

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

DATE: March 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, Laura Holmes, Kalin Chapman, Christy Kolb, Virginia Green, Arlis Seim,

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

CONSENT AGENDA

113. Motion by Ryen second by Veal to approve the consent agenda with the following addition 4a Executive Session - Student, the minutes of the February 9th regular meeting, February 24th special meeting, and the financial reports. A copy of the February 2026 financial reports as approved is attached under Attachment "A" and made a part of these minutes. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC FORUM

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - STUDENT

114. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss (2) student. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 7:02 pm and back in regular session at 7:39 pm.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE

None

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL 1,979.09, BISON IMPLEMENT REPAIRS 1,343.58, BL CONTRACTING SNOW REMOVAL 1,590.00, BLACK HILLS OVERHEAD DOORS REPAIRS 642.53, BLACK HILLS WINDSHIELD REPAIRS 130.00, CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY SUPPLIES 85.08, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES/FUEL/REPAIRS 1,422.82, FAIT LLC ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING 255.16, FLOWER BOX, SUPPLIES 50.00, G & O PAPER SUPPLIES 766.40, GRAND ELECTRIC REPAIRS 4,393.73, HILLYARD INC SUPPLIES 1,379.57, IMPREST ACCOUNT REIMBURSE 4,465.97, INSPECTION SERVICE LLC SHOP INSPECTION 380.00, K & R AUTO BODY REPAIRS 1,472.83, MOLLMAN, SANDRA KERN ARTIST IN RESIDENCE 2,189.50, OLSON PROPANE PROPANE 2,661.99, PETTY CASH POSTAGE 48.88, RAPID RESCUE REPAIRS 5,000.00, SCHOOL LUNCH FUND FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 102.61, SDASBO CONFERENCE FEE 125.00, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 179.64, STAPLES SUPPLIES 315.92, STIPPICH INC SUPPLIES 87.94, STRATEGIC EDUCATIONAL ADVISING, LLC PROFESSIONAL FEE 1,000.00, THOMAS BRAUN BERNARD & BURKE LLP LEGAL SERVICES 510.00, TOWN OF BISON WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE 325.81, UTTER, VIRGINIA FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 254.43, VANDERPOOL, KHAYEN WRESTLING MILEAGE 1,134.00, WEST RIVER COOP TEL TELEPHONE 457.05

Official Fees:

ACOSTA, JANICE 165.00, ARTHUR, COBY 30.00, BESLER, LILA 100.00, BESLER, WILL 120.00, BRIXEY, JAMES 160.00, BRIXEY, JULIA 750.00, BURKHALTER, BRAD 240.00, COLLINS, HEIDI 147.50, COTTON, GRANT 275.00, GREEN, VIRGINIA 68.75, HEPPER, JAMIE 60.00, HOLMES, KAMDEN 30.00, HOLMES, KERRY 850.00, JOHNSON, COLETTE 87.50, JOHNSON, MATTHEW 120.00, KOLB, CHRISTY 68.75, KOPREN, HEIDI 55.00, KOPREN, MAVERICK 55.00, LAMORENO, NATHANIEL 200.00, OLIVER, DEREK 110.00, SIBAG, NESTLE 320.00, SIMONS, BRENT 320.00, SIMONS, MISTY 825.00, STADLER, KYLE 30.00, THOMPSON, ANGIE 400.00, VANDERPOOL, BRIDGET 44.50

Total General Fund: \$40,381.53

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS COPIER LEASE 759.95, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD TABLE REFUND (1,544.21), BLACK HILLS OVERHEAD DOOR SUPT HOUSE GARAGE DOORE OPENER 836.04

Total Capital Outlay Fund: \$51.78

BISON EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION PRESCHOOL TUITION 375.00, BRIXEY, JULIA SPED CONF MEALS 40.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 75.98, DREISKE THERAPY LLC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 602.75, HANDS ON HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPY 148.95, SHERATON-SIOUX FALLS SPED CONF HOTEL 348.00

Total Special Education Fund: \$1,590.68

DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 132.95, SNA DEPOSITORY DUES 166.00, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND FOOD 2,545.59, THOMPSON, ANGIE FOOD 47.67, UTTER, VIRGINIA FOOD 23.49

Total School Lunch Fund: \$2,915.70

BISON FOOD MARKET FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 12.99, HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS LMC FEE 526.60, LAZY SPURR SUPPLIES 107.92

Official Fees:

BAKKEN, DEJON 340.00, BAUMGARTEN, CHAD 170.00, HEITSCH, TOM 170.00, HENWOOD, JEREMY 370.62, HULM, TODD 414.95, KIRKEBY, MIKE 361.40, NESS, ADAM 170.00, REEDE, SCOTT 170.00, SCHOOF, ALEC 370.00, TURNING HEART, JEFF 170.00, WAGENDORF, JOHN 423.49, WENK, CHRISTOPHER 318.00, WEYER, ZACH 200.00, YELLOW HORSE, CODY 170.00

Total Imprest Fund: \$4,465.97

BISON FOOD MARKET 9.40, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 528.70, DISTRICT V FFA FEES 190.00, GRAND ELECTRIC SUPPLIES 502.50, KRAZY S SUPPLIES 622.70, PETTY CASH BOOK FAIR CASH 338.00, SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS BOOK FAIR SALES 1,351.52, SD FFA ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP HOTEL & REGISTRATION 451.50, SOPHOMORES SUPPLIES 65.28, YSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND SUPPLIES 401.04, VANDERPOOL, BRIDGET SUPPLIES 34.57

Total Custodial: \$4,495.21

Elem-\$32,593.20; Junior High-\$11,960.78; High School-\$26,322.62; Title I-\$3,539.93; Guidance-\$4,974.64; Title II-\$3,600.00; Library-\$2,900.34; Tech-\$2,708.33; Superintendent-\$8,725.00; Secretarial-\$3,539.47; Fiscal-\$3,875.00; Custodial-\$4,200.50; Bus Route-\$3,708.01; Co-curricular-\$6,631.55; Sped-\$11,122.39, Sped Admin-\$895.57; School Lunch-\$5,091.33

Total Payroll for February - \$136,388.66

CLOSE UP - VIRGINIA GREEN

Virginia Green gave a brief overview of the Close Up program. It is a high school program that allows student to travel to Washington D.C. on an educational trip. This would be at no cost to the school; students would have to fundraise or pay out of pocket for the cost of the trip. Discussion followed.

CLOSE UP FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT

116. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve a custodial Close Up account. **Motion carried.**

ELIZA LOUGHLIN - MUSIC PROGRAM

Tabled to next month.

LIBRARIAN POSITION

Dr. Shipley recommended hiring a non-certified librarian for 12 hours per week for the 2026-2027 school year. Dr. Shipley anticipates this costing the school around \$10,000. Discussion followed.

117. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to advertise for a part time non-certified librarian. **Motion carried.**

ASSISTANT TRACK COACHES - LAURA HOLMES

Laura Holmes, athletic director, requested two assistant coaches for track. She has two applicants for the position and would like to hire both. Holmes is anticipating 30 or more students on the track team this year.

118. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to approve hiring two assistant coaches for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

RETAINER AGREEMENT - IMMAGRATION RELATED LEGAL SERVICES

Dr. Shipley presented a retainer agreement that includes legal fees and related costs for immigration related matters for assisting an employee with a visa extension and to obtain citizenship.

119. Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to approve the retainer agreement for immigration related legal services. **Motion carried.**

BUILDING AND VEHICLE UPDATE

Dr. Shipley will be attending the county meeting to discuss fixing the crack in the parking lot. Downspout replaced on the building.
Light bulbs need to be replaced in the weight room.
Bus #1 was repaired but additional damage was found and now an insurance claim has been filed for the additional charges.

FORD TRANSIT VAN - REPLACE SUBURBAN

Dr. Shipley received a quote of around \$55,000 to replace the Suburban with a 15 passenger Ford Van, price is dependent upon the additions to the vehicle. Dr. Shipley stated that orders are taking around four months for delivery. Delivery after July 1st will be requested.

120. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to purchase a 15-passenger Ford Van using the state bid. **Motion carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT HOUSE - EGRESS WINDOWS

The superintendent house does not currently have egress windows. Bids will be opened at the April meeting.

121. Motion by Lemer second by Sandgren to advertise for bids to install two egress windows at the Superintendent house. **Motion carried.**

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Thompson presented a listing of items for surplus.

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

Resolution #2026-6

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

Officejet Pro Printer
HP ProBook Computer

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REPRESENTATIVE

Board of equalization meeting is Monday, March 16th at 5:30 pm at the Bison Town Hall.

123. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to appoint Mike Stadler as the representative. **Motion carried.**

ACCREDITATION

Dr. Shipley reported that the accreditation review is complete and that we passed with no findings. Dr. Shipley gave a brief overview of all that was looked at during the review.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS FISCAL MONITORING

Thompson reported that the school was selected for a review of the fiscal administration of the Title grants. Thompson reported that there was one finding that pertained to a semiannual document that is completed for Title I employees. The form that was completed did not specify the position held by the employee. This will be corrected on future completed forms. There were also a couple observations; Title I supplement not supplant methodology, purchasing policies and procedures and inventory management. Thompson stated that we have a schoolwide elementary Title I program so it is used to supplement all elementary students, a purchasing policy will be coming soon and the inventory reports just did not contain all information but is available in our system.

NWAS REPORT CHRIS VEAL

No report.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

91.9% Attendance in February
Anticipating 1.4% to 1.5% increase to state aid funding
Legislative update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

124. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren 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 8:35 pm and back in regular session at 8:39 pm.

125. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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 2-01-2026	\$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
Receipts:							
Local Sources:							
Taxes	\$15,813.05	\$17,091.27	\$3,548.12				
Interest	\$1,429.29	\$1,550.15	\$786.30				
Food Service					\$6,366.55		
Cocurricular Activities	\$1,161.80						
Other	\$1,620.80					\$4,385.34	\$5,228.19
Intermediate Sources:							
County Sources:							
County Apportionment	\$0.00						
State Sources:							
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	\$74,385.21						
Federal Sources:							
Grants-in-Aid					\$2,329.96		
Total Receipts	\$94,410.15	\$18,641.42	\$4,334.42	\$0.00	\$8,696.51	\$4,385.34	\$5,228.19
Total Disbursements	\$171,014.28	\$8,711.71	\$45,506.24	\$0.00	\$11,011.18	\$4,465.97	\$4,495.21
Cash on Hand 2-28-2026	\$34,578.22	\$1,831.19	\$1,484.57	\$0.00	(\$17,957.71)	\$1,034.03	\$93,374.20
Invested In Securities	\$268,339.09	\$641,069.95	\$272,089.60	\$341,973.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oscar Smith Scholarship Fund							
Cash on Hand 2-01-2026	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$330,750.85						
Interest Income	\$612.01						
Cash on Hand 2-28-2026	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$331,362.86						