

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

DATE: April 14, 2025 **TIME HELD:** 7:00 p.m. **KIND OF MEETING:** Regular **WHERE HELD:** Board Room **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Besler, Keller, Lemer, Stadler, Veal **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None **OFFICERS AND OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Dr. George Shipley Jr, Business Manager Angela Thompson, Kalin Chapman, Heidi Kopren, Christy Kolb, JD Ryen, James Sandgren, Bristol Palmer, Connie Aaker, Chauncey Jorgenson, Joyce Waddell, Shannon Maxon, Molly Lemer, Eugenio Martinez, Alyx Fines

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

CONSENT AGENDA

127. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the consent agenda with the following addition: 17a NorthStar Consortium, the minutes of the March 10th regular meeting and financial reports. A copy of the March 2025 financial reports as approved is attached under Attachment "A" and made a part of these minutes. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC FORUM

Chris Veal inquired about the Perkins County Sheriff's department involvement with Prom on Saturday night. Discussion followed. Bison School District was not informed that the Sheriff's department was going to be in the parking lot.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

128. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the claims listed below. **Motion carried.**

AAKER, HELEN ELECTION WAGE 172.50, ARROWWOOD RESORT STATE AD CONF HOTEL 359.16, BISON GRAIN CO. ACTIVITY FUEL/REPAIRS 2,268.55, BISON IMPLEMENT BUS REPAIRS/SUPPLIES 169.72, BLACK HILLS PLAYHOUSE CHILDRENS THEATRE 2,300.00, BURKHALTER, BRAD MEALS 54.00, CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY SUPPLIES 47.96, CARR, MARILYN ELECTION WAGE 150.17, CHAPMAN, BEAU MEALS 322.00, CHAPMAN, KALIN MEALS 54.00, CITY AIR MECHANICAL, INC REPAIRS 1,287.50, CLARK, LINDSEY MEALS 136.00, COSTELLO, ALISA MEALS 82.00, CROSSROADS-HURON, THE HOTEL 1,608.00, CROW, PATRICIA ELECTION WAGE 172.50, CUSTODIAL FUND REIMBURSE SUPPLIES 8.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES/FUEL 1,842.80, EGGEBO, LOIS ELECTION WAGE 196.62, FAIT LLC PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING 254.10, G & O PAPER SUPPLIES 1,465.20, GRAND ELECTRIC ELECTRICITY 2,679.00, GREEN, VIRGINIA MEALS 112.00, HAMPTON INN-BROOKINGS HOTEL 777.87, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS SUPPLIES 339.90, HOLMES, LAURA STATE MEALS 134.00, IMPREST ACCOUNT REIMBURSE IMPREST 1,351.77, J W PEPPER & SON INC. SUPPLIES 77.98, JOHNSON, MATTHEW MEALS 194.00, LEMBURG, PENNY ELECTION WAGE 172.50, LEMMON IGA FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 80.37, LYNN JACKSON SHULTZ & LEBRUN LEGAL SERVICES 1,161.00, MCLEODS OFFICE SUPPLY ELECTION SUPPLIES 156.17, NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION SUPPLIES 260.00, OLSON PROPANE PROPANE 2,647.92, PITSCO SUPPLIES 197.89, RAMKOTA INN-PIERRE HOTEL 225.50, RYEN, CHRISTI MEALS 144.00, SASD WILD WEST CONF FEE 180.00, SCHOOL LUNCH FUND FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 39.26, SEAMAN, ROXIE ELECTION WAGE 199.30, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 136.46, STAPLES SUPPLIES 370.60, STREAMLINE PLUMBING REPAIRS 543.96, TOWN OF BISON WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE 315.36, TRINITY ELECTRICAL WORKS REPAIRS 702.70, WEST RIVER COOP TEL TELEPHONE 464.63, WOLFF PLUMBING & HEATING REPAIRS 1,150.00

Total General Fund: 27,764.92

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS COPIER LEASE 724.17, BSN SPORTS GOLF UNIFORMS 982.58, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD EQUIPMENT 191.00, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS VACUUM 810.32, PERKINS COUNTY FAIR BOARD BENTLEY BLDG LEASE 2,500.00, RAPID FIRE PROTECTION FIRE ALARM CELL DIALER 765.31

Total Capital Outlay Fund: 5,973.38

BRIXEY, JULIA MEALS 40.00, DOUBLETREE HOTELS - RAPID CITY HOTEL 218.00, HANDS ON HEALTH OT/PT 998.75

Total Special Education Fund: 1,256.75

LEMMON IGA FOOD 4.79, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND FOOD 2,104.11

Total School Lunch Fund: 2,108.90

BRUNNER, COLLEEN BBB OFFICIAL 25.00, FAITH SCHOOL SPELLING BEE MEALS 54.00, HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL HISTORY DAY MEALS 787.77, HOHENBERGER, DOUG BBB OFFICIAL 25.00, SDFCCLA STATE FCCLA REGISTRATION 460.00

Total Imprest Fund: 1,351.77

ANTHEM SPORTS INC VOLLEYBALLS 306.42, BISON BAR YEARBOOK PIZZA 72.00, COCA COLA BOTTLING CO SUPPLIES 358.76, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 1,588.62, LEMMON IGA SUPPLIES 155.37, MOBRIDGE CANDY COMPANY SUPPLIES 417.72, NORTHERN BOTTLING CO. SUPPLIES 442.00, PALMER, BRISTOL PROM SUPPLIES 246.76, SOPHOMORE CLASS SUPPLIES 167.01

Total Custodial: 3,754.66

Elem-\$35,508.25; Junior High-\$13,056.46; SEPA-\$2,111.76; High School-\$22,799.12; Title I-\$3,924.50; Guidance-\$4,849.64; Title II-\$400.00; Library-\$3,227.84; Tech-\$3,028.83, Superintendent-\$8,600.00; Secretarial-\$3,333.26; Fiscal-\$3,750.00; Custodial-\$6,047.55; Bus Route-\$3,600.00; Co-curricular-\$7,238.74; Sped-\$6,513.40; Sped Admin-\$883.07; School Lunch-\$5,805.20

Total Payroll for March - \$134,677.62

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE

None

CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

Alyx Fines, Eugenio Martinez and Molly Lemer presented their capstone presentations.

JOYCE WADDELL

129. Motion by Besler second by Veal to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (4) negotiations. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 7:15 pm and back in regular session at 7:50 pm.

BUILDING UPDATE

Work continues in the old elementary building.

HVAC system - Tessiers installed the system but they no longer have a staff member that can help us with our system. Dr. Shipley has contacted Kevin with Star Control to work with him to help us with our system and to help train our staff.

Dr. Shipley reported that the school was contacted about the possibility of refinancing the Capital Outlay Loan. The loan is currently at a rate of 4.5% and will increase to 5% in 2031. No costs will be incurred by the district until the decision to refinance is authorized. Toby Morris with Colliers Securities LLC will monitor the market to secure us the best interest rate. We have the potential of saving the district \$120,000 - \$180,000 and have the possibility of paying the loan off two years early.

130. Motion by Veal second by Keller to approve the potential refinancing of existing debt with Colliers Securities LLC. **Motion carried.**

APPROVE CONTRACTS

131. Motion by Lemer second by Besler to approve the following contract changes: Matthew Johnson 2/3 assistant boys basketball coach \$1,460.08 and Beau Chapman 1/3 assistant boys basketball coach \$730.04. **Motion carried.**

132. Motion by Besler second by Veal to approve the contract of Brittany Henrickson as assistant volleyball coach \$2,190.12 for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

Thompson presented the 2025-2026 certified staff contracts. Addendums to the contracts will be issued when negotiations are completed.

133. Motion by Keller second by Besler to approve all certified position contracts presented for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

RESIGNATION

134. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to accept the resignation of Jens Jesfjeld as assistant cook effective immediately. **Motion carried.**

135. Motion by Keller second by Besler to accept the resignation of Connie Aaker as head custodian effective June 30, 2025. **Motion carried.**

Thank you to Connie for your 45 years of service at the Bison School District.

EARLY RETIREMENT CONTRACT

136. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the contract with Beverly Kopren for early retirement, total contract 63,005.99 paid annually in three installments on January 1. **Motion carried.**

Thompson then discussed paying out Beverly Kopren 2024-2025 contract and Connie Aakers wages in June for SDRS purposes.

CERTIFIED STAFF NEGOTIATIONS

Kalin Chapman and Heidi Kopren representing the BEA presented the changes for the 2025-2026 school year; \$1,500 flat raise to all returning certified staff, increase the base pay \$375, new base salary will be \$46,500, and add co-op athletic coach to extra duties.

137. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to ratify the 2025-2026 Negotiated Agreement with the changes presented. **Motion carried.**

NON-CERTIFIED CONTRACT DISCUSSION

138. Motion by Besler second by Veal to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (4) negotiations. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 8:26 pm and back in regular session at 8:36 pm.

139. Motion by Keller second by Veal to increase all non-certified hourly employees \$0.50 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

BUS DRIVER CONTRACT DISCUSSION

140. Motion by Keller second by Besler to increase route bus driver pay \$2.25 per day for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONTRACT 2025-2026

Thompson informed the board that Hands On Health is in the process of changing owners. They sent a letter releasing Lisa Dreiske from their Occupational Therapy services. Thompson then presented a contract from Lisa Dreiske for the 2025-2026 school year. \$70 per hour therapy time, \$50 per hour travel time and IRS rate for mileage. We are currently paying Hands on Health \$80 per hour for therapy time and travel time.

141. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to approve the contract with Lisa Dreiske for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

SDHSAA MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026

142. Motion by Besler second by Lemer to approve membership in the SDHSAA for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

NORTHSTAR CONSORTIUM

Dr. Shipley reported that Mobridge has been handling the paperwork for the Northstar Consortium. The Northstar Consortium is used to distribute Perkins CTE grant funds to member districts. Due to a staff change in Mobridge they will no longer be the administrator. The Northstar Consortium is composed of Mobridge, Lemmon and Bison. We have the option to close the Northstar Consortium and join with the Western Statewide Consortium.

143. Motion by Keller second by Veal to leave the Northstar Consortium and join the Western Statewide Consortium for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

CANVAS ELECTION

School board election was held on April 8, 2025. Election was not held in conjunction with a city election.

144. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the results of the regular school board election held on April 8, 2025 and declare James Sangren and J.D. Ryen the winners. **On roll call vote:** Besler-abstain, Keller-abstain, Lemer-aye, Veal-aye, Stadler-aye. **Motion carried.**

	James Sandgren	J.D. Ryen	Will Besler	Albert P. Keller, Jr.	Total Votes	Total Voters		
PRECINCTS							% Voters	TOTAL
Precinct #1/Bison	107	116	77	49	349	182	31%	586
Precinct #2/Prairie City	39	31	11	8	89	46	24%	189
Totals	146	147	88	57	438	228	29%	775

NWAS REPORT

Veal gave a short report.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

None

INSURANCE RENEWAL – HEALTH, VISION & WORK COMP

Thompson informed the board of the rate changes for Worker's Compensation and ASB protective trust health insurance rate changes. Health insurance rates are increasing by 5%. Vision insurance will change from Avesis to Optilegra with a \$0.70 per month increase in a single policy.

145. Motion by Veal second by Keller to approve the resolution to approve Health Insurance, Vision and Worker's Compensation for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

March attendance 96%

Dr. Shipley presented the 2025-2026 master class schedule. Homeroom will be removed, kindergarten and 1st grade PE and music classes will be combined and that will allow for an additional high school PE and music course, two hours of CTE technology classes

146. Motion by Besler second by Keller to approve the 2025-2026 master schedule as presented. **Motion carried.**

Online homeschool elementary program discussion
SD graduation requirements
April 30th Ben Benson with Sanford research will teach science classes
2025-2026 Dual Credit Tuition \$78.48 per credit cost to parents
Educational System
3rd Quarter Honor Roll
Academic Olympics – 7 winners 12 trophies
FFA – 2 Silver and 2 Broze Emblems, placed in 5 team events at state
National History Day – one team placed 2nd at region and 4th at state
SDSU Writing Competition – one student 1st place
USD Writing Competition – one silver key and 2 honorable mentions
Voice of Democracy – district 1st place
Patriot's Pen – district 1st place
State exams have started

EXECUTIVE SESSION

147. Motion by Veal second by Belser to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) legal and (6) safety. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 9:50 pm and back in regular session at 9:59 pm.

148. Motion by Keller second by Veal to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm. **Motion carried.**

Mike Stadler, Chairman

Angela Thompson, Business Manager

Attachment A	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	SPECIAL ED	IMPACT AID	LUNCH	IMPREST	CUSTODIAL
Cash on Hand 3-01-2025	\$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
Receipts:							
Local Sources:							
Taxes	\$44,087.52	\$42,407.27	\$8,896.83				
Interest	\$2,061.88	\$2,094.36	\$1,015.11				
Food Service					\$2,942.85		
Other	\$430.82					\$2,391.62	\$800.03
Intermediate Sources:							
County Apportionment	\$513.17						
State Sources:							
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	\$52,900.00						
Federal Sources:							
Grants-in-Aid	\$656.63				\$2,117.67		
Other Sources:							
Other							
Total Receipts	\$100,650.02	\$44,501.63	\$9,911.94	\$0.00	\$5,060.52	\$2,391.62	\$800.03
Total Disbursements	\$169,669.77	\$2,281.66	\$9,092.58	\$0.00	\$9,445.86	\$1,351.77	\$3,754.66
Cash on Hand 3-31-2025	\$23,530.38	\$982.53	\$4,338.32	\$0.00	(\$14,646.91)	\$4,148.23	\$79,012.71
Invested In Securities	\$305,571.42	\$682,438.47	\$313,209.97	\$324,104.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oscar Smith Scholarship Fund							
Cash on Hand 3-1-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$330,120.37						
Interest Income	\$1,102.28						
Cash on Hand 3-31-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$331,222.65						