

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

**DATE:** May 12, 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, JD Ryen, James Sandgren, Arlis Seim, Heidi Collins, Ruth Wiechmann, Matthew Costello, Bristol Palmer, Julia Brixey, Shiloh Lorus, Larua Holmes, Dustin Drews, Jessica Drews, Cody Green, Eliza Loughlin

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**149.** Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the consent agenda with the following change and addition: 14 Change to Technology Director Contract and add 21a Hands on Health Contract, the minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and financial reports. A copy of the April 2025 financial reports as approved is attached under Attachment "A" and made a part of these minutes.

**Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Eliza Loughlin representing the Kithship Collective requested permission to work with teachers to develop cross-curricular programming and collaborations. Some potential projects include: community theater initiative, collaborations between the Art, English, and Music departments, and visiting artists. Their goal is to create more art and artisan opportunities for the district. Discussion followed about the program. Permission was granted to work with the teachers.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

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

AWARD EMBLEM AWARDS 406.47, BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL 690.00, BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL 1,948.46, BISON IMPLEMENT REPAIR/SUPPLIES 650.71, CHAPMAN'S ELECTRONICS REPAIRS 71.25, CLARK, LINDSEY MEAL REIMBURSE 188.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD FUELS/SUPPLIES 3,460.04, DINN BROTHERS AWARDS 377.78, DOUBLETREE HOTELS HOTEL 303.00, FAIT LLC ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING 340.48, FOLLET SOFTWARE, LLC LIBRARY RENEWAL 885.96, GRAND ELECTRIC ELECTRICITY 2,783.00, HERFF-JONES DIPLOMAS 486.63, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS SUPPLIES 780.66, IMPREST ACCOUNT IMPREST REIMBURSE 1,063.47, JONES SCHOOL SUPPLY AWARDS 36.10, LAWHEAD, TANYA MEAL REIMBURSE 188.00, LEMMON IGA FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 50.16, NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION AWARDS 228.00, OLSON PROPANE PROPANE 2,390.52, PALMER, BRISTOL SUPPLIES 61.77, RYEN, CHRISTI MILEAGE REIMBURSE 402.00, SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC AWARDS 85.92, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 136.46, SHIPLEY, SANDRA SUPPLIES 121.51, SIBAG, NESTLE MEAL REIMBURSE 54.00, STAPLES SUPPLIES 370.60, STREAMLINE PLUMBING REPAIRS 523.97, TESSIERS MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS HVAC REPAIRS 2,272.06, TOWN OF BISON WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE 317.67, WEST RIVER COOP TEL TELEPHONE 478.31

**Total General Fund: 22,152.96**

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS COPIER LEASE 724.17, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS BATTERIES 969.55, MFAC, LLC TRACK EQUIPMENT 431.00

**Total Capital Outlay Fund: 2,124.72**

BISON GRAIN CO. SPEC ED MOTOR FUEL 11.14

**Total Special Education Fund: 11.14**

IMPREST ACCOUNT IMPREST REIMBURSE 9.84, LEMMON IGA FOOD 26.37, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND FOOD 4,384.83, VEAL, REBEKAH FOOD 99.00

**Total School Lunch Fund: 4,520.04**

BELLE FOURCHE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK ENTRY FEE 290.00, BISON FOOD MARKET FOOD 9.84, ELKS GOLF COURSE GOLF ENTRY FEE 70.00, LAKE WAGGONER GOLF COURSE GOLF ENTRY FEE 100.00, LEMMON SCHOOL TRACK ENTRY FEE 200.00, NEWELL GOLF COURSE GOLF ENTRY FEE 160.00, PETTY CASH POSTAGE 45.22, SCHOOL LUNCH FUND ACADEMIC OLYMPICS MEALS 95.00, SD DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVE FINGERPRINTS 43.25, WALL SCHOOL DISTRICT GOLF ENTRY FEE 60.00

**Total Imprest Fund: 1,073.31**

ANDERSON'S PROM SUPPLIES 719.99, COCA COLA BOTTLING CO CONCESSION SUPPLIES 116.60, COLLINS, GRACEE STUDENT COUNCIL SUPPLIES 61.09, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 1,942.93, DISTRICT V FFA

DISTRICT CDES 521.00, DJ C-LO ENTERTAINMENT PROM DJ 1,500.00, HAMPTON INN-BROOKINGS STATE FFA HOTEL 4,071.00, LAZY SPURR STUDENT COUNCIL SUPPER 108.75, LEMMON IGA FCCLA SUPPLIES 97.35, MIDWEST ELITE BASKETBALL CAMP DEPOSIT 100.00, MOBRIDGE CANDY COMPANY CONCESSION SUPPLIES 229.61, NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION BANQUET SUPPLIES 367.99, NORTHERN BOTTLING CO. CONCESSION SUPPLIES 349.00, PALMER, BRISTOL PROM SUPPLIES 221.74, SD FFA ASSOCIATION STATE FFA REGISTRATION 863.00, SOPHOMORES FCCLA SUPPLIES 233.00

**Total Custodial: 11,503.05**

Elem-\$34,746.24; Junior High-\$12,996.80; High School-\$22,206.16; Title I-\$3,498.75; Guidance-\$4,849.64; Apprenticeship-\$500.00; Library-\$2,837.84; Tech-\$3,028.83, Superintendent-\$8,600.00; Secretarial-\$3,472.36; Fiscal-\$3,750.00; Custodial-\$6,868.61; Bus Route-\$3,600.00; Co-curricular-\$4,953.48; Sped-\$6,429.95; Sped Admin-\$883.07; School Lunch-\$5,778.23

**Total Payroll for April - \$128,999.96**

#### **CONFLICT DISCLOSURE**

None

#### **SCHOOL LUNCH ADMINISTRATION REVIEW**

Tabled to next month.

#### **WELLNESS POLICY**

Dr. Shipley reported that during the school lunch reviews it was noted that the Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition Policy must be updated. Chris Veal volunteered to be the school board representative. Meeting date will be May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Public will be informed via the school website, Facebook page, newspaper, flyer to parents and morning announcements.

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Julia Brixey presented the changes to the plan.

**151.** Motion by Lemer second by Besler to approve the 2025-2026 special education comprehensive plan as presented. **Motion carried.**

#### **OLD ELEMENTARY BUILDING**

Progress continues with the wall removal in the old elementary building. Discussion followed about what the building will be used for. Several families were present to request space for AAU wrestling. It was requested that the building committee come back with a recommendation.

#### **BUILDING UPDATE**

The decision was made last fall to obtain property insurance quotes. We were just notified that other companies will not cover our facility due to the condition of the old elementary building. If renovations were made this could change in the future. We will be keeping our coverage with ASBSD.

Stage curtains - insurance company performed a risk assessment and our curtains are outdated for fire protection. Dr. Shipley has received one quote \$9,100 to replace, additional quotes will be obtained. Discussion followed about the possibility of treating the curtains instead of replacing.

Gym painting will start next week, drainage project will start in June and the roofing project will start in July.

Summer clean-up will try to get as much accomplished in June due to the retirement of the head custodian.

HVAC system - Dr. Shipley and Shiloh Lorus reported that each thermostat has a separate MAC address and when thermostats get moved around, they are not getting set properly for the new location. Shiloh has been working with Star Control to get these issues corrected.

#### **APPROVE CONTRACTS**

**152.** Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the contract of Scott Riley as ½ assistant golf coach \$1,095.06 for the 2024-2025 school year. **Motion carried.**

Jeffrey Johnson will receive the other half of the assistant golf contract per the negotiated agreement.

153. Motion by Lemer second by Besler to approve all certified staff contract amendments as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

154. Motion by Veal second by Keller to approve all non-certified staff contracts as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

155. Motion by Besler second by Keller to approve all bus driver contracts as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried**

156. Motion by Veal second by Keller to approve Dr. George Shipley superintendent contract amendment as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried**

157. Motion by Besler second by Lemer to approve the contract of Grant Cotton as 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in the amount of \$45,600.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

#### **SWIMMING BUS**

Thompson reported that the swimming bus will run June 16 to 27. In the past the school has provided the bus and driver and the town has reimbursed the school for the driver wages plus \$2,000.

158. Motion by Lemer second by Veal no changes to the contract with the Town of Bison. **Motion carried.**

#### **TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR CONTRACT DISCUSSION**

159. Motion by Veal second by Besler to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (4) negotiations. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 8:25 pm and back in regular session at 8:50 pm.

160. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to offer a contract in the amount of \$32,500.00 to Shiloh Lorus for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

#### **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CONTRACT DISCUSSION**

161. Motion by Keller second by Besler to increase the athletic director salary to \$10,630 and split the contract 70% to Laura Holmes (\$7,441.00) and 30% to Kalin Chapman (\$3,189.00) for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

#### **BUSINESS MANAGER CONTRACT DISCUSSION**

162. Motion by Keller second by Veal to offer a contract in the amount of \$46,500.00 to Angela Thompson for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

#### **TITLE VI CERTIFICATION**

Dr. Shipley reported that the SD Department of Education requested a certification of compliance with Title VI, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin. Certification has been filed and the school is in compliance.

#### **SDHSAA BALLOTS AND AMENDMENTS**

163. Motion by Veal second by Keller to vote for Billy Clanton SDHSAA Small School Board of Education Representative. **Motion Carried.**

164. Motion by Veal second by Besler to vote for Brittney Eide SDHSAA East River At-Large Representative. **Motion Carried.**

165. Motion by Besler second by Veal to vote for Jordan Bauer SDHSAA District I Representative. **Motion Carried.**

166. Motion by Veal second by Keller to vote for Jeff Sheehan SDHSAA District III Representative. **Motion Carried.**

167. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to vote yes on Amendment 1, SDHSAA By-Laws. **Motion Carried.**

168. Motion by Keller second by Besler to vote yes on Amendment 2, SDHSAA By-Laws. **Motion Carried.**

169. Motion by Veal second by Keller to vote yes on Amendment 3, SDHSAA By-Laws. **Motion Carried.**

170. Motion by Lemer second by Besler to vote yes on Amendment 4, SDHSAA By-Laws. **Motion Carried.**

171. Motion by Veal second by Besler to vote yes on Amendment 5, SDHSAA By-Laws. **Motion Carried.**

#### **2025-2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Thompson walked the board through the preliminary budget for the upcoming school year and discussed changes that were made.

#### **SET BUDGET HEARING DATE**

172. Motion by Besler second by Lemer to set the budget hearing date and time as July 14, 2025 at 8:00 pm. **Motion carried.**

#### **2024-2025 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

173. Motion by Veal second by Keller to approve the quote from Cahill Bauer and Associates LLC in the amount of \$14,375 for the 2024-2025 audit. **Motion carried.**

#### **HANDS ON HEALTH CONTRACT**

174. Motion by Veal second by Keller to approve the contract with Hands on Health for physical therapy services for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per hour plus mileage. **Motion carried.**

#### **NWAS REPORT**

Veal gave a short report.

#### **BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT**

None

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

April attendance 94%

Student survey results  
State testing results  
High school improvement

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

175. Motion by Keller second by Veal to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel and (3) legal. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 9:58 pm and back in regular session at 10:12 pm.

176. Motion by Veal second by Keller to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 pm. **Motion carried.**

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Mike Stadler, Chairman

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Angela Thompson, Business Manager

<b>Attachment A</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>IMPACT AID</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>IMPREST</b>	<b>CUSTODIAL</b>
Cash on Hand 4-01-2025	\$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
Receipts:							
Local Sources:							
Taxes	\$71,966.11	\$70,753.84	\$14,843.71				
Interest	\$1,991.28	\$2,057.95	\$974.05				
Food Service					\$4,907.50		
Other	\$706.41		\$235.47			\$1,351.77	\$1,426.55
State Sources:							
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	\$56,157.95						
Federal Sources:							
Grants-in-Aid	\$16,447.80				\$2,342.54		
Total Receipts	\$147,269.55	\$72,811.79	\$16,053.23	\$0.00	\$7,250.04	\$1,351.77	\$1,426.55
Total Disbursements	\$162,707.17	\$5,973.38	\$9,728.46	\$0.00	\$8,105.88	\$1,073.31	\$11,503.05
Cash on Hand 4-30-2025	\$29,747.00	\$1,009.15	\$4,609.86	\$0.00	(\$15,502.75)	\$4,426.69	\$68,936.21
Invested In Securities	\$283,917.18	\$749,250.26	\$319,263.20	\$324,104.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Oscar Smith Scholarship Fund</b>							
Cash on Hand 4-1-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$331,222.65						
Interest Income	\$1,082.50						
Cash on Hand 4-30-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$332,305.15						