

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 PUblic School District 14A

LIST EACH SCHOOL THAT IS REQUESTING THE VARIANCE:

Malta High School, Malta Middle School, Malta Elementary School, Loring Colony School

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.

10.55.1801

- 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.**

An informal meeting of the Partner's in Education group was held on February 6, 2019, and with interested middle school and high school parents later that same day to review and take comment on the proposed variance to standards. Having no negative complaints, the community and school stakeholders plan to present the variance to standards to the Malta School District Board of Trustees at the February 13, 2019 School Board Meeting.

- 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: Kalli Rummell

Principal(s): Scott King, Shawn Bleth, Cadance Wipplinger

Teachers(s):

Elementary: Barb Buechler, Julie Henry, Kendra Veit.

Middle School: Shyla Claussen.

High School: Ashley Pankratz.

Title I Teacher: Karmen Kuehn

A meeting of the school stakeholders was held in the Malta High School Library on January 30, 2019.

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.

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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.

- 6. Provide a statement of the mission and goals of this proposed renewal variance.**

Mission and goals are the same as the initial variance.

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

Measurable objectives are the same as the initial variance.

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

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

9. 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.

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

a. Workable

The renewal variance is the same as the initial variance.

b. Educationally sound.

The 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.**

The renewal variance is the same as the initial variance.

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

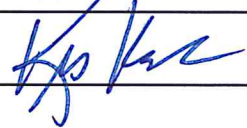
The renewal variance is the same as the initial variance.

Required school district signatures:

Board Chair Name: Mark Knudsen

Board Chair Signature:  Date: 2-14-19

Superintendent Name: Kris Kuehn


Superintendent Signature:  Date 2-14-19

Mail the signed form to:

**Accreditation and Educator Preparation Division
Office of Public Instruction
PO Box 202501
Helena, MT 59620-2501**

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Superintendent of Public Instruction:  Date 4/15/2019
 Approve Deny

Board of Public Education Chair  Date 5/08/19
 Approve Deny

February 13, 2019
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, Greg Skiff, Kevin Koss and Levi Tatafu. Carter Clausen was present via telephone. Others present were Superintendent Kris Kuehn and Business Manager Jane Knudsen.

Call to Order

Visitors present: Elementary Principal Cadance Wipplinger, Middle School Principal Shawn Bleth, Mark Hebert, Shonna Smith, Thayne Mackey, Robert Twiggs, Kelly McCann, and Travis Sommerfeld.

Visitor List

Public input: None.

Public Input

Consent Agenda

This consists of approving the minutes from the January 9, 2019 regular meeting; approve the agenda, approve the current month's bills and approve the substitute list. **Greg made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Levi. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

Approve Agenda,
Minutes, Bills

Administrative Reports:

Elementary Principal Cadance Wipplinger covered upcoming events for the elementary school. Middle School Principal Shawn Bleth went over events for the middle school. Superintendent Kris Kuehn reported on high school events and activities.

Administrative
Reports

Back Pack Program: Thayne Mackey discussed the benefits of starting a back pack program and food pantry in the school.

Back Pack
Program

Action Items: The first action item is Negotiated Resignation Agreement. The agreement with HS Principal Scott King is \$600 per month either cash or health insurance for three years. **Kevin made a motion to accept and approve the Negotiated Resignation Agreement; seconded by Greg. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

Action Items:
Negotiated
Resignation
Agreement

The second action item is Leave of Absence Request. Mary Mangis has requested a leave of absence for the rest of the school year due to family health issues. **Carter made a motion to approve the leave of absence request; seconded by Levi. Due to nepotism (son in law/mother in law) Greg will abstain from this vote. The motion passed 4-0 with Mark, Carter, Kevin and Levi voting AYE. Greg abstained.**

Leave of Absence
Request

The third action item is Approve 2018-2019 Contracts. Kris presented the following: MS Wrestling Coaches – Ryan LaBrie and Nick Oxarart; MS Track and Field Coaches – Shyla Clausen, Sue Gilkerson, Kevin Ebert and Kori Kindle; MS Academic Olympics – Shyla Clausen; HS Academic Olympics – Ashley Pankratz; MS Science Fair – Robert Twiggs; and HS Play – Anna LaBrie. **Greg made a motion approve the list with the exception of Shyla Clausen; seconded by Carter. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE. Levi made a motion to approve Shyla Clausen for MS Academic Olympics and MS Track; seconded by Greg. Due to nepotism (husband/wife) Carter will abstain from this vote. The motion passed 4-0 with Mark, Greg, Kevin and Levi voting AYE. Carter abstained.**

2018-2019
Contracts

The fourth action item is Resolution to Call for School Election. Supt. Kuehn presented the Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election. This allows for the trustee, general levy, and building reserve levy election scheduled for May 7, 2019, reserving the right to cancel any portion. **Kevin made a motion to pass the Resolution as presented; seconded by Levi. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

Resolution
Calling For
School Election

The fifth action item is Second Reading Policy Update 8210. **Greg made a motion to approve Policy Update 8210; seconded by Kevin. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

Second Reading
Policy Update

The sixth action item is Library Variance. This variance allows the District to have one librarian for all schools for a three-year period. **Kevin made a motion to approve the Library Variance; seconded by Levi. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

Library Variance

The seventh action item is to adopt the 2019-2020 School Calendar. Kris presented the proposed calendar for approval. **Greg made a motion to adopt the proposed 2019-2020 school calendar; seconded by Levi. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

2019-2020 School
Calendar

The eighth and final action item is Out of State Travel Request: Close Up. Mr. Somerfeld will be taking eight students in the Close-Up program to Washington DC from March 30, 2019 to April 5, 2019 and would like permission to travel out of state. **Kevin made a motion to approve the out of state travel request to Washington DC; seconded by Levi. The motion passed 5-0 with all members present voting AYE.**

Out of State
Travel Request:
Close Up

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

Superintendent's Report

The regular board meeting is set for Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the work room of the Malta High School.

Set next board meeting

Final Comments: None.

Final Comments

Greg moved to adjourn; seconded by Levi. The motion carried with all members present voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Adjournment



Mark Knudsen,
Chairman of the Board



Jane M. Knudsen,
Clerk of the Board