson (Excused)
*Denotes Alternate

Agenda:

1. Public Comment: (15-Minute):

Board meetings are conducted to carry out the official business of the school system. A public comment period of up to fifteen minutes is provided to allow community members to share input related to MSAD 72 schools and educational matters. Comments by individuals should be no longer than 3 minutes and in an effort to be consistent, each speaker will be timed.

Speakers are asked to be respectful and direct their comments to the Board as a whole. The Board will not engage in dialogue during public comment but may follow up at a later time as appropriate.

While members of the public may express concerns, including those involving district operations or personnel, comments that are disruptive, defamatory, or violate confidentiality requirements will not be permitted. Concerns involving specific students or confidential personnel matters may be referred to appropriate administrative channels in accordance with established policies and procedures.

To allow as many individuals as possible to speak, groups or organizations are encouraged to designate a single spokesperson.

If you would like a response to a specific question, please provide your contact information at the sign-in table, and the appropriate party will follow up.
Please state your name and town of residence before you begin.

There was no public comment.

Chair of the Board, Sarah Owens welcomed the new members of the Board and returning Board members and asked that they review policy BCA: Board Member Code of Ethics to start the meeting. Each Board Member read a portion of the policy.

2. Approval of Minutes from the June 10, 2026 Board Meeting.

Reminder: If you were absent from this meeting you should abstain from voting on the approval of the minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2026 Board meeting.

Motion: Savannah Session Second: Linn Tripp Passed
11 in favor/4 abstentions

3. Approval of Minutes from the June 30, 2026 Board Meeting.

*Reminder: If you were absent from this meeting you should abstain from Voting on the approval of the minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2026 Board meeting.

Motion: Savannah Sessions Second: Kathiann Shorey Passed
9 in favor/6 abstentions

4. Communications:

- **None**

5. Committee Reports:

- **Finance:** No report
- **Curriculum:** No report
- **Facilities/Transportation:** No report
- **Policy:** Linn Tripp reported that the committee met on June 15th and tonight prior to the Board meeting to review multiple policies.
[Policy Committee Meeting Minutes - 6-15-26](#)
[Policy Committee Meeting Minutes - 7-8-26](#)
- **Special Education:** No report
- **Personnel:** Kathiann Shorey reported that the committee met this evening prior to the Board meeting and reviewed the credentials of the person being nominated for 7th Grade ELA teacher later in tonight's meeting.

6. Administrative Reports

- [Summary of School-Based Goals for 25-26](#)
This summary of the 25-26 School based Goals was shared with the Board.

7. Superintendent Report

- [July Report](#)
Jay shared his report for July.

8. New Business

- **Policies for First Read**

BDE: Board Committees

A motion was made to approve policy BDE for First Read.

Motion: Linn Tripp Second: Savannah Sessions Passed
All in favor

BEDH: Public Comment at School Board Meetings

A motion was made to approve policy BEDH for First Read.

Motion: Linn Tripp

Second: Savannah Sessions

Passed

All in favor

IJOC-R1: School Volunteer Regulations

A motion was made to approve policy BEDH for First Read.

Motion: Linn Tripp

Second: Savannah Sessions

There were many questions related to our obligation to protect against the improper use of students' images brought up. The determination was made to bring the policy back to the Policy Committee.

A motion was made to rescind the motion to approve policy IJOC-R1 for First Read.

Motion: Linn Tripp

Second: Savannah Sessions

Passed

All in favor

No vote was taken and IJOC-R1 went back to committee.

- **Review Head Start MOA**

Jay shared the Head Start MOA for the 26-27 school year and explained that this is something that is done each year. He highlighted that there will be 2 classrooms housed at Molly Ockett School this year and that we are providing the classroom space and some in-kind services (plowing, mowing, etc). We pay for the two teachers and receive subsidy from the state that helps to cover the costs. No vote is needed.

A motion was made to move the executive session to the end of the meeting.

Motion: Savannah Sessions

Second: Kathiann Shorey

Passed

All in favor

- **Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) to discuss Superintendent's Contract.**

9. **Unfinished Business**

- **Policies for Second Read**

None

10. **Personnel**

- **Approval of New Teacher nominations for 2026-2027 School Year**

*Myia Holtet, 7th Grade ELA Teacher - Molly Ockett School

A motion was made to approve the nomination of Myia Holtet, 7th Grade ELA teacher at Molly Ockett School.

Motion: Kathiann Shorey

Second: Lisa Thompson

Passed

All in favor

A motion was made to enter Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) to discuss Superintendent's Contract.

Motion: Kathiann Shorey

Second: Lisa Thompson

Passed

All in favor

The Executive Session began at 7:56PM

The Executive Session ended at 8:23PM

A motion was made to offer Jay Robinson a five year contract effective July 1, 2026.

Motion: Kathiann Shorey

Second: Linn Tripp

Passed

All in favor

11. Agenda Planning/Adjournment:

Next Meeting: August 26, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

September 22, 2026 (Tues.) - Board Training Workshop - 5:00-6:30PM

October 14, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Kathiann Shorey

Second: Tanya Bartlett

Passed

All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:31PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Sheehan

Recording Secretary