

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

DATE: January 7, 2026 **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, Heidi Collins

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

CONSENT AGENDA

80. Motion by Ryen second by Veal to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the December 8th regular meeting, and the financial reports. A copy of the December 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

81. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to approve the claims listed below. **Motion carried.**

ACOSTA, CODY PARENT MILEAGE 3,297.18, AGUILERA, FRANK PARENT MILEAGE 231.80, ANDERSON, GRETA OFFICIAL FEE 60.00, ARCHIBALD, MARLA PARENT MILEAGE 464.20, ARTHUR, COBY OFFICIAL FEE 180.00, ARTHUR, COLT OFFICIAL FEE 60.00, ASBSD WEBINAR 50.00, BESLER, LILA OFFICIAL FEE 100.00, BISON GRAIN CO. REPAIRS/FUEL 1,236.76, BISON IMPLEMENT REPAIRS 145.73, BRIXEY, JULIA OFFICIAL FEE 180.00, BURKHALTER, BRAD MILEAGE & MEAL 238.00, CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY SUPPLIES 265.54, CNA SURETY BOND 100.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES/FUEL 427.92, ENGLE, KATHLEEN MENTOR 5,956.70, FAIT LLC ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING 282.49, GRAND ELECTRIC ELECTRICITY 2,940.00, HEPPER, JAMIE OFFICIAL FEE 120.00, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS SUPPLIES 420.15, HOLMES, KAMDEN OFFICIAL FEE 210.00, HOLMES, KERRY OFFICIAL FEE 105.00, IMPREST ACCOUNT REIMBURSE 3,372.03, JOHNSON, MATTHEW OFFICIAL FEE 240.00, KAHLER, DARLA REIMBURSE FOR BOOKS 48.65, KELLER, BRIDGET PARENT MILEAGE 477.87, KOPREN, WADE OFFICIAL FEE 180.00, LEMER, MYRON PARENT MILEAGE 843.46, OLIVER, DEREK OFFICIAL FEE 150.00, OLSON PROPANE PROPANE 1,730.65, RYEN, CHRISTI PARENT MILEAGE 685.59, RYEN, JD BOARD MILEAGE 263.04, SANDGREN, JAMES BOARD TRAVEL 252.00, SCHECHER, BROOKE PARENT MILEAGE 599.08, SD DEPT OF HEALTH CONTRACT 687.50, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 72.18, SIMONS, BRENT OFFICIAL FEE 90.00, SIMONS, MISTY OFFICIAL FEE 245.00, STADLER, KYLE OFFICIAL FEE 210.00, STAPLES SUPPLIES 521.97, STREAMLINE PLUMBING REPAIRS 443.05, THOMAS BRAUN BERNARD & BURKE LLP LEGAL SERVICES 210.00, TOWN OF BISON WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE 311.65, TRINITY ELECTRICAL WORKS REPAIRS 141.02, VANDERPOOL, BRIDGET PARENT MILEAGE 599.49, VEAL, CHRIS BOARD MILEAGE 166.18, WEST RIVER COOP TEL TELEPHONE 464.29

Total General Fund: 30,076.17

ACOSTA, CODY PARENT MILEAGE 581.86, ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS COPIER LEASE 759.95, AGUILERA, FRANK PARENT MILEAGE 40.90, ARCHIBALD, MARLA PARENT MILEAGE 81.92, BSN SPORTS GBB UNIFORMS 4,872.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD TABLES 2,044.21, DACOTAH BANK LOAN PAYMENT 111,758.59, K & R AUTO BODY WHITE VAN REPAIRS 6,857.57, KELLER, BRIDGET PARENT MILEAGE 84.33, LEMER, MYRON PARENT MILEAGE 134.34, RYEN, CHRISTI PARENT MILEAGE 120.99, SCHECHER, BROOKE PARENT MILEAGE 105.72, VANDERPOOL, BRIDGET PARENT MILEAGE 105.79

Total Capital Outlay Fund: 127,548.17

BERNSTEIN, MCKENNA EARLY CHILDHOOD MILEAGE PAID TO PARENTS 53.20, BISON EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION PRESCHOOL TUITION 750.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 71.24, DREISKE THERAPY LLC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 747.20, HANDS ON HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPY 188.85, USD CENTER FOR DISABILITIES SPEC ED REGISTRATION FEES 160.00

Total Special Education Fund: 1,970.49

LEMMON IGA FOOD 72.18, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND FOOD 2,200.20, UTTER, VIRGINIA 9.16

Total School Lunch Fund: 2,281.54

Official Fees:

BAKKEN, DEJON 211.88, BAUMGARTEN, CHAD 170.00, DAUWEN, TODD 170.00, DIRK, BRENT 340.00, DSCHAAK, ETHAN 200.00, GOLDSMITH, CHRIS 424.26, HENWOOD, JEREMY 604.53, LADSON, TRAVIS 260.00, MALLIOUX, SHANE 40.00, REEDE, SCOTT 170.00, SCHOOF, ALEC 200.00, WAGENDORF, JOHN 170.00, WEYER, ZACH 200.00

LILHORNS ELEM BBB ENTRY FEE 50.00, TIMBER LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT REGIONAL ORAL INTERP FEE 161.36

Total Imprest Fund: 3,372.03

COCA COLA BOTTLING CO SUPPLIES 477.50, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES 652.54, KRAZY S GBB WARMUPS 468.98, LEMMON IGA SUPPLIES 120.99, MINNTEX FRUIT FFA FRUIT 9,058.82, MOBRIDGE CANDY COMPANY SUPPLIES 1,064.12, NORTHERN BOTTLING CO. SUPPLIES 717.10, RYEN, CHRISTI DIAMOND S MEATS REIMBURSE 1,035.00, SEIDEL, KAHLEA GBB LOGO FOR WARMUP 70.00, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND SUPPLIES 179.88

Total Custodial: 13,844.93

Elem-\$29,352.91; Junior High-\$12,101.78; High School-\$26,498.61; Title I \$3,817.86, Guidance-\$4,974.64; Library-\$2,900.34; Tech-\$2,708.33, Board-\$1,550.00; Superintendent-\$8,725.00; Secretarial-\$3,397.26 Fiscal-\$3,875.00; Custodial-\$3,782.00; Bus Route-\$3,708.01; Co-curricular-\$5,550.08; Sped-\$10,817.77, Sped Admin-\$895.57; School Lunch-\$4,784.96

Total Payroll for December - \$129,440.12

NWEA MAP TESTING RESULTS

Heidi Collins was present to report on the MAPS (Measures of Academic Progress) winter benchmark results. The following chart compares our students to the national average.

	Math	Reading	Language Usage
Fall 2025	63%	49%	62%
Winter 2025	71%	55%	65%

Students in Bison Elementary have grown in each of the three tested subjects, aligning them for a greater chance of success on the state assessment in the spring.

NWEA sets a projected growth for each student individually. The following chart shows the percentage of students that have met or exceeded their projected growth.

	Math	Reading	Language Usage
Projected Growth Met	69%	65%	76%

BUILDING AND VEHICLE UPDATE

White van repairs have been completed. Bus #3 is in Rapid City and hoping to be able to pick up next week.

CONTRACT APPROVALS

82. Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to approve the contract of Laura Homes as K-12 Administrative Assistant in the amount of \$19.00 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

83. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to approve the contract of Heidi Collins as Title I Teacher for the second semester in the amount of \$24,779.52 for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

84. Motion by Lemer second by Ryen to approve the contract of Abigail Hulm as 2nd Grade Teacher for the second semester in the amount of \$24,779.52 for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

85. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to approve the following contracts: Julia Brixey Academic Olympics Advisor \$396.06; Alisa Costello, Grant Cotton and Virginia Green History Day Advisors 396.06 per competition; Virginia Green Yearbook \$1,520.59 and Quiz Bowl Advisor \$396.06; and Justin Seim Junior High Boys Basketball Coach \$1,142.67 for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

BOARD RETREAT DATE

Due to scheduling conflict, the board retreat will need to be moved.

Tabled to the February meeting.

SET SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DATE & TIME

Thompson reported that there are two three-year terms open this year, positions currently held by Mike Stadler and Chris Veal.

86. Motion by Ryen second by Veal to set the annual school election on June 2nd, 2026 to be held in conjunction with the city election; polls to be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm; polling places to be in Prairie City and Bison; election workers to be designated at a later meeting. **Motion carried.**

NWAS REPORT CHRIS VEAL

Veal reported on the process of dissolution for the Coop.

RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE NWAS ED COOP

87. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to approve bond resolution 2026-5. **Motion carried.**

Resolution #2026-5

Be it hereby resolved that the Bison School District does hereby vote to dissolve the NWAS Ed. Coop (Special Education side of NWAS) effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school fiscal year.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

Thompson informed the board of the current interest rates on the investment with SDFIT.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

95% Attendance in December
2nd Quarter Honor Roll
Review of the current class schedule and students per class

EXECUTIVE SESSION

88. Motion by Lemer second by Sandgren 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 7:48 pm and back in regular session at 8:40 pm.

89. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 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 12-01-2025	\$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
Receipts:							
Local Sources:							
Taxes	\$55,710.53	\$60,304.03	\$12,651.57				
Interest	\$1,764.56	\$1,951.89	\$862.06				
Food Service					\$3,757.50		
Cocurricular Activities	\$1,701.00						
Other						\$911.27	\$15,926.72
Intermediate Sources:							
County Sources:							
County Apportionment	\$830.68						
State Sources:							
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	\$40,023.00						
Federal Sources:							
Grants-in-Aid	\$292.28				\$2,106.51		
Total Receipts	\$100,322.05	\$62,255.92	\$13,513.63	\$0.00	\$5,864.01	\$911.27	\$15,926.72
Total Disbursements	\$152,295.01	\$759.95	\$15,242.01	\$0.00	\$9,040.56	\$3,372.03	\$13,844.93
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$43,020.59	\$91.07	\$604.99	\$0.00	(\$10,679.08)	\$2,127.97	\$86,025.76
Invested In Securities	\$312,207.16	\$741,405.60	\$325,205.24	\$341,973.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oscar Smith Scholarship Fund							
Cash on Hand 12-1-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$340,210.39						
Interest Income	\$989.28						
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$341,199.67						