

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

DATE: February 9, 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, Arla Kopren, Christy Kolb, Arlis Seim, Eliza Loughlin

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

CONSENT AGENDA

097. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the consent agenda with the following addition 15a Continuous Improvement Plan, the minutes of the January 7th regular meeting, January 21st special meeting, January 28th special meeting, and the financial reports. A copy of the January 2026 financial reports as approved is attached under Attachment "A" and made a part of these minutes. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC FORUM

Thompson read an executive proclamation from the office of the Governor for 2026 School Board Recognition Week. Thank you to our board members for your service.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE

None

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

BEST WESTERN-RAPID HOTEL 98.00, BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL 1,736.58, BISON IMPLEMENT REPAIRS 120.72, BSN SPORTS SUPPLIES 44.94, CAREER SAFE OSHA TRAINING 70.00, COMFORT SUITES BROOKINGS HOTEL 448.00, CORE EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE DISTANCE LEARNING FEES 2,600.00, DACOTAH BANK SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENT 30.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES/FUEL 3,007.23, DAKOTA EDUCATION CONSULTING FEE 6,702.10, DINKINS, PATRICK SUPPLIES 127.51, FAIT LLC PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING 273.19, FOLLETT SOFTWARE LIBRARY RENEWAL 921.36, GRAND ELECTRIC ELECTRICTY 3,905.86, IMPREST ACCOUNT IMPREST REIMBURSE 4,385.34, INSPECTION SERVICE LLC INSPECTION 1,740.00, J W PEPPER & SON INC. SUPPLIES 90.50, LORIUS, SHILOH MEAL 14.00, OLSON PROPANE PROPANE 4,564.64, RYEN, CHRISTI MEALS 88.00, SCHOOL LUNCH FUND FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 112.13, SDHSAA FEE 75.00, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 179.64, SHIPLEY, GEORGE MEALS 54.00, SIBAG, NESTLE MEALS 40.00, SOUTH DAKOTA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FEES 425.00, THOMAS BRAUN BERNARD & BURKE LLP LEGAL SERVICES 420.00, TOWN OF BISON WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE 318.63, WEST RIVER COOP TEL TELEPHONE 448.85

Total General Fund: \$33,041.22

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS COPIER LEASE 759.95, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD TEXTBOOKS 176.82, J&J TRUCK AND AUTO BODY ROUTE BUS #3 REPAIRS 7,074.94, SHIPLEY, GEORGE GE WASHER & DRYER 700.00

Total Capital Outlay Fund: \$8,711.71

BISON EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION PRESCHOOL TUITION 375.00, DREISKE THERAPY LLC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 642.65, HANDS ON HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPY 39.90, NORTHWEST AREA SCHOOLS SPED SERVICES 30,485.00

Total Special Education Fund: \$31,542.55

BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL 14.78, CHILD & ADULT NUTRITION SERVIC FOOD 265.13, COLLINS, TRACY BEEF 981.00, LEMMON IGA FOOD 84.13, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND FOOD 3,755.34, UTTER, VIRGINIA FOOD 7.98, VEAL, REBEKAH FOOD 118.75

Total School Lunch Fund: \$5,227.11

Official Fees:

BAKKEN, DEJON 453.76, BAUMGARTEN, CHAD 383.81, BEER, KENNETH 200.00, CHRISITANSON, CHRISTIAN 256.40, DEMENT-OSBORN, GENEVIEVE 360.00, RAHN, MARCY 200.00, REAUSAW, BRENT 342.40, REEDE, SCOTT 200.00, WAGENDORF, JOHN 370.00

BISON FOOD MARKET FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 23.65, REGION 1 FCCLA REGION REGISTRATION FEE 262.50, SD ASS'N OF AG EDUCATORS REGISTRSTION FEE 190.00, SD DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVE FINGERPRINTS 50.00, SDCA REGISTRATION FEE 225.00, SDMEA ELEMENTARY FESTIVAL CHOIR 560.00, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 229.82, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE POSTAGE 78.00

Total Imprest Fund: \$4,385.34

COCA COLA BOTTLING CO CONCESSION SUPPLIES 600.20, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES/FFA EXPENSES 288.87, MOBRIDGE CANDY COMPANY CONCESSION SUPPLIES 1,081.06, NORTHERN BOTTLING CO. CONCESSION SUPPLIES 207.40, PETTY CASH POST PROM 150.00, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND SUPPLIES 374.33

Total Custodial: \$2,701.86

Elem-\$32,736.45; Junior High-\$12,091.58; High School-\$26,372.27; Title I \$3,706.94; Guidance-\$4,974.64; Library-\$2,900.34; Tech-\$2,708.33; Superintendent-\$8,725.00; Secretarial-\$12,234.64; Fiscal-\$3,875.00; Custodial-\$4,281.88; Bus Route-\$3,334.51; Early Retirement-\$21,002.00; Co-curricular- \$2,637.38; Sped-\$10,847.16, Sped Admin-\$895.57; School Lunch-\$4,863.04

Total Payroll for January - \$158,186.73

2026 SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE HOUSE COMMEMORATION JOCYE WADDELL

Dr. Shipley informed the board that Mrs. Waddell was honored by the South Dakota Legislature on February 4th with a legislative commemoration recognizing her for 61 years of devotion to education. She will also be honored at the spring concert on May 7th.

LIBRARY DESIGNATION - "JOYCE WADDELL LIBRARY"

099. Motion by Lemer second by Ryen 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 7:10 pm and back in regular session at 7:20 pm.

100. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to designated the library the Joyce Waddell Library. Roll call vote: Ryen-nay, Lemer-nay, Sandgren-aye, Veal-aye, Stalder-aye. **Motion carried.**

OSCAR SMITH SCHOLARSHIP BOARD

Arla Kopren was present to request a change to the Scholarship board. The current board consists of Arla Kopren, Bonnie Crow, Barbie Serr, Joyce Matthews and Peggy Fried.

101. Motion by Ryen second by Lemer to add Beverly Kopren and remove Peggy Fried from the Oscar Smith Scholarship board. **Motion carried.**

ELIZA LOUGHLIN - MUSIC PROGRAM

Loughlin was present to discuss the possibility of offering an elementary music program for the 2026-2027 school year. She is proposing the possibility of 6 hours per week for \$10,000. The board requested more information be gathered and to report back next month.

BUILDING AND VEHICLE UPDATE

Bus #1 will be going to Lemmon next week for repairs. Van will be used to transport students.

Equinox has a small crack in the driver's side windshield and it will be replaced as soon as possible.

Inspection Service LLC was here to test the school for any mold issues with the roof. The only mold that was found was in the upper north east corner of the shop. They returned to check for asbestos in the area and non was found and the mold issue will now be cleaned up.

RESIGNATION

102. Motion by Sandgren second by Veal to accept the resignation of Alisa Costello, 6-12 special education teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

CONTRACT APPROVALS

103. Motion by Lemer second by Sandgren to approve the following contracts: Bristol Palmer ½ Prom Advisor \$464.43, Christi Ryen ½ Prom Advisor \$464.43, and Jeffrey Johnson Head Golf Coach \$3,116.62 for the 2025-2026 school year. Ryen-abstain. **Motion carried.**

104. Motion by Veal second by Ryen to approve the contract of Alisa Costello as 5th grade teacher in the amount of \$47,940.00 for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

JOB CREATION - SLPA AND LIBRARIAN

Dr. Shipley reported with the closing of Northwest Area Schools we will now need to create a job position in the school for a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA) and recommended creating a part time librarian position.

105. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to create the SLPA position for 3 days a week and a \$41,000 starting salary. **Motion carried.**

Librarian position tabled to next month.

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dr. Shipley presented the 2026-2027 school calendar which will have a start date of August 17th and end date of May 19th for students.

106. Motion by Ryen second by Sandgren to approve the calendar as presented. **Motion carried.**

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. Shipley reported that due to our accreditation review we need to have a continuous school improvement plan in place.

107. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the continuous school improvement plan as presented. **Motion carried.**

BOARD RETREAT DATE

108. Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to set the board retreat date as February 24th at 6:00 pm. **Motion carried.**

NWAS REPORT CHRIS VEAL

No report.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

School board petitions are now open and close on March 24th for the two open positions.

Thompson handed out the 2024-2025 profile report that is available on the Department of Education website.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

94% Attendance in January
Legislative update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

109. Motion by Veal 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 9:00 pm and back in regular session at 9:13 pm.

110. Motion by Sandgren second by Veal to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 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 1-01-2026	\$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
Receipts:							
Local Sources:							
Taxes	\$15,243.70	\$17,199.50	\$3,610.18				
Interest	\$1,728.11	\$1,823.43	\$864.96				
Food Service					\$1,485.10		
Cocurricular Activities	\$1,534.00						
Other	\$1,889.16		\$74.80			\$3,372.03	\$9,317.32
Intermediate Sources:							
County Sources:							
County Apportionment	\$379.32						
State Sources:							
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	\$179,124.00						
Federal Sources:							
Grants-in-Aid	\$16,475.00				\$1,461.02		
Total Receipts	\$216,373.29	\$19,022.93	\$4,549.94	\$0.00	\$2,946.12	\$3,372.03	\$9,317.32
Total Disbursements	\$192,079.60	\$127,548.17	\$15,614.18	\$0.00	\$7,910.08	\$4,385.34	\$2,701.86
Cash on Hand 1-31-2026	\$23,806.23	\$542.90	\$1,990.81	\$0.00	(\$15,643.04)	\$1,114.66	\$92,641.22
Invested In Securities	\$355,715.21	\$632,428.53	\$312,755.18	\$341,973.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oscar Smith Scholarship Fund							
Cash on Hand 1-01-2026	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$341,199.67						
Interest Income	\$551.18						
Scholarships	(\$11,000.00)						
Cash on Hand 12-31-2026	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$330,750.85						