

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

DATE: May 11, 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, Trucker Hulm, Shiloh Lorius, Arlis Seim

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

CONSENT AGENDA

145. Motion by Ryen second by Veal to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the April 13th regular meeting, and the financial reports. A copy of the April 2026 financial reports as approved is attached under Attachment "A" and made a part of these minutes. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC FORUM

Thank you letter from Joyce Waddell for her retirement celebration was read.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE

None

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

146. Motion by Veal second by Ryen to approve the claims listed below. **Motion carried.**

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS SEC COPIER MAINTENANCE 351.24, BAYSINGER, BRANDI SUPPLIES 332.63, BHSSC COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION TITLE I FAMILY FUN NIGHT 3,000.00, BISON GRAIN CO.FUEL/ REPAIRS 3,131.93, BISON IMPLEMENT REPAIRS 764.58, BL CONTRACTING SNOW REMOVAL 720.00, BRIXEY, JULIA MEALS 88.00, COLLINS, HEIDI MEALS/SUPPLIES 229.75, COTTON, GRANT MEALS 62.00, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD FUEL/SUPPLES 2,222.07, DINN BROTHERS SUPPLIES 64.75, DISCOVERY CENTER PLANETARIUM PROGRAM 855.00, DOUBLETREE HOTELS - RAPID HOTEL 309.00, FAITH INDEPENDENT PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING 299.92, GRAND ELECTRIC REPAIRS/ELECTRICITY 3,985.06, GREEN, VIRGINIA MEALS 142.00, HENDRICKSON, CHEYENNE SUPPLIES 100.00, HILLYARD INC REPAIRS/SUPPLIES 1,485.93, IMPREST ACCOUNT REIMBURSE 1,529.40, JONES SCHOOL SUPPLY SUPPLIES 509.17, KOLB, CHRISTY MILEAGE/MEALS 240.90, KOPREN, ARLA SUPPLIES 320.00, LEMMON EMT ASSOCIATION STAFF EMT TRAINING 23.75, LEMMON IGA SUPPLIES 34.99, LOUGHLIN, ELIZABETH BIG READ PROFESSIONAL FEES 3,000.00, NORTHWEST AREA SCHOOLS FEES 345.00, OLSON PROPANE PROPANE 1,812.20, RAMKOTA INN-HOTEL 232.00, RAPID FIRE PROTECTION HOOD INSPECTION 1,840.00, RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES INC COMPUTER REPAIR 376.00, RYEN, CHRISTI MEALS 88.00, SASD SUPT CONFERENCE FEE 100.00, SCHOOL LUNCH FUND SUPPLIES 64.55, SERVALL UNIFORMS & LINEN SUPPLY SUPPLIES 179.64, SOPHOMORES SUPPLIES 56.87, STAPLES SUPPLIES 429.98, THOMPSON, ANGIE MILEAGE/MEALS/SUPPLIES 331.33, TOWN OF BISON WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE 327.56, VANDERPOOL, BRIDGET MEALS 66.00, WEST RIVER COOP TEL TELEPHONE 465.69

Total General Fund: \$30,516.89

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS COPIER LEASE 759.95

Total Capital Outlay Fund: \$759.95

BISON EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION PRESCHOOL TUITION 375.00, BISON GRAIN CO. FUEL 23.28, DREISKE THERAPY LLC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 444.30, HANDS ON HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPY 148.95, MITHCELL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CONFERENCE FEE 518.00

Total Special Education Fund: \$1,509.53

DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 425.39, LEMMON IGA FOOD 12.61, RUNNINGS SUPPLIES 15.97, SNASD CONFERENCE FEE 165.00, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND FOOD 3,205.87

Total School Lunch Fund: \$3,824.84

ABO SCHOOLS TRACK FEE 200.00, BELLE FOURCHE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF FEE 105.00, ELKS GOLF COURSE GOLF FEE 60.00, EUREKA PUBLIC SCHOOL TRACK FEE 200.00, HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL GBB REGIONAL LOSS 424.40, LAKE WAGGONER GOLF COURSE GOLF FEE 50.00, LEMMON SCHOOL TRACK FEE 350.00, SCHOOL LUNCH FUND ACADEMIC OLYMPICS MEALS 140.00

Total Imprest Fund: \$1,529.40

ABC FUNDRAISING SEED SALES 1,880.12, ANDERSON'S PROM SUPPLIES 1,744.37, COCA COLA BOTTLING CO CONCESSIONS SUPPLIES 57.45, DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD SUPPLIES 827.50, DJ C-LO ENTERTAINMENT PROM DJ 1,500.00, DOUBLETREE HOTELS - RAPID CITY STUCO HOTEL 1,368.00, GREEN, VIRGINIA MEAL 29.01, LAZY SPURR MEALS 271.12, LEMMON IGA SUPPLIES 12.99, PALMER, BRISTOL PROM SUPPLIES 340.40, SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF ND SUPPLIES 97.10

Total Custodial: \$8,128.06

Elem-\$32,428.60; Junior High-\$12,190.84; High School-\$25,747.00; 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-\$3,591.63; Fiscal-\$3,875.00; Custodial-\$3,237.57; Bus Route-\$3,708.00; Co-curricular-\$6,419.66; Sped-\$11,385.48, Sped Admin-\$895.57; School Lunch-\$4,354.26

Total Payroll for April - \$130,681.85

CAPSTONE PRESENTATION

Trucker Hulm gave a presentation on his capstone experience at Bison Grain.

Sandgren entered meeting.

ELIZA LOUGHLIN - MUSIC PROGRAM

Dr. Shipley reported that due to other commitments and scheduling conflicts that Eliza Loughlin will be unable to offer a music option for the elementary for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion followed.

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

147. Motion by Ryen second by Veal to table to next month. **Motion carried.**

Lemer entered meeting.

BUILDING AND VEHICLE UPDATE

Red van was rear ended in Sioux Falls, working with insurance company to repair. Kitchen - repairs needed on the stove and convection oven.

PARKING LOT QUOTE

Dr. Shipley reported that he had received the following quotes from Highway Improvement, Inc

\$1,565.31 to fill in cracks

\$9,759.46 to fill in cracks and chip seal the entire parking lot

Discussion followed on other issues with the parking lot.

148. Motion by Sandgren second by Veal to accept the quote from Highway Improvement, Inc for \$9,759.46 to fill cracks and chip seal. **Motion carried.**

SUMMER WEIGHT ROOM

Laura Holmes reported that the summer weight room program was very successful last year and would like to continue the program this summer.

149. Motion by Sandgren second by Veal to offer summer weight room contracts to Ross Collins and Jared Zittleman for \$1,000 each. **Motion carried.**

SUMMER CUSTODIAL EMPLOYEES

Dr. Shipley requested hiring three high school students four hours per day four days a week to help with summer custodial work.

150. Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to approve hiring three students at \$12 per hour. **Motion carried.**

CONTRACT APPROVALS

151. Motion by Lemer second by Veal to approve all certified staff contract amendments as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll Call Stadler-aye, Sandgren-aye, Veal-aye, Ryen-abstain, Lemer-aye **Motion carried.**

152. Motion by Ryen second by Sandgren to approve all non-certified staff contracts as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

153. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve all bus driver contracts as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried**

All wages will be published with the July board minutes.

RESIGNATION

154. Motion by Veal second by Ryen to accept the resignations of Laura Holmes and Kalin Chapman as athletic director's effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. **Motion carried.**

The board thank them for their service.

TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR AND BUSINESS MANAGER CONTRACT DISCUSSION

155. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel and (4) negotiations. **Motion carried.** Chairman Stadler declared the meeting into executive session at 7:52 pm and back in regular session at 8:08 pm.

156. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to offer a contract in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Angela Thompson for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

157. Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to offer a contract in the amount of \$33,312.50 to Shiloh Lorius for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

SMALL TALK SPEECH THERAPY CONTRACT

Due to the closing of Northwest Area Schools, we will be contracting Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) services with Christy Davis dba Small Talk Speech Therapy Inc. She will provide 18 days at \$90 per hour for the 2026-2027 school year. We will also be charged a flat mileage fee of \$90 per trip.

158. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve the Small Talk Speech Therapy for the 2026-2027 school year. **Motion carried.**

SDHSAA BALLOTS AND AMENDMENTS

159. Motion by Ryen second by Lemer to vote for Jeff Kosters SDHSAA Division IV Representative. **Motion Carried.**

160. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to vote yes on Amendment 1, SDHSAA By-Laws. **Motion Carried.**

161. Motion by Sandgren second by Veal to vote yes on Amendment 2, SDHSAA By-Laws. **Motion Carried.**

162. Motion by Sandgren second by Lemer to vote yes on Amendment 3, SDHSAA By-Laws. **Motion Carried.**

2026-2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Thompson walked the board through the preliminary budget for the upcoming school year and discussed changes that were made. Handouts were provided on how state aid and property tax revenue is calculated, projected enrollment of 120 in the fall. Thompson also reported that the General Fund cash balance has decreased \$119,241.64 when comparing April 2025 to April 2026 balances. Discussion followed.

SET BUDGET HEARING DATE

163. Motion by Ryen second by Veal to set the budget hearing date and time as July 13, 2026 at 8:00 pm. **Motion carried.**

ART WAIVER REQUEST - 8TH GRADE

164. Motion by Veal second by Sandgren to approve an administrative rule waiver for Art for 8th graders to receive high school credit. **Motion carried.**

NWAS REPORT CHRIS VEAL

No report.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

The Title I program hosted a math night for families on April 30th. Thank you to all who attended and to our sponsors for prize donations and Dacotah Bank for providing supper.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

State Testing results

EXECUTIVE SESSION

165. 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 9:13 pm and back in regular session at 9:36 pm.

166. Motion by Sandgren second by Veal to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 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 4-01-2026	\$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
Receipts:							
Local Sources:							
Taxes	\$41,457.49	\$41,914.98	\$8,712.70				
Interest	\$1,495.22	\$1,767.85	\$739.76				
Food Service					\$4,245.08		
Cocurricular Activities							
Other	\$3,094.00					\$821.32	\$3,524.81
Intermediate Sources:							
County Sources:							
County Apportionment	\$1,162.07						
State Sources:							
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	\$42,124.00						
Other							
Federal Sources:							
Grants-in-Aid	\$28,191.00				\$2,535.94		
Other Sources:							
Sale of surplus property		\$880.00					
Total Receipts	\$117,523.78	\$44,562.83	\$9,452.46	\$0.00	\$6,781.02	\$821.32	\$3,524.81
Total Disbursements	\$158,426.25	\$589.94	\$15,877.09	\$0.00	\$9,241.54	\$1,529.40	\$8,128.06
Cash on Hand 4-30-2026	\$42,563.95	\$2,069.47	\$1,304.13	\$0.00	(\$21,581.44)	\$3,970.60	\$82,290.27
Invested In Securities	\$151,858.59	\$750,553.71	\$264,323.18	\$341,973.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oscar Smith Scholarship Fund							
Cash on Hand 4-01-2026	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$331,608.60						
Interest Income	\$752.97						
Cash on Hand 4-30-2026	\$128.52						
Invested in Securities	\$332,361.57						