

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

**DATE:** December 8, 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, Bristol Palmer, Julia Brixey, Laura Holmes, Arla Kopren

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

61. Motion by Ryen second by Lemer to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, and the financial reports. A copy of the November 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**

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

ADMINPARTNERS DOCUMENT FEE 100.00, B & C PLUMBING & HEATING LLC REPAIRS 694.87, BAYSINGER, BRANDI SUPPLIES 14.00, BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL 1,281.94, BISON IMPLEMENT REPAIRS 354.44, CHILDREN'S HEALTH MARKET, THE WORKBOOKS/SUBSCRIPTIONS 483.00, CHURCHILL, MANOLIS, FREEMAN, KLUFT & BURNS LLP LEGAL SERVICES 437.75, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD FUEL/SUPPLIES 539.64, FAIT LLC ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING 271.46, G & O PAPER SUPPLIES 988.95, GRAND ELECTRIC ELECTRICITY 2,627.00, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS SUPPLIES 782.76, IMPREST ACCOUNT IMPREST REIMBURSE 911.27, KAHLER, DARLA REIMBURSE SUBSCRIPTION 152.93, MY PLACE HOTEL - WATERTOWN STATE ORAL INTERP HOTEL 192.92, OLSON PROPANE PROPANE 3,357.95, RUNNINGS SUPPLIES 48.81, SEFFROOD, JENNIFER STATE ORAL INTERP MEALS 54.00, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 158.36, THOMAS BRAUN BERNARD & BURKE LLP LEGAL SERVICES 6,923.00, TOWN OF BISON WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE 315.84, WEST RIVER COOP TEL TELEPHONE 469.31

**Total General Fund: 21,160.20**

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS COPIER LEASE 759.95

**Total Capital Outlay Fund: 759.95**

BERNSTEIN, MCKENNA MILEAGE PAID TO PARENTS 53.20, BISON EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION TUITION 575.00, BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL 32.47, DREISKE THERAPY LLC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 821.50, HANDS ON HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPY 148.95

**Total Special Education Fund: 1,631.12**

BISON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOD 498.00, CHILD & ADULT NUTRITION SERVIC FOOD 960.31, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND FOOD 2,169.49, UTTER, VIRGINIA FOOD 45.98, VEAL, REBEKAH FOOD 117.50

**Total School Lunch Fund: 3,791.28**

BISON FOOD MARKET SUPPLIES 32.98, FAITH SCHOOL ENTRY FEE 70.00, GETTYSBURG HIGH SCHOOL ENTRY FEE 151.29, PETTY CASH SUMMER READING PRIZES 180.00, RAMKOTA INN-PIERRE HOTEL 448.00, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE POSTAGE 29.00

**Total Imprest Fund: 911.27**

COCA COLA BOTTLING CO SUPPLIES 187.50, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 500.11, HUDL SUBSCRIPTION 1,650.00, LEMMON IGA SUPPLIES 190.12, NORTHERN BOTTLING CO. SUPPLIES 148.30, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND SUPPLIES 291.60, WE HELP TWO SUPPLIES 665.06

**Total Custodial: 3,632.69**

Elem-\$30,507.91; Junior High-\$12,114.98; High School-\$26,210.08; Title I \$4,304.98, Guidance-\$4,974.64; Library-\$2,900.34; Tech-\$2,708.33, Superintendent-\$8,725.00; Secretarial-\$3,459.04

Fiscal-\$3,875.00; Custodial-\$2,691.19; Bus Route-\$3,939.75; Co-curricular- \$9,079.70; Sped-\$11,056.89, Sped Admin-\$895.57; School Lunch-\$4,917.43

**Total Payroll for November - \$132,360.83**

#### **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR PRESENTATION**

Luara Holmes gave an update on fall and winter sports.

Holmes reported that our students have been invited to help with broadcasting the boys state basketball tournament in Aberdeen this year. She will be conducting interviews for student selection.

Holmes requested that she be reimbursed for her meals during the event. Request granted.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION**

63. Motion by Veal 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 7:12 pm and back in regular session at 7:30 pm.

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

64. Motion by Ryen second by Lemer to accept the resignation/retirement of Dr. George Shipley Jr, superintendent, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

65. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to accept the resignation of Bristol Palmer, secretary, effective January 8, 2026. **Motion carried.**

66. Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to accept the resignation of Sandy Shipley, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

67. Motion by Lemer second by Sandgren to accept the resignation of Bridget Vanderpool, K-12 music teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

68. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to accept the resignation of Joyce Waddell, librarian, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

The board thanked all staff for their years of service to the district.

#### **REDUCTION IN FORCE**

69. Motion by Veal second by Lemer 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 7:40 pm and back in regular session at 8:14 pm.

There will not be a reduction in force based on the resignations that were received.

#### **LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION**

James Sandgren received an anonymous letter bringing attention to books that are in our library that he would like to have reviewed for proper content for our students. Discussion followed.

A committee of Sandgren and Stadler will contact Mrs. Waddell.

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

Route bus #3 and white van we are still waiting for parts to arrive for repairs. Hoping to have the repairs done over Christmas break.

#### **SUPRLUS PROPERTY**

Thompson presented a listing of items for surplus.

70. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to approve the list presented. **Motion carried.**

#### **Resolution #2026-4**

**IN AS MUCH AS**, the following items listed below is deemed no longer necessary or suitable for school use and will be disposed of.

Office Chair  
3 Vacuum Cleaners

#### **CONTRACT APPROVALS**

71. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to approve the following contracts: Beau Chapman 2/3 Elementary Boys Basketball \$730.04, Laura Holmes 1/3 Elementary Boys Basketball \$365.02, Kristen Seidel Junior High Girls Basketball \$1,142.67, and Khayen Vanderpool Co-op Wrestling \$3,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

#### **SCHOOL ATTORNEY**

Dr. Shipley reported that he spoke with a couple law firms and he recommends that the we go with Cutler Law Firm based in Sioux Falls that was suggested by Sam Kerr.

72. Motion by Ryen second by Sandgren to transfer legal service to Nichole Mohning with Cutler Law Firm, LLP. **Motion carried.**

#### **CHEMISTRY 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR WAIVER**

73. Motion by Ryen second by Veal to approve a waiver request for Virginia Green. **Motion carried.**

74. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to approve a waiver request for Patrick Dinkins. **Motion carried.**

75. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to approve a waiver request for Janice Acosta. **Motion carried.**

#### **ART 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR WAIVER**

Included above.

#### **BOARD RETREAT DATE**

Board retreat will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - JAMES SANDGREN**

Sandgren attended the ASBSD Delegate Assembly on November 21<sup>st</sup> in Pierre. Update on possible upcoming legislative issues.

#### **NWAS REPORT CHRIS VEAL**

Discussion about the continuation of the Northwest Area Schools Educational Coop. Dr. Shipley recommended that we leave the educational coop, he feels that it is not sustainable due to other schools also leaving. Maintenance of effort requirements for special education expenditures were discussed.

#### **NWAS EDUCATIONAL COOP**

76. Motion by Veal second by Ryen to leave the Northwest Area Schools Educational Cooperative. **Motion carried.**

#### **BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT**

Notice of school board election vacancy will be published December 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Petitions begin February 2<sup>nd</sup> and must be turned in on or before March 24<sup>th</sup>. Two positions open this year currently held by Mike Stadler and Chris Veal.

ASBSD is looking for board members or administrators to be appointed to the Legislative Action Network. JD Ryen appointed as representative.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

96% Attendance in November  
Governor proposal of 0% state aid increase  
Legislative topics that could affect the district

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

77. Motion by Veal second by Ryen to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss (1) personnel and(3) legal. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 9:38 pm and back in regular session at 10:00 pm.

78. Motion by Ryen second by Lemer to contract with Dakota Education Consulting, Tom Oster, for the superintendent search. **Motion carried.**

79. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 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 11-01-2025	\$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
Receipts:							
Local Sources:							
Taxes	\$234,849.45	\$244,446.68	\$51,286.33				
Interest	\$1,989.35	\$1,200.37	\$860.29				
Food Service					\$6,139.57		
Other						\$3,291.32	\$2,516.46
Intermediate Sources:							
County Sources:							
County Apportionment	\$510.06						
State Sources:							
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	\$40,024.00						
Federal Sources:							
Grants-in-Aid	\$6,761.47			\$17,595.00	\$2,930.60		
Comp for Loss of Asset		\$9,789.57					
Total Receipts	\$284,134.33	\$255,436.62	\$52,146.62	\$17,595.00	\$9,070.17	\$3,291.32	\$2,516.46
Total Disbursements	\$160,579.15	\$1,443.43	\$14,960.95	\$0.00	\$8,182.70	\$911.27	\$3,632.69
Cash on Hand 11-30-2025	\$19,319.37	\$851.02	\$847.00	\$0.00	(\$7,502.53)	\$4,588.73	\$83,943.97
Invested In Securities	\$387,881.34	\$679,149.68	\$326,691.61	\$341,973.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Oscar Smith Scholarship Fund</b>							
Cash on Hand 11-1-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$339,278.20						
Interest Income	\$932.19						
Cash on Hand 11-30-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$340,210.39						