

CORRECTION: Last week's School Board Minutes headline did not reflect the proper school board. Please see corrections below.

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 Proceedings

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 Minutes of Regular Meeting September 10, 2024 UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by Joey Kessel at 5:04 p.m. MT, Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at the DeMores School in Medora. Board members Eric Bock, Jessie Evoniuk, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, and Kinley Slauter were on site. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Superintendent Shae Peplinski, Assistant Superintendent Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Robert Gates, and Maintenance Supervisor Bob Hushka.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Slauter moved, Bock seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the August 13 minutes, the payments list, the financial reports, and the addition of one item to the agenda. All in favor.

Peplinski updated the board on the continued construction project. Footings, foundation walls are being set and poured. Slauter asked about soil corrections and will we see any savings there? It is still too early to tell.

Hushka gave a written and oral report on facilities and vehicle maintenance. Hushka

mentioned the front door to the Prairie school is not working. He gave options on replacing all the door mechanism or just the front door. Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded to just replace the front door mechanism at this time. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Hushka also updated the Board on the roof repairs at Prairie. Currently only have the one bid on the replacing shingle roof with steel roof, waiting on a second. This item was tabled for further discussion.

Gates informed the Board that the annual membership renewal with Western Dakota Energy Assoc. was due. There was some discussion on the benefits of membership. Billings County School District will remain a member. Gates also presented a one-year contract with The Village to provide the school districts EAP benefit. Gates provided participation numbers for multiple years. Johnson moved, Evoniuk second to renew the one-year contract with the Village for EAP services.

Evoniuk moved, Bock seconded, to call for propane bids for the period of October 9, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Roll call vote with all in favor. Bid deadline is October 8th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at DeMores School in Medora, North Dakota. Notice will be published in Billings County Pioneer or can be obtained by contacting business

manager at DeMores School.

Peplinski reported that both DeMores and Prairie Elementary schools met compliance for having highly qualified staff. An exception is with the DeMores Kindergarten teacher who is not teaching in his licensed area and working toward compliance for early childhood credentials. Peplinski explained this is normal as teachers are moved from one area to another, and this is not a red flag for the State. The preschools at each building are run under the Department of Human Services, so are not part of the compliance regulations. Slauter moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the annual compliance report for DeMores Elementary School for the 2024-25 school year noting the exception. Roll call vote: All in favor. Bock moved, Slauter seconded, to approve the annual compliance report for Prairie Elementary School for the 2024-25 school year noting no exceptions. Roll call vote: All in favor. Johnson moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the annual compliance report for the Billings County School District. Roll call vote: All in favor.

O'Brien presented the Board an opportunity to take advantage of a WSI grant. The grant is designed to cover 75% of the cost of making a job or job function more ergonomic. The Grant is for \$10,000 which means the school district will need to pay approx. \$3,500. Hushka is currently looking for a scissor lift that would fit the program. Evoniuk moved, Bock seconded to accept the WSI grant and au-

thorize spending of approx. \$3,500 to cover the districts portion. Roll call vote: All in Favor.

O'Brien informed the Board that the Billings County Scholl district is working with the All Kids Bike - Kindergarten PE Learn to Ride program. The program will provide 22 bikes, helmets, racks and a safety curriculum to help teach kids to ride bikes. It is a good opportunity to engage the kids to be outdoors more and get away from the screen/

Mid-term testing will start Monday. AVERT (Active Violence Emergency Response Training) training for the staff will be held at the Prairie School on September 20th. This training is sponsored and taught by the Billings County Sheriff's Dept.

Kessel asked about the open para-positions at the two schools. Neither position has been filled. Peplinski explained it has been determined the DeMores position will be closed, unfilled, as the position is not needed. The para position at Prairie will still need to be filled. The school district has posted the position with the ND Job Service and ran a 2-week radio ad on 3 stations with little response.

Gates reported that school board convention and school law seminar will be held October 24 and 25. Board members planning to attend should notify Gates prior to October 10 to reserve motel rooms and do advance registration.

A public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. regarding the 2024-25 fiscal year budget. Gates provided information about the proposed budget. After review

and some discussion, Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the fiscal year 2024-25 final budget as presented. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Transportation Committee: Two of the buses that run routes for Billings County will need to switch routes in order to get a handicap accessible bus where it is needed. A written request for change will need to be provided the school district by the bus contractors. Building/Grounds/Equipment committee reminded the Board that a decision on the DeMores school alternates will need to be made by November in order to get bids in place.

The next meeting of the School Board will be October 8th at 5:00p.m. Johnson moved, Slauter seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ARTHAUD, L.....	16.70
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD.....	1,564.63
BOCK, D.....	22.78
BUERKLE, D.....	100.00
CAPITAL ONE.....	7.35
CERBERUS SECURITY.....	336.00
CITY OF MEDORA.....	1,426.76
DENNY'S ELECTRIC LLC.....	1,279.99
DEPT OF PUBLIC INSTR.....	1,106.17
DUNN BURGERS.....	2,400.00
GATES, R.....	89.22
GERBIG, J.....	22.78
GS PUBLISHING, LLC.....	279.30
HONEYMAN, E.....	22.78
HORACE MANN CO.....	928.66

HUSHKA, R.....	45.00
iHeart MEDIA.....	600.00
KEMPS LLC.....	560.60
KUBAS, D.....	331.18
MAHER, J.....	22.78
MALKOWSKI, K.....	9,245.49
MARTIN'S WELDING.....	901.50
MEDORA CONVENIENCE.....	163.44
MEDUNA, G.....	9,788.80
ND CEL.....	350.00
O'BRIEN, J.....	75.00
Obrigewitch, K.....	107.85
PARKLAND USA.....	610.43
PICKETT, K.....	100.00
PICKETT, M.....	100.00
RAAEN, C.....	100.00
SMART COMPUTERS.....	8,040.86
SOLGA, K.....	17.50
SW WATER AUTHORITY.....	79.55
SYMINOW, R.....	20,067.19
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA.....	3,335.00
TIME MGNT SYSTEMS.....	155.00
WEST RIVER STUDENT SERVICES.....	3,632.00
WESTERN DAKOTA ENERGY ASSOC.....	4,000.00
Western Educators Regional Coop.....	225.00
Checking Acct ID.....STUDENT ACT.....	322.30
CAPITAL ONE.....	48.97
PALAHNIUK, JENNIFER.....	48.97
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA.....	78.57

/s/ Joey Kessel
Joey, Kessel, President
/s/ Robert Gates
Robert Gates, Business Manager
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BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 Proceedings

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 Minutes of Regular Meeting October 8th, 2024 UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by President Kessel at 5:06 p.m. MT, Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, at the DeMores School in Medora. Board members Eric Bock, Jessie Evoniuk, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, and Kinley Slauter were present. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Superintendent Shae Peplinski, Asst Superintendent Danielle O'Brien via Teams, Business Manager Robert Gates, Maintenance Manager Bob Hushka, and Chris Cunningham – JE Dunn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Evoniuk moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the September 10 minutes, the payments list, the financial reports, and the addition of four items to the agenda. All in favor.

Chris Cunningham – JE Dunn, updated the board on the continued construction project. Discussion involved anticipated delivery of first pre-cast panels, winterization, waterproofing and soil corrections.

The Board then discussed the 4 alternate projects for the DeMores expansion. Gates provided a projected flow of funds for the DeMores project with an anticipated ending balance of the Building Fund at the conclusion of the project. Kessel moved, Evoniuk seconded to decline alternates 1, 2, and 4. Roll call vote: All in Favor. Alternate 3, updating of DeMores kitchen, was tabled for more information.

Hushka gave a written and oral report on facilities and vehicle maintenance. Hushka brought forward an additional

bid from Flying B Construction to replace the damaged Prairie School roof with a metal roof. The board asked for additional bids. Hushka presented easement request from Rough Rider Electric at the Prairie school. Johnson Moved, Bock seconded to approve the right of way easement with Rough Rider Electric. Roll call vote; all in favor.

Board member Slauter left the meeting at 6:05.

The Prairie school had excess property to be removed. Evoniuk moved, Bock seconded to remove the excess property. All in favor.

President Kessel opened the one propane bid received. Evoniuk moved, Johnson seconded, to award Farmers Union of Beach, ND the propane contract to provide propane to the DeMores and Prairie school for the period of October 9, 2024 to September 30, 2025. Roll call vote; all in favor.

Superintendent Peplinski updated the board on the following upcoming events; end of 1st Quarter, NDA Plus assessment completed, sport season transitions, Ag Day in Belfield. Next, Superintendent Peplinski brought forward the need to bring in the guidance counselor for an additional one day per week to meet the growing needs of mental health within the district. Currently the guidance counselor spends a half day at DeMores and a half day at Prairie. Peplinski reported with both DeMores and Prairie Elementary schools not hiring an additional Para, there is room on the budget to cover the extra one day per week. The discussion was tabled.

Gates presented the board with the quarterly pledged asset report issued by the First State Bank of Golva. Johnson moved, Bock Seconded to approve the Pledged Asset report as presented. Roll call vote; all

in favor. Gates then discussed the upcoming School Board Convention and asked who will be representing the board as our delegates. Slauter and Evoniuk will attend as the Billings County Board delegates. Gates gave a brief oration of the recent training he received at the NDASBM fall training.

Board member Slauter returned to the meeting at approximately 6:30.

The Superintendent evaluation deadline is November 15, 2024. Gates will email out the online links to complete the evaluations. President Kessel requested the evaluations be done by November 1st. He also recommended that the members reach out to the Asst. Superintendent and Business Manager if they would like insights on day-to-day interactions with the Superintendent.

The next meeting of the School Board will be Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at 5:00p.m.

Bock moved, Slauter seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

BILLINGS CO. SCHOOL.....	469.00
JE Dunn Const Co.....	488,135.00
JLG ARCHITECTS, LTD.....	7,439.50
2080 Media Inc.....	3,500.00
ABM.....	1,191.07
AMAZON.....	1,833.99
American Orff-Schulwerk Assoc.....	94.00
AMERITUS LIFE.....	63.68
ANDERSON, K.....	318.92
APPLE INC.....	2.99
B & C SANITATION LLC.....	1,620.00
BELFIELD AUTO SUPPLY.....	55.81
BERGER, J.....	22.11
BILLINGS CO. SCHOOL.....	45.00
BCBS ND.....	1,535.63
CERBERUS SECURITY.....	336.00
CITY OF MEDORA.....	1,293.65
CONSOLIDATED.....	235.28
CREATIVE ENERGY.....	304.54
DACOTA PAPER CO.....	104.67

DAN'S CONOCO INC. .	275.20
DAN'S BODY SHOP.....	655.46
DPI.....	450.73
EPIC SPORTS, INC.	412.34
GATES, R.....	204.35
GATEWAY TO SCIENCE.....	400.00
GS PUBLISHING, LLC.....	284.20
HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON ..	200.98
HONEYMAN, D.....	150.00
HORACE MANN CO, THE.....	464.33
HUSHKA, R.....	45.00
HUSHKA, W.....	45.00
KEMPS LLC.....	699.50
LEARNING A-Z.....	250.00
MALKOWSKI, K.....	9,187.66
MEDORA CONVEN.....	134.67
MEDUNA, G.....	9,256.32
MENARDS.....	73.65
MGM SANITATION.....	252.62
ND SAFETY COUNCIL.....	90.00
ND SCHOOL BOARDS ASS'N.....	375.00
ND SCHOOL CERT. PROGRAM.....	850.00
NDACS STATE SPELLING BEE.....	170.00
NEWBY'S ACE HARDWARE ..	28.53
O'BRIEN, D.....	177.78
POPP BINDING INC. ...	150.03
PREBLE MEDICAL SERV.....	50.00
REDMOND, J.....	150.00
ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC.....	9,260.00
RTC NETWORKS.....	336.00
SAM'S CLUB.....	643.64
SANFORD HEALTH OCC.....	600.00
SCHOOL SPECIALITY.....	160.96
SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE.....	370.00
SMART COMPUTERS.....	3,952.43
STEDMAN, C.....	211.59
STEIN'S INC.....	460.28
SW WATER AUTHORITY.....	115.78
SYMINOW, R.....	29,578.90
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA.....	6,073.13
TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS.....	29.70
TIME MGNT SYSTEMS.....	157.70
TRICORNE AUDIO, INC.	274.18
WALMART.COM.....	(12.90)
WR STUDENT SERVICES.....	4,379.00

WOLF, J.....	66.09
STUDENT ACT. AMAZON.....	195.30
BRAUN DISTRIBUTING.....	123.55
CAPITAL ONE.....	807.48
CASH WISE.....	132.58
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA.....	78.57

/s/ Joey Kessel
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/s/ Robert Gates
Robert Gates, Business Manager
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