

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

**DATE:** November 10, 2025 **TIME HELD:** 7:00 p.m. **KIND OF MEETING:** Regular **WHERE HELD:** Board Room  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lemer, Ryen, Sandgren, Stadler, Veal **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None **OFFICERS AND OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Dr. George Shipley Jr, Business Manager Angela Thompson, Heidi Kopren, Kalin Chapman, Arliss Seim

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

53. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the consent agenda with the following addition 7a weight room and gym waiver, the minutes of the October 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, and the financial reports. A copy of the October 2025 financial reports as approved is attached under Attachment "A" and made a part of these minutes. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**CONFLICT DISCLOSURE**

None

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

54. Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to approve the claims listed below. **Motion carried.**

BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL/REPAIRS 3,639.32, BISON IMPLEMENT REPAIRS 1,295.19, BLACK HILLS RAPTOR CENTER RAPTOR PROGRAM 319.60, BROOKLYN PUBLISHERS LLC SUPPLIES 29.50, BURKHALTER, BRAD MEALS 74.00, CHAPMAN'S ELECTRONICS RENTAL/REPAIRS 447.50, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES/FUEL 2,265.42, DAKOTA FEED LLC SUPPLIES 22.50, FAIT LLC ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING 246.45, GRAND ELECTRIC ELECTRICITY 2,806.00, HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL VB REGIONAL LOSS 581.90, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS SUPPLIES 34.00, HUDL SUBSCRIPTION 1,650.00, IMPREST ACCOUNT REIMBURSE 3,291.32, K & R AUTO BODY REPAIRS 854.86, LEMMON IGA SUPPLIES 10.77, NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY DISTANCE LEARNING FEES 257.73, NORTHWEST RANCH AND FARM SUPPLY SUPPLIES 20.98, RAPID FIRE PROTECTION FIRE ALARM MONITORING 540.00, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 144.36, STATE LINE DESIGNS SUPPLIES 685.00, TENNANT'S AUTO CENTER REPAIRS 536.70, TOWN OF BISON UTILITIES 325.98, WEST RIVER COOP TEL TELEPHONE 450.24, WEST RIVER HEALTH SERVICES PHYSICAL 110.00

**OFFICIAL FEES:**

ACOSTA, JANICE 242.50, ANDERSON, CHET 30.00, ANDERSON, GRETA 60.00, ARTHUR, ANDREW 85.00, ARTHUR, COBY 60.00, BECKMAN, JAREN 30.00, BESLER, COLT 30.00, BESLER, WILL 30.00, BRIXEY, JAMES 60.00, BRIXEY, JULIA 345.00, CHAPMAN, BEAU 80.00, CHAPMAN, KALIN 30.00, CHAPMAN, KIRBY 40.00, CLANTON, BILLY 50.00, COLLINS, GRACEE 82.50, COLLINS, HEIDI 324.70, COLLINS, ROSS 27.50, COLLINS, TRACY 27.50, COTTON, GRANT 68.75, GREEN, VIRGINIA 200.00, HATHAWAY, BRADY 55.00, HENDRICKSON, CHEYENNE 40.00, HEPPEP, JAMIE 60.00, HOLMES, KERRY 170.00, JOHNSON, COLETTE 140.00, KAHLER, DARLA 27.50, KOLB, CHRISTY 68.75, KOPREN, WADE 30.00, LAMORENO, NATHANIEL 242.50, NELSON, GAVIN 60.00, RILEY, SCOTT 30.00, RYEN, CHRISTI 175.00, SANDER, ERIC 30.00, SEIDEL, KAHLEA 240.00, SIBAG, NESTLE 302.50, SIMONS, MISTY 40.00, STADLER, KYLE 60.00, STADLER, MIKE 60.00, THOMPSON, ANGIE 467.50, THOMPSON, WHITNEY 340.00, VANDERPOOL, BRIDGET 40.00

**Total General Fund: 25,221.52**

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS COPIER LEASE 759.95, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD RETURN TABLES (1,920.03), HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS VACCUM CLEANER 809.21, MIRACLE RECREATION PLAYGROUND EQUIP 1,794.30

**Total Capital Outlay Fund: 1,443.43**

BERNSTEIN, MCKENNA MILEAGE 26.60, DREISKE THERAPY LLC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 688.40, HANDS ON HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPY 377.70

**Total Special Education Fund: 1,092.70**

CHILD & ADULT NUTRITION SERVIC FOOD 385.34, LEMMON IGA FOOD 274.74, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND FOOD 3,453.95

**Total School Lunch Fund: 4,114.03**

BEACH HIGH SCHOOL VB ENTRY FEE 150.00, BECKMAN, JENNY VB OFFICIAL 468.93, BROOKS, CHAD FB OFFICIAL 224.20, DERSCHAN, ADAM VB OFFICIAL 140.00, DERSCHAN, SHYLA VB OFFICIAL 246.84, DROLC, ZETA VB OFFICIAL 180.11, GETTYSBURG HIGH SCHOOL CC ENTRY FEE 30.00, HENWOOD, JEREMY FB OFFICIAL 194.28, LILHORNS ELEM GBB ENTRY FEE 100.00, NESS, ADAM FB OFFICIAL 194.28, PHILIP SCHOOL DISTRICT REGION CC FEE 157.60, PIEKKOLA, JO VB OFFICIAL 469.60, SCHMIDT, RANDY FB OFFICIAL 194.28, SD DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVE FINGERPRINTS 100.00, TOBAR, JUSTO FB OFFICIAL 322.20, UPPER MISSOURI REGION STUCO DUES 119.00

**Total Imprest Fund: 3,291.32**

BAYSINGER, BRANDI SUPPLIES 59.00, BERNATELLO'S PIZZAS 3,843.00, COCA COLA BOTTLING CO SUPPLIES 186.20, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 387.77, DISTRICT 8 FFA FEE 40.00, FLOWER BOX, THE SUPPLIES 218.83, KEFFELER KREATIONS FLOWERS 42.48, KRAZY S APPAREL 722.04, LAZY SPURR PIZZA & GIFT CARDS 240.91, LEMMON IGA SUPPLIES 25.96, MOBRIDGE CANDY COMPANY SUPPLIES 874.41, NORTHERN BOTTLING CO. SUPPLIES 636.10, SD FFA ASSOCIATION DUES 335.00, STUCO TO SOPHMORES FAN OF THE GAME 17.00, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND SUPPLIES 446.06

**Total Custodial: 8,074.76**

Elem-\$31,340.52; Junior High-\$12,104.48; High School-\$26,483.44; Title I \$3,910.43, Guidance-\$4,974.64; Library-\$2,900.34; Tech-\$2,708.33, Superintendent-\$8,725.00; Secretarial-\$3,389.46 Fiscal-\$3,875.00; Custodial-\$6,633.07; Bus Route-\$3,530.26; Co-curricular-\$13,397.79; Sped-\$11,046.60, Sped Admin-\$895.57; School Lunch-\$6,096.38

**Total Payroll for October - \$142,011.31**

#### **BUILDING AND VEHICLE UPDATE**

White van total cost to repair \$7,200, school will pay the \$2,500 insurance deductible, and insurance will pay the rest. K&R Auto in Lemmon will complete the repairs.

Route Bus #3 total cost to repair \$7,900, school will pay the \$2,500 insurance deductible, and insurance will pay the rest. J&J Auto in Rapid City will complete the repairs.

#### **WEIGHT ROOM AND GYM WAIVER**

Dr. Shipley presented a new parent waiver for the weight room and gymnasium for 16- and 17-year-old students. Parents would accept all responsibilities and liabilities associated with their child use of the facilities. Dr. Shipley talked with the school attorney and insurance company and it will not impact our insurance. The student's family must have a gym membership. Discussion followed. Board requested to add that two people must be in the weight room during use for students.

**55. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the waiver form with the discussed changes. Motion carried.**

#### **SCHOOL ATTORNEY**

Dr. Shipley reported that Sam Kerr is retiring. Lynn, Jackson, Schultz & Lebrun, P.C. has sold their K-12 education law practice to Cutler Law Firm, LLP in Sioux Falls, SD. Our options are to transfer to Cutler Law, have our files sent to us, or transferred to another attorney. Discussion followed. Board requested more information on what other schools are doing around us before deciding, table to next month. Rodney Freemam will be contacted if needed until a decision is made.

#### **REDUCTION IN FORCE**

**56. Motion by Lemer second by Sandgren to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss (1) personnel. Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 7:35 pm and back in regular session at 8:32 pm.

**57. Motion by Veal second by Lemer due to anticipated budget constraints, the Bison School Board will be reviewing proposed budget cuts for the upcoming fiscal year beginning at its next board meeting. The board's intention to pursue budget cuts for the 2026-2027 school year will be communicated to the Bison Education Association pursuant to the Negotiated Agreement for any input/recommendations relative to Bison School District employees subject to that agreement. Motion carried.**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION FORM**

Thompson presented two form options for the superintendent evaluation. Evaluation will be discussed at the December board meeting.

58. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to use the ASBSD form. **Motion carried.**

**NWAS REPORT CHRIS VEAL**

Discussion about the continuation of the Northwest Area Schools Educational Coop. The schools involved in the multi-district side have already voted to close. Dr. Shipley recommended that we leave the educational coop, he feels that it is not sustainable due to other schools also leaving. Dr. Shipley has been in contact with employees to fill the positions in our school and feels that we would have no issues. Discussion followed about the Maintenance of Effort requirements for special education expenditures.

**BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT**

As discussed before the school board election will be held in June. Thompson contacted the Town of Bison and decided to have a joint election with the city and not join with the county. Bison School will keep our same polling locations in Bison and Prairie City.

ASBSD zoom meeting on November 12, 2025.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

96% Attendance in October  
DOE Food Service Inspection score 96  
1<sup>st</sup> quarter honor roll  
Review of district report card results

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

59. Motion by Ryen second by Lemer to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss (3) legal. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 9:12 pm and back in regular session at 9:21 pm.

60. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 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 10-01-2025	\$16,523.40	\$7,694.05	\$702.72	\$0.00	(\$4,895.15)	\$2,467.91	\$79,404.48
Invested In Securities	\$362,262.27	\$428,712.76	\$303,191.12	\$324,378.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Receipts:							
Local Sources:							
Taxes	\$2,858.77	\$2,004.23	\$420.49				
Interest	\$2,141.90	\$1,321.07	\$933.38				
Food Service					\$5,351.25		
Cocurricular Activities	\$2,269.00						
Other	\$5,877.82					\$3,032.09	\$13,730.48
Intermediate Sources:							
County Sources:							
County Apportionment	\$958.75						
State Sources:							
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	\$39,649.00						
Federal Sources:							
Grants-in-Aid	\$32,483.01	\$14,675.00			\$2,776.31		
Sale of Surplus Property		\$1,600.00					
Total Receipts	\$86,238.25	\$19,600.30	\$1,353.87	\$0.00	\$8,127.56	\$3,032.09	\$13,730.48
Total Disbursements	\$181,378.39	\$29,999.60	\$14,894.77	\$0.00	\$11,622.41	\$3,291.32	\$8,074.76
Cash on Hand 10-31-2025	\$28,269.36	\$2,294.45	\$1,807.95	\$0.00	(\$8,390.00)	\$2,208.68	\$85,060.20
Invested In Securities	\$255,376.17	\$423,713.06	\$288,544.99	\$324,378.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Oscar Smith Scholarship Fund</b>							
Cash on Hand 10-1-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$338,139.32						
Interest Income	\$1,138.88						
Cash on Hand 10-31-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$339,278.20						