

**BISON SCHOOL DISTRICT 52-1
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

DATE: March 10, 2025 **TIME HELD:** 7:00 p.m. **KIND OF MEETING:** Regular **WHERE HELD:** Board Room **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Besler, Keller, Lemer, Veal **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stadler **OFFICERS AND OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Dr. George Shipley Jr, Business Manager Angela Thompson, Kalin Chapman, Arlis Seim, Heidi Kopren, Christy Kolb, Bev Kopren, Shiloh Lorius, Josh Cook, Laura Holmes

VICE CHAIRMAN BESLER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH A CALL FOR THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

CONSENT AGENDA

115. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the February 12th regular meeting and financial reports. A copy of the February 2025 financial reports as approved is attached under Attachment "A" and made a part of these minutes. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC FORUM

Thompson representing the post prom committee requested use of the school for post prom as in prior years. Shipley recommended talking with the teachers and the prom committee to work out the plans.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

116. Motion by Keller second by Veal to approve the claims listed below. **Motion carried.**

BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL/SNOW REMOVAL/REPAIRS 3,874.97, BISON IMPLEMENT REPAIRS 624.51, CAREER SAFE OSHA TRAINING 256.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD FUEL/SUPPLIES 688.76, DISCOVERY CENTER SEPA PLANETARIUM 765.00, EXPLORE LEARNING SUBSCRIPTION 20.42, FAIT LLC ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING 239.02, G & O PAPER SUPPLIES 635.35, GRAND ELECTRIC ELECTRICITY/REPAIRS 3,478.53, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS SUPPLIES 87.59, HOUSE OF GLASS REPAIRS 67.38, IMPREST ACCOUNT REIMBURSE 2,379.36, J W PEPPER & SON INC. SUPPLIES 12.00, LEMMON IGA FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 109.07, LYNN JACKSON SHULTZ & LEBRUN LEGAL 726.00, MTI SHOWS SUPPLIES 31.86, NORTHWEST SD REGIONAL LANDFILL DUMPSTER 500.00, OLSON PROPANE PROPANE 5,495.10, RAMKOTA INN-PIERRE HOTEL 112.00, SCHOOL LUNCH FUND FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 56.99, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 125.66, SHIPLEY, GEORGE REIMBURSE MEALS/OFFICIAL FEE 147.50, SOUTH DAKOTA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE FEE 300.00, TESSIERS MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS REPAIRS 1,894.25, TOWN OF BISON WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE 320.14, VANDERPOOL, KHAYEN WRESTING MILEAGE 135.90, WEST RIVER COOP TEL TELEPHONE 468.55

Official Fees:

AAKER, BRITTNEE 27.50, ACOSTA, JANICE 137.50, ANDERSON, GRETA 30.00, BESLER, LILA 100.00, BESLER, WILL 50.00, BRIXEY, HEATHER 60.00, BRIXEY, JAMES 70.00, BRIXEY, JULIA 650.00, CLARK, LINDSEY 30.00, COLLINS, GRACEE 55.00, COLLINS, HEIDI 127.50, DEDMON, DOROTHY 41.25, DINKINS, PATRICK 55.00, GREEN, VIRGINIA 120.00, HEPPER-GIFFORD, JAMIE 140.00, HOLMES, KERRY 725.00, HOLMES, LAURA 25.00, JOHNSON, COLETTE 82.50, JOHNSON, JEFFREY 60.00, KOPREN, HEIDI 27.50, KOPREN, WADE 35.00, KOPREN, ZOEY 50.00, LAMORENO, NATHANIEL 177.50, NELSON, GAVIN 60.00, PALMER, BRISTOL 40.00, PECK, HAYLEE 25.00, SHIPLEY, SANDRA 240.00, SIBAG, NESTLE 427.50, SIMONS, BRENT 365.00, SIMONS, MISTY 725.00, THOMPSON, ANGIE 107.50, UTTER, VIRGINIA 123.75, VANDERPOOL, BRIDGET 120.00

Total General Fund: 28,661.91

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS COPIER LEASE 724.17, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD STOARGE SYSTEMS 1,557.49

Total Capital Outlay Fund: 2,281.66

HANDS ON HEALTH PT/OT 391.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 141.60

Total Special Education Fund: 532.60

BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL 36.70, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 449.28, IMPREST ACCOUNT REIMBURSE 12.26, LEMMON IGA FOOD 151.23, SNA DEPOSITORY DUES AND FEES 166.00, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND FOOD 2,377.49, UTTER, VIRGINIA MEALS/HOTEL REIUMBURSE 150.00, VEAL, REBEKAH FOOD 99.00

Total School Lunch Fund: 3,441.96

ALBERTSON, TODD OFFICIAL 160.05, BAKKEN, DEJON OFFICIAL 180.00, BAUMGARTEN, CHAD OFFICIAL 220.84, BISON FOOD MARKET FOOD 34.71, DAUWEN, TODD OFFICIAL 160.00, DIRK, BRENT OFFICIAL 160.00, GOLDSMITH, CHRIS OFFICIAL 199.23, HENWOOD, JEREMY OFFICIAL 316.34, OLSON, ALAN OFFICIAL 160.00, PETTY CASH POSTAGE 53.95, SD DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVE FINGERPRINTS 86.50, VANCE PETERSON MEM COACHING CLINIC REGISTRATION 480.00, WAGENDORF, JOHN OFFICIAL 180.00

Total Imprest Fund: 2,391.62

ANDERSON'S PROM SUPPLIES 2,169.86, BISON FOOD MARKET CONCESSION SUPPLIES 177.62, BISON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOOK FAIR OVERAGE 4.77, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES/HOTEL 173.05, KRAZY S FFA APPAREL 1,274.04, PETTY CASH BOOK FAIR STARTING CASH 338.00, SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS BOOK FAIR SALES 1,738.53

Total Custodial: 5,875.87

Elem-\$34,866.28; Junior High-\$12,922.58; High School-\$22,035.75; Title I-\$3,743.75; Guidance-\$4,849.64; Title II-\$2,400.00; Library-\$2,837.84; Tech-\$3,028.83, Superintendent-\$8,600.00; Secretarial-\$4,163.22; Fiscal-\$3,750.00; Custodial-\$8,150.15; Bus Route-\$3,600.00; Co-curricular-\$8,561.41; Sped-\$6,647.96; Sped Admin-\$883.07; School Lunch-\$5,743.97

Total Payroll for February - \$136,784.45

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE

None

CAPSTONE PRESENTATION

Josh Cook presented his capstone presentation.

BUILDING UPDATE

Boiler #3 is currently offline. Local individuals have been unable to fix, A-1 plumbers out of Dickinson will be coming down to look at it.

Wireless access points update is complete. Shipley explained the process of the update so that they all work together resulting in less internet drops.

TECHNOLOGY RECOMMENDATION

Shiloh Lorius presented a plan to surplus laptops in the spring and offer them for sale to the current year graduating class at a reduced price of \$75 per laptop. All laptops would be wiped clean before sales. Items will be presented to the board for surplus before selling to the students. Request granted.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROCURMENT PLAN - 2ND READING

Thompson presented the changes to the procurement plan. Discussion followed.

117. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the Lunch Procurement Plan. **Motion carried.**

RESIGNATION

118. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to accept the resignation of Dylan Beckman as head football coach. **Motion carried.**

119. Motion by Keller second by Lemer to accept the resignation of Brent Simons as junior high girls' basketball coach. **Motion carried.**

120. Motion by Lemer second by Keller to accept the application for early retirement from Beverly Kopren in the amount of \$63,005.99 (paid over three years) effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. **Motion carried.**

Thank you to Mrs. Kopren for her 35 years at the Bison School District.

APPROVE CONTRACTS

121. Motion by Veal second by Keller to approve the following 2024-2025 coaching contracts: Virgini Green Assistant Track \$2,190.12, Jeffrey Johnson Head Golf \$3,116.62, Janice Acosta SEPA Science Club \$527.94, Gracee Collins SEPA Science Club \$263.97, Alisa Costello SEPA Science Club \$263.97, Nathaniel Lamoreno SEPA Science Club \$527.94, and Sandra Shipley SEPA Science Club \$527.94. **Motion carried.**

122. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to approve the contract of Dr. George Shipley Jr as superintendent in the amount of \$103,200.00, amount to be adjusted after certified staff negotiations, for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Thompson presented a spreadsheet with the cost of the last three years summer programs. ESSER Funds have been used the last three years and the expense would now be paid with district funds. Thompson reported that she had spoken with several elementary teachers and they are looking at some options for the elementary students and a possible science week in July. The weightroom advisor for the middle and high school students was also paid with ESSER Funds. Discussion followed. It was decided to continue the summer programs.

BUS DRIVER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Laura Holmes reported that she has been researching options for bus driver training. The best rate she has found is \$900 per person. Discussion followed.

123. Motion by Keller second by Veal to approve paying \$900 per person for up to three people. **Motion carried.**

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Thompson informed the board that there will be a school board election on April 8th. There are four candidates running for two open positions.

Names were drawn for position on the ballot: 1st James Sandgren, 2nd J.D. Ryen, 3rd Will Besler, 4th Albert P. Keller Jr.

124. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to appoint election workers: Helen Aaker, Patsy Crow, Penny Lemburg, Marilyn Carr, Roxie Seaman, and Lois Eggebo and to pay them minimum wage plus mileage. **Motion carried.**

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REPRESENTATIVE

Board of equalization meeting date is March 15th at Bison Town Hall at 5:00pm.

Mike Stadler appointed as the representative.

NWAS REPORT

NWAS will be switching to a four-day week schedule for 2025-2026. This should not affect our services.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

Reminder of board training on March 15th at 10:00 am.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

February attendance 92%
100% Food Service Inspection
March Madness Sepa Science Club
Free Summer Camps
Legislative Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

125. Motion by Veal second by Keller to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel, (2) student and (3) legal. **Motion carried.** Vice Chairman Besler declared the meeting into executive session at 8:10 pm and back in regular session at 8:38 pm.

Board training on March 15th cancelled due to board member conflicts.

126. Motion by Veal second by Keller to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. **Motion carried.**

Will Besler, Vice Chairman

Angela Thompson, Business Manager

Attachment A	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	SPECIAL ED	IMPACT AID	LUNCH	IMPREST	CUSTODIAL
Cash on Hand 2-01-2025	\$17,726.48	\$3,500.28	\$2,881.79	\$0.00	(\$8,268.12)	\$608.06	\$81,171.14
Invested In Securities	\$449,923.62	\$633,819.81	\$321,687.20	\$324,104.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Receipts:							
Local Sources:							
Taxes	\$2,912.27	\$3,185.25	\$668.27				
Interest	\$1,973.09	\$1,931.78	\$942.56				
Food Service					\$4,904.25		
Other	\$2,158.17				\$75.00	\$4,891.94	\$6,672.07
Intermediate Sources:							
County Apportionment							
State Sources:							
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	\$80,063.32						
Federal Sources:							
Grants-in-Aid	\$16,915.42				\$2,476.66		
Other Sources:							
Other							
Total Receipts	\$104,022.27	\$5,117.03	\$1,610.83	\$0.00	\$7,455.91	\$4,891.94	\$6,672.07
Total Disbursements	\$173,550.82	\$1,236.09	\$9,450.89	\$0.00	\$9,449.36	\$2,391.62	\$5,875.87
Cash on Hand 2-28-2025	\$22,104.21	\$2,264.19	\$3,430.90	\$0.00	(\$10,261.57)	\$3,108.38	\$81,967.34
Invested In Securities	\$376,017.34	\$638,936.84	\$313,298.03	\$324,104.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oscar Smith Scholarship Fund							
Cash on Hand 2-1-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$328,961.38						
Interest Income	\$1,158.99						
Cash on Hand 2-28-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$330,120.37						