

MINUTES OF MEETING

The MAX ACADEMY School Board of Directors

DATE: August 27, 2026

PLACE: MAX ACADEMY

Present: Jake Giardina, Carol “Boo” Broussard, Janice Fabregas, J.J. Buquet, Dr. Al Davis, Dr. Cleve Hill, Jason Talbot, and Dr. Steve Welsh
Also **present** were Angelic Rodrigue & Angie Berthelot. **Teacher Representative:** Taylor Rodrigue

Absent: Karen Chauvin, Larry Howell, Dr. Kimberly Reynolds, Brittany Walker, and Bill Boudreaux **Note:** Emily Bourgeois did not attend.

AGENDA	RECOMMENDATION	
1. Call to Order	J. Giardina called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.	
2. Roll Call	J. Giardina called the roll.	
3. Approval of the Minutes	The Minutes of June 25, 2026, were presented.	The Minutes of June 25, 2026, were accepted as presented.
4. Board Training/Special Guest Presentation:	None	
5. Teacher Representative Report	Taylor Rodrigue, 4th & 5th Grade ELA teacher, reported on the following: <u>LOWER – ELA</u> I-Ready Reading beginning-of- year benchmark testing has been completed for all students. CKLA Placement tests for our Tier 1 ELA curriculum have also been completed. Individualized small-group instruction has begun based on initial assessment data. Grade-level readiness will be reassessed in December to monitor progress and adjust groups as needed. Students placed in Kindergarten level groups have begun Reading Mastery direct instruction. Students placed in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade groups have begun CKLA Skills Unit 1. We are excited to welcome Ms. Jamaica Hamilton back to the classroom. This year, Ms. Hamilton will be supporting classroom instruction for the majority of her day by running her own small-group station. She has been conducting the following diagnostic assessments: • Phonological and Phonemic Assessment • Phonics Inventory • Measure of Phoneme Mastery/Fluency Results of these tests will be used to create individualized programming for all students so that Ms. Jamaica can run at her station to better prepare them for small group and increase their readiness for grade-level instruction. <u>LOWER MATH</u> Students have finished their beginning –of- the-year testing, and all grades have started Unit 1. 1st Grade is focusing on adding within 10 and using the counting-on strategy 2nd Grade is getting into mental math strategies, how to use doubles, near doubles, and making a 10 to add. 3rd Grade is starting off strong with place value and did amazing during their first lesson of Rounding. <u>LOWER – GENERAL</u> Students are getting into the routine and learning our everyday rules. We are also working on increasing the analysis of all students’ behavior in each class , each day, to better support students’ behavior in class.	

MIDDLE – MATH

Unit 1 has started.

4th Grade is working on place value skills, and **5th Grade** is diving into understanding volume.

MIDDLE – SCIENCE

Unit 1 has started: **4th Grade** is focusing on Energy Conservation and **5th Grade** on Patterns of the Moon and Stars.

MIDDLE – ELA

All beginning-of –the- year diagnostics and assessments have been completed. Both grades have begun the first unit of **CKLA** for their respective grade levels. As of today, **4th Grade** has finished L.1, & **5th Grade** has finished an impressive three lessons so far.

MIDDLE – SOCIAL STUDIES

4th Grade has begun Unit 1: Prehistory and the Agricultural Revolution.

5th Grade has begun Unit 1: Medieval Times.

Classes are currently working on using resources pertaining to the topics.

MIDDLE – ENRICHMENT/PE & HEALTH

Students are enjoying kickball (weather permitting).

Students have begun cutting and handwriting programs.

MIDDLE – GENERAL

Students are working hard at staying organized and following procedures and rules.

UPPER – ELA

All students are working through **Unit 1** and have taken their first vocabulary and spelling tests.

Spelling is at their own pace, so some students have chosen to take multiple spelling tests and have passed.

8th graders are working on skits.

All grades are working on description and details in writings.

Fluency checks began this week.

UPPER - SOCIAL STUDIES

Students are working on pre-LEAP assessments August 11 – August 12. Afterwards, they will work on unit Vocabulary.

UPPER – SCIENCE

All students are working on their first units.

LUMCON has been scheduled as the annual field trip.

UPPER – MATH

All grade levels are getting a mind boost with reviewing basic math skills.

Unit 1 will begin on Monday.

SPED – LOWER SCHOOL SPED/INTERVENTION

K-3 Literacy and Numeracy screeners are being completed.

We are beginning the necessary reading interventions with each grade band.

SPED – MIDDLE SPECIAL

Began Comprehension Interventions for **4th and 5th Grade**.

5th Grade has started a decoding intervention and making good progress..

4th Grade is working on Comprehension A for Reading/Listening comprehension and making good progress.

6. Finance Report

A Berthelot went over the financials.

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July MFP	\$107,054	
Other Sources	<u>58,971</u>	
Total July Revenue	\$166,025	
Wages and Benefits	\$101,416	62.98%
Other Expenses	<u>59,609</u>	
Expenses for July	\$161,025	
July Profit/(Loss)	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
YTD Profit/(Loss)	\$ 5,000	

3- YEAR COMPARISON

<u>CASH ACCOUNTS:</u>	<u>7/31/2026</u>	<u>7/31/2025</u>	<u>7/31//2024</u>
<u>Operating Account</u>	\$ 825,448	\$729,774	\$682,458
<u>Payroll Account</u>	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,067	\$ 1,756
<u>Special Account –Students</u>	\$ 11,668	\$ 7,866	\$ 1,980
<u>Special Account –School</u>	<u>\$ 205,357</u>	<u>\$199,332</u>	<u>\$191,025</u>
	<u>\$1,043,473</u>	<u>\$938,039</u>	<u>\$877,219</u>

UPDATES:

- Submitted Annual Operating Budget to LDOE on 07/31/2026...
- Submitted SY 26/27 NSLP application on 08/24/2026... Waiting on approval... This allows for claims for reimbursement to be processed.
- Working on ACT 370 Transparency Report... Due on Monday, August 31, 2026...
- Working on AFR data for SY 25/26... AFR submission portal opens on September 2 and is due on September 30.
- Waiting on Super App Amendment 1 approval to start claiming reimbursements.
- Attended LASBO Summer Summit and ALL Institute on August 19-21...
- Continuing work on SY 26/27 Administrative Review – Lunch Program...

Action Item:

Consideration of Motion to Approve The Organization Chart for SY 2026-2027 (A. Berthelot)

Grants

No Report

Motion was made by J.J. Buquet, seconded by Dr. S. Welsh, to approve the Organizational Chart for SY 2026-2027 as presented ... Motion passed unanimously.

7. Other Reports Principal's Report	<u>Building and Sites (J. Giardina)</u> Ms. Rodrigue reported there are some leaks in the building that need to be addressed. <u>Principal's Report</u> Principal's Personal Announcements/Comments: Ms. Rodrigue reported on the following: <u>Updates and Announcements</u> - School started smoothly. - Car line is running well. Ms. Rodrigue gave thanks to NSU Facilities Dept. and NSU PD. - All BOY assessments are completed: KITE, mClass, Acadiance, Easy CBM, iReady - Open House was cancelled due to electrical issues on the grid. Will be rescheduled... - Christina Woods, Director of Charter Accountability, will visit for renewal presentation on September 24 at our MAX Board meeting. All data has been given to her. <u>CABAS Update</u> - Dr. Shanman met with us to introduce the concept and scheduling of his consultation. - He will be joining us at the PAC on September 10 at 4:00 P.M. <u>Transportation</u> - Still no other applicant <u>Parent Committee Report</u> No Report	
8. New Board Business	None	
9. Announcements	<u>Announcements</u> • Our Next Monthly Board Meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 3:30 P.M • Christina Woods, Director of Charter Accountability, will visit for the Renewal Presentation on Thursday, September 24, at our MAX Board meeting. • LAPCS Charter School Conference: Thursday, December 10, 2026	
10. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 4:19 P.M.	Motion was made by Dr. S. Welsh, seconded by J.J. Buquet, to adjourn the meeting ... Motion passed unanimously.

