

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

**DATE:** April 13, 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, Lyle Reiff, Penny Lemburg, Eliza Loughlin, Arlis Seim

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**126.** Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, and the financial reports. A copy of the March 2026 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**

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

BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL 2,287.73, BISON IMPLEMENT REPAIRS 580.63, BLACK HILLS PLAYHOUSE THEATRE 605 CHILDREN'S THEATRE 2,300.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD FUEL/SUPPLIES/HOTEL 2,552.82, DE JONG, DAVID PROF DEVELOPMENT 2,000.00, FAIT LLC ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING 261.98, GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT TRACK ENTRY FEE 200.00, GRAND ELECTRIC ELECTRICITY 4,615.32, HILLYARD INC SUPPLIES 1,173.84, HOLMES, LAURA AD CONFERENCE MEALS 236.00, IMPREST ACCOUNT REIMBURSE 821.32, LEMMON IGA FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 131.86, LODGE AT DEADWOOD, THE AD CONFERENCE HOTEL 255.00, OLSON PROPANE PROPANE 1,925.98, QUALITY INN BROOKINGS STATE HISTORY DAY HOTELS 829.04, RAMKOTA INN-PIERRE TITILE I CONFERENCE HOTEL 402.00, RONA M. LUM, P.C. LEGAL SERVICES 3,625.00, RYEN, CHRISTI CDE MEALS 110.00, SCHOOL LUNCH FUND FACS FOOD SUPPLIES 86.36, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 179.64, SOPHOMORES CHILDRENS THEATRE SNACKS 210.00, THOMAS BRAUN BERNARD & BURKE LLP LEGAL SERVICES 630.00, TOWN OF BISON WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE 317.25, UTTER, VIRGINIA SUPPLIES 58.42, WEST RIVER COOP TEL TELEPHONE 474.58

**Total General Fund: \$26,264.77**

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS COPIER LEASE 759.95, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD PROJECTOR 329.99 AND REFUND (500.00)

**Total Capital Outlay Fund: \$589.94**

BISON EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION PRESCHOOL TUITION 375.00, BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL 30.47, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD FUEL 58.33, DREISKE THERAPY LLC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 1,023.25, HANDS ON HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPY 148.95

**Total Special Education Fund: \$1,636.00**

BISON FFA FOOD 554.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 6.63, LEMMON IGA FOOD 69.37, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND SUPPLIES 3,514.27, VEAL, REBEKAH FOOD PURCHASES-LUNCH 117.50

**Total School Lunch Fund: \$4,261.77**

BISON FOOD MARKET SUPPLIES 46.50, FAITH LUMBER CO SUPPLIES 50.70, FAITH SCHOOL SPELLING BEE MEALS 56.00, HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL TRAVEL/BBB REGION LOSS 446.77, JENSEN, REESE RETURN DEPOSIT 50.00, NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN SOUTH DAKOTA REG FEE 75.00, SCHOOL LUNCH FUND MEALS 46.35, SD DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVE FINGERPRINTS 50.00

**Total Imprest Fund: \$821.32**

BISMARCK EVENT CENTER MUSIC TICKETS 720.00, COCA COLA BOTTLING CO SOPHOMORES CONCESSION SUPPLIES 211.80, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES/SNACKS 5,890.38, GREEN, VIRGINIA YEARBOOK MEAL 56.08, JOSTEN'S SENIORS CAPS & GOWNS 552.55, KOPREN, HEIDI READ ACROSS AMERICA SUPPLIES 28.41, LITTLE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION 120.00, MINNTEX FRUIT FFA SPRING FRUIT 5,197.30, NORTHERN BOTTLING CO. SOPHOMORES CONCESSION SUPPLIES 168.00, ROBBINSDALE LANES STUCO BOWLING 105.00, RYEN, CHRISTI FFA

SUPPLIES 283.08, SCHOOL LUNCH FUND SOPHOMORES CONCESSION SUPPLIES 24.52, SDFCCLA STATE REGISTRATION 835.00, SDHSAA STUCO STATE CONVENTION 1,040.00, SOPHOMORE CLASS SUPPLIES 90.50, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND SOPHOMORES CONCESSION SUPPLIES 329.33

**Total Custodial: \$15,651.95**

Elem-\$31,851.60; Junior High-\$12,172.58; High School-\$26,677.79; Title I-\$3,539.93; Guidance-\$4,974.64; Title II-\$3,200.00; Library-\$2,900.34; Tech-\$2,708.33; Superintendent-\$8,725.00; Secretarial-\$3,164.59; Fiscal-\$3,875.00; Custodial-\$3,875.00; Bus Route-\$3,708.00; Co-curricular-\$12,827.86; Sped-\$11,360.48, Sped Admin-\$895.57; School Lunch-\$4,797.47

**Total Payroll for March - \$141,254.18**

#### **CAPSTONE PRESENTATION**

None.

#### **ELIZA LOUGHLIN - MUSIC PROGRAM**

Tabled to next month.

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

Hobart Service Company will be coming to service equipment in the kitchen.  
Parking lot cracks working on getting a quote for repairs.  
Summer custodial help - working with Custodian to see what is needed for help and possibly hire some high school students to help out.  
Teacher housing possibility of renting superintendent house.

Eliza Loughlin entered meeting.

Discussion followed about an elementary music program to be contracted with Eliza Loughlin. Per Dr. Shipley an outside contractor could be hired to provide music for elementary students. Discussion followed. The board is requesting a proposal from Eliza Loughlin with the days she could provide services and the cost at the May meeting.

#### **BID OPENING - SUPERINTENDENT HOUSE EGRESS WINDOWS**

Bids were opened for the installation of egress windows in the superintendent house.

Rapid Building Solutions Box Elder, SD \$9,029.00  
Allied Construction Spearfish, SD \$6,500.00

**128.** Motion by Ryen second by Sandgren to accept the bid from Allied Construction. **Motion carried.**

#### **RESIGNATION**

**129.** Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to accept the resignation of Grant Cotton, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

#### **CONTRACT APPROVALS**

**130.** Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the following contracts: Grant Cotton Assistant Track Coach \$2,190.12, Whitney Lamont Assistant Track Coach \$2,190.12 and Scott Riley Assistant Golf Coach \$2,190.12 for the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

**131.** Motion by Sandgren second by Veal to approve the contract of Kallie Kronberg as part time Librarian in the amount of \$19.00 per hour for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

**132.** Motion by Lemer second by Veal to approve the contract of Jill Miller as Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA) in the amount of \$41,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

**133.** Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to approve the contract of Maricon Sumagaysay as 6-12 Special Education Teacher in the amount of \$52,100.00 for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

Thompson presented the 2026-2027 certified staff contracts. Addendums to the contracts will be issued when negotiations are completed.

134. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to approve all certified position contracts presented for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call: Lemer-aye, Sandgren-aye, Stadler-aye, Veal-aye, Ryen-abstain. **Motion carried.**

#### **CERTIFIED STAFF NEGOTIATIONS**

Kalin Chapman representing the BEA presented the changes for the 2026-2027 school year; 2.5% raise to all returning certified staff, increase the base pay \$500, new base salary will be \$47,000, add retention bonus schedule and expand salary schedule.

135. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to ratify the 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement with the changes presented. Roll Call: Sandgren-aye, Ryen-abstain, Lemer-aye, Veal-aye, Stadler-aye. **Motion carried.**

#### **NON-CERTIFIED STAFF CONTRACT DISCUSSION - HOURLY & BUS DRIVERS**

136. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (4) negotiations. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 7:40 pm and back in regular session at 8:00 pm.

137. Motion by Ryen second by Sandgren to increase all non-certified hourly employees as following: John Shea \$15.91, Virginia Utter \$17.39, Ashely Teller \$14.41, Laura Holmes \$19.41 and Heather Brixey \$20.00 per hour for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

138. Motion by Ryen second by Veal to increase route bus driver daily pay to \$79.25 per day for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

#### **SDHSAA MEMBERSHIP 2026-2027**

139. Motion by Ryen second by Lemer to approve membership in the SDHSAA for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

#### **MOU TIMBER LAKE SCHOOL**

Due to the closing of Northwest Area Schools the Timber Lake School District is hiring the current psychologist and contracting out days to member schools. We will be requesting 18 days at \$1,100.00 per day for the 2026-2027 school year. Each school will also pay a flat rate per year based on child count for the services. Bison's rate will be \$3,000.00.

140. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Timber Lake school for Psychological Services for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

#### **OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS 2026-2027**

141. Motion by Veal second by Lemer approve the 2027-1 open enrollment application. **Motion carried.**

#### **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIN UPDATE**

Two petitions were received for the two open positions from Mike Stadler and Lyle Reiff. There will be no school board election in June. Lyle Reiff will replace Chris Veal in July.

#### **INSURANCE RENEWAL - HEALTH, VISION, & WORK COMP**

Thompson informed the board of the rate changes for Worker's Compensation and ASB protective trust health insurance rates. Health insurance rates are increasing by 12%. Vision and Dental rates will come at a later date.

142. Motion by Sandgren second by Ryen to approve the resolution to approve Health Insurance, Vision and Worker's Compensation for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

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

Update on the liquidation process.

#### **BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT**

Thank you to the Bison Wrestling group for the \$250 donation to the school for the use of the gym.

Thompson will be attending business manager conference April 21-23.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

95% Attendance in March  
School Culture  
State Testing  
FCCLA National Competition - junior high team qualified for a virtual competition

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**143** Motion by Sandgren second by Veal to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss (1) personnel, (2) students and (3) legal. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 8:25 pm and back in regular session at 9:14 pm.

**144.** Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 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 3-01-2026	\$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
Receipts:							
Local Sources:							
Taxes	\$67,990.03	\$64,069.45	\$13,298.28				
Interest	\$1,528.24	\$1,731.48	\$780.31				
Food Service					\$3,940.88		
Cocurricular Activities	\$609.00						
Other	\$977.33		\$202.53			\$4,465.97	\$9,171.27
Intermediate Sources:							
County Sources:							
County Apportionment	\$1,274.10						
State Sources:							
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	\$42,124.00						
Other	\$200.00						
Federal Sources:							
Grants-in-Aid	\$2,058.41				\$2,561.22		
Total Receipts	\$116,761.11	\$65,800.93	\$14,281.12	\$0.00	\$6,502.10	\$4,465.97	\$9,171.27
Total Disbursements	\$184,353.41	\$51.78	\$15,803.35	\$0.00	\$7,665.31	\$821.32	\$15,651.95
Cash on Hand 3-31-2026	\$32,892.47	\$1,779.41	\$1,181.22	\$0.00	(\$19,120.92)	\$4,678.68	\$86,893.52
Invested In Securities	\$202,432.54	\$706,870.88	\$270,870.72	\$341,973.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Oscar Smith Scholarship Fund</b>							
Cash on Hand 3-01-2026	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$331,362.86						
Interest Income	\$245.74						
Cash on Hand 3-31-2026	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$331,608.60						