



VARIANCES TO STANDARDS APPLICATION Renewal Application (three years)

Purpose: ARM 10.55.604(4) "Following the second year of implementation of a variance to standards, the school district shall provide evidence to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the methods selected by the district implement, meet, or exceed results that could have been achieved under established standards."

DUE DATE:

First Monday in March

COUNTY: Phillips

DISTRICT: Malta Schoold District 14A

LIST EACH SCHOOL THAT IS REQUESTING THE VARIANCE: Malta High School, Malta Middle School, Malta Elementary School, Loring Colony School

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1. Standard(s) for which a variance is requested, e.g., 10.55.709. If there is a program delivery standard, be sure to list it as well, e.g., 10.55.1801.
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2. Provide evidence that local community stakeholders were involved in the consideration and development of the proposed renewal variance application. Community stakeholder groups include parents, community members, and students as applicable.

The initial Committee included the following:

Librarian: Lynne Nevriy

Principal(s): Scott King, Shawn Bleth, Tad Schye

Teachers(s): Elementary: Barb Buechler, Julie Henry, Heidi Lullof. Middle School: Shyla Claussen.

High School Ashley Pankratz.

Additionally, in January of 2016, the Partner's In Education (PIE), a student support group of parents and concerned citizens at the Malta Elementary School as well as an informal group of parents at the Malta Middle School were presented with and approved of the requested variance to standards in relation to Library Media Services.





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3. **Provide evidence local school stakeholders were involved in the consideration and development of the proposed renewal variance application. School stakeholder groups include trustees, administrators, teachers and classified school staff.**

The school stakeholders included

Librarian: Lynne Nevriy

Principal(s): Scott King, Shawn Bleth, Tad Schye

Teachers(s): Elementary: Barb Buechler, Julie Henry, Heidi Lullov. Middle School: Shyla Claussen.

High School Ashley Pankratz. Also the Professional Development Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 11, 2016, and approved of the Library Variance to Standards.

4. **Attach Board of Trustee meeting minutes that show the Board of Trustees approved the application for a renewal variance at an official, properly noticed meeting.**

5. **Reflection upon initial variance:**

- a. **Describe the specific measurable objectives that were listed in the initial variance application that demonstrated how the proposed variance was to meet or exceed the results under the current standard(s).**

The stakeholders developed and we have strictly adhered to the following schedule:

	Times of Day	Days per Week
Malta Elementary	8:00-9:55, 1:30-4:00	5
Malta Middle School	9:55-1:30	5
Malta High School	9:55-1:30	5
Loring Colony School	As Needed	As Needed

- b. **Provide a summary of the evidence or data gathered to demonstrate that the initial variance meets or exceeds results that could have been achieved under the established standard.**

	Times of Day	Days per Week
Malta Elementary	8:00-9:55, 1:30-4:00	5
Malta Middle School	9:55-1:30	5
Malta High School	9:55-1:30	5
Loring Colony School	As Needed	As Needed

- c. **After reflection on the initial variance, describe any adjustments that need to be made to meet the specific needs of the students in the school(s).**

None

(Use check boxes provided in items 6-11 if the information requested remains unchanged from the initial variance application.)





6. Describe the renewal variance requested.

☒ *Renewal variance is the same as the initial variance.*

7. Provide a statement of the mission and goals of this proposed renewal variance.

☒ *Mission and goals are the same as the initial variance.*

8. List specific measurable objectives that demonstrate the proposed renewal variance will meet or exceed the results under the current standard(s).

☒ *Measurable objects are the same as the initial variance.*

9. What data or evidence will be gathered to document progress toward meeting the measurable objectives of the renewal variance?

☒ *Data or evidence gathered in the same manner as the initial variance.*

10. In what way does this variance meet the specific needs of the students in the school(s)?

☒ *The renewal variance will meet the specific needs of the students in the same manner as the initial variance.*

11. Describe how and why the proposed variance would be:

a. Workable.

☒ *Renewal variance is the same as the initial variance.*

b. Educationally sound.

☒ *Renewal variance is the same as the initial variance.*

c. Where applicable, aligned with program standards under ARM 10.55.1101 through 10.55.2101.

☒ *Renewal variance is the same as the initial variance.*

d. Where applicable, aligned with content standards under ARM Chapters 53 and 54.

☒ *Renewal variance is the same as the initial variance.*



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Required school district signatures:

Board Chair Name: MARK S KNUDSEN

Board Chair Signature: [Signature] Date: 2-4-16

Superintendent Name: KRIS KUEHN

Superintendent Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/4/16

Mail the signed form to:

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Superintendent of Public Instruction: [Signature] Date: 6/24/16
☒ Approve ☐ Disapprove

Board of Public Education Chair: [Signature] Date: 7/14/16
☒ Approve ☐ Disapprove



January 13, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Mark Knudsen called the regular meeting to order in the Board room of the Malta Middle/Senior High School at 7:00 PM. Board members present were Mark Knudsen, Gaelen Curtis, Carter Clausen, Greg Skiff and R.J. Tollefson. Others present were Superintendent Kris Kuehn and Business Manager Jane Knudsen.

Call to Order

Visitors present: Elementary Principal Tad Schye, Middle School Principal Shawn Bleth, High School Principal Scott King, Pat Sargent, Anita Green, Teri Blunt, and Mark Hebert.

Visitor List

Public input: None.

Public Input

Consent Agenda

This consists of approving the minutes from the December 9, 2015 regular meeting; approve the agenda, approve the current month's bills, and approve the substitute teacher list. **Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by RJ. Motion passed with all members present voting AYE.**

Approve Agenda,
Minutes, Bills

Committee Reports:

Transportation – will be covered under agenda item 2.

Finance – has received notification from the classified union regarding negotiations.

Committee
Reports

Administrative Reports:

Middle School Principal Shawn Bleth went over middle school happenings. High School Principal Scott King reported on high school events. Elementary Principal Tad Schye covered happenings for the grade school.

Administrative
Reports

Unfinished business: The first item of unfinished business is the 2015-2016 contracts. Kris presented two contracts for approval – Mark Nathe as Elementary Playground Aide and Kalli Reintjes for Middle School Volleyball Coach. **Greg made a motion to hire Mark Nathe as Playground Aide and Kalli Reintjes as MS Volleyball Coach; seconded by Gaelen. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

Unfinished
Business
2015-2016
Contracts

The second and last item of unfinished business is Activity Bus Options. Kris presented a request to purchase an activity bus with bus depreciation funds. The transportation committee met and are recommending the purchase of a 2010 Thomas 44 passenger bus. Activity Bus #2 is currently inoperable and associated repair costs are not known as of this meeting. **Carter made a motion to purchase the 2010 Thomas bus for no more than \$105,000, which would include the cost of transporting it to Malta and decals; seconded by RJ. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

Activity Bus
Options

New Business: The first item of new business is the MHSA annual meeting proposals. Activities Director King, Kris and the trustees discussed the proposals. The district will oppose both proposals – eighth grade eligibility and the wrestling weigh in change. **Gaelen made a motion to support the school's representatives to oppose the proposals at the annual meeting; seconded by Carter. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

New Business:
Superintendent
Evaluation

The second and final item of new business is Approve Library Variance to Standards. Kris stated that per state law the school is required to have more than one librarian on staff. With the three year variance, the district can waive this requirement and operate with one librarian for all the schools. **RJ made a motion to approve the Library Variance to Standards; seconded by Carter. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

Approve Library
Variance to
Standards

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Kuehn gave his report to the Board.

Superintendent's
Report

The regular board meeting is set for Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the work room of the Malta High School.

Set next board
meeting

Final Comments: MCEA President Anita Green stated the board has always been fair keeping wages about the same between Classifieds and Certifieds, but not so with retirement incentives. There are classifieds who are interested in an incentive and would like the board to keep an open mind as to offering a retirement incentive for the classified staff.

Final Comments

RJ moved to adjourn; seconded by Greg. The motion carried with all members present voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Adjournment



Mark Knudsen,
Chairman of the Board



Jane M Knudsen,
Clerk of the Board