

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

STREET VACATION PETITION

A petition has been filed for vacation of a portion of a street abutting 16 Oliver Ave N and 102 Oliver Ave S. The petition will be heard and considered by the Center City Council on December 1, 2025 at 6 pm at the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center.

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(10-30-2025)(11-06-2025)

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NEW TRUST COMPANY

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH
BEFORE THE
STATE BANKING BOARD
In the Matter of the Application of
Trust Company of the Dakotas,
Minot, North Dakota, to Organize a
New State-Chartered Trust Company
to be Located at 320 16th St. NW,
Suite 103, Minot, North Dakota.
NOTICE OF HEARING FOR
NEW TRUST COMPANY
You are hereby notified that the State Banking Board will hold a public hearing on the application received from Trust Company of the Dakotas, Minot, North Dakota, to organize a new state-chartered trust company to be located at 320 16th St NW, Suite 103, Minot, North Dakota.
You are further notified a public hearing will be held before the State Banking Board in the North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance Building at 1600 E Century Ave, Bismarck, North Dakota, on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 1:00 PM.
You are further notified that at this hearing, the State Banking Board will consider various factors, including those outlined in Section 6-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code:

- Whether the place where such trust company is proposed to be located is in need of a further trust company;
 - Whether the proposed institution is adapted to the filling of such need, and;
 - Whether the proposed incorporators are possessed of such character, integrity, reputation, and financial standing that their connection with the company will be beneficial to the public welfare of the community in which such company is proposed to be established.
- You are further notified that written comments may be submitted to the Secretary of the State Banking Board at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Additionally, the Board shall hear any reasons advanced by any person appearing at the hearing why such institution should not be permitted to be organized. You may also request a copy of the application at the above referenced address.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2025.
/s/Corey Krebs
Corey Krebs, Secretary
State Banking Board

(11-06-2025)

CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2025
Chairman Richard Schmidt called the special board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 10, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Schmidt were John Schwab, Shiloh Becher, and Jesse Krieger. Administrators present were Superintendent Adam Hill, Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz, and Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke. Also, present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt.
Business:

Public Hearing on Levy Increase. Erhardt went through some past budgeting information, as well as explaining the school's current budget proposal to the patrons in attendance. No questions were asked during hearing.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board.
Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

(11-06-2025)

CENTER/STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2025
Chairman Richard Schmidt called the regular board meeting of the Center/Stanton School Board to order at 6:32 p.m. on September 10, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Schmidt were Jesse Krieger, John Schwab, Kelly Erhardt, and Shiloh Becher. Administrators present were Superintendent Adam Hill, Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke, and Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz. Also, present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt.
Set Agenda: Krieger made a motion to approve the addition of new business E Fire Alarm System and added F School Board Policies Update. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried (M/C).
Approval of Minutes: Schwab moved to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2025 and August 21, 2025 board meetings. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. (M/C).
Financial Reports: Monthly Financial Reports consisting of the General Fund, Activity Fund, Building Fund, Hot Lunch Fund and August payroll totals were presented to the Board. Krieger moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. Becher seconded the motion. Roll call vote: K. Erhardt-yes, Becher-yes, Schwab-yes, Krieger-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.
Bills: Becher moved to pay the following bills as presented: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 1,939.69; BARNES & NOBLE INC 14.39; BILLADEAU, MEGAN 130.00; BISMARCK TRIBUNE 189.00; BLICK ART MATERIALS 44.40; BORSETH, JAY 75.00; BPS CAREER ACADEMY 888.38; BSN SPORTS 65.37; CENTER COAL COMPANY 678.35; CDLN 50.81; CREA 140.00; CITY OF CENTER 1,011.47; COLE PAPERS INC 2,762.68; CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES 78.45; DAVE'S SALES & SERVICES 3,503.80; FRANK.AMBER 162.00; FREEDOM TRUCK CENTER 10,613.05; FROSETH-SORGE, MELISSA 65.00; HANSON, LACEY 765.70; HARLOW'S BUS SALES 7,754.84; ISAAK, BURT 300.00; KIRKWOOD ACE HARDWARE 23.94; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 309.13; MANDAN PLUMBING & HEATING 11,247.60; MECKLE, MILISSA 36.19; MENARDS 436.80; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL 181.32; MDU 4,081.87; NDSBA 3,903.79; NETWORK CENTER 743.00; OLANDER, TONYA 73.49; OMSPED 21,066.85; ODIN 140.13; PATRIOT EMS INSTRUCTORS 4,336.50; RENAISSANCE LEARNING INC 12,265.30; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 35.00; RUD PROPANE 2,227.88; S&M LAWN SERVICE 285.00; SCHOOL SPECIALTY 639.76; SCHWALK,

LYNN 65.00; SECURITY FIRST AGENCY OF ND 12,196.00; STATEWIDE SERVICES 68.00; STEINS INC 658.03; STUKENT INC 3,485.00; SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY 94.89; THOMPSON, LAURIE 230.00; UNIVERSITY OF OREGON 400.00; WARRENS LOCKS & KEYS 520.00; WESTERN LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY 757.80; WRT 8,704.04; ZIESKE, DARYL 500.00. General Fund Total: 120,944.69. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Administrative Reports:
Elementary Principal's Report: Mrs. Tietz report was on Enrollment; Start of the Year; Testing/RTI; and Upcoming Events.
Secondary Principal's Report: Ms. Nitschke reported on Enrollment; Extra-Curricular Groups; Picture Day; MISO3s; Testing; Homecoming; Cognia; and Extra-Curricular Openings.
Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hill reported on Bus Updates; Milk Cooler; Cognia Training; and Job openings.
Old Business:
A. Finalize 2025-2026 Budget. Krieger made a motion to approved the budget for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Schwab seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Schwab-yes, Becher-yes, Schmidt-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Krieger-yes. M/C.
B. Annual Compliance Reports. The board was presented the 2025-2026 Annual Compliance Report that the principals signed stating that they are in compliance with the following areas: Valid Teaching License Pre-K-12, Teacher Highly Qualified Pre-K-12, Curriculum Pre-K-12, Safety Requirement Pre-K-12, Background Check Pre-K-12, Review Process Pre-K-12, E-Transcripts; and school safety plan. K. Erhardt moved to approve the 2025-2026 Annual Compliance Reports. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
New Business:
A. School Board Convention – Pre-registration. School Board Convention is October 9-10th. Anyone wishing to attend any session must let Jacob Erhardt know by the end of September so that he can get the registration forms and money submitted by the early deadline.
B. Annual Compliance Reports. The board was presented the 2025-2026 Annual Compliance Report that the principals signed stating that they are in compliance with the following areas: Valid Teaching License Pre-K-12, Teacher Highly Qualified Pre-K-12, Curriculum Pre-K-12, Safety Requirement Pre-K-12, Background Check Pre-K-12, Review Process Pre-K-12, E-Transcripts; and school safety plan. K. Erhardt moved to approve the 2025-2026 Annual Compliance Reports. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

C. Extra-Curricular Work Agreements/Contract Addendums. Erhardt presented ancillary work agreements and extra-curricular addendums/coaching agreements for board approval. Schwab made a motion to accept the ancillary work agreement and addendums/work agreements of Katie Frank at \$14.00/hr. and Anna Roth at \$15.00/hr., Keith Leintz Assistant AD 4,410.00; Drew Erhardt Head Girls' Basketball Coach \$5,030.00; David Hilliard Assistant Wrestling Coach \$4,030.00; Heather Aberle Co-Elementary Boys' Basketball Coach \$1,450.00 and Elementary Girls' Basketball Coach \$1,550.00; Cale Ferderer Head Football Coach \$4,540.00; Daniel Olson Assistant Football Coach \$2,410.00; Colton Becher Junior High Football Coach \$1,870.00; Jodi Hintz Concessions Manager \$3,900.00, Science Club Advisor \$2,800.00, ½ Robotics Advisor \$1,000.00, ½ Prom Advisor \$1,350.00, ½ Envirothon \$125.00; Alicia Nitschke National Honor Society \$1,000.00; Brooke Boeshans ½ Envirothon \$125.00; and Daniel Young Acalympic Advisor \$700.00. Krieger seconded the motion. Roll call vote: K. Erhardt-yes, Krieger-yes, Schwab-yes, Schmidt-yes, Becher-yes. M/C.
D. School Website. Erhardt presented EDLIO as an option for the school website going forward. Krieger made a motion to accept moving the website to EDLIO for \$4,500.00. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
E. Fire Alarm System. The board reviewed a quote from AVI/Forte' for a replacement of fire alarms system at a cost of \$21,008.09. Becher made a motion to table the fire alarm system until we can meet with the AVI to discuss some things in regard to the quote. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
F. School Board Policies. Hill presented going to NDSBA policy services to get our policies reviewed and up to date. Becher made a motion to sign on with NDSBA policy services. Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Meeting Dates.
Extra-Curricular Committee – September 25, 2025 6:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting – October 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. CT
Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. CT.
These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board.
Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

(11-06-2025)

City asked to support idea of creating mini library boxes again

BY RYAN SCHLEHUBER
CENTER REPUBLICAN EDITOR

A visitor to the community of Center is seeking to reinvigorate the idea of establishing free library boxes again.
During the Oct. 6 Center city council meeting, Jennifer Fisher, who introduced herself as a newcomer in town looking to buy land for her family's cattle company, had been exploring the community and asked about free-standing mini libraries, which are small wooden boxes typically on a 2-inch by 4-inch stand that holds free books for the public to use.
“I’m looking around in the community, and I’m always thinking about the community and trying to make it better, and I didn’t see any free libraries anywhere,” said Fisher, who told Council she is a pediatric nurse. “I went around places where kids may congregate but didn’t see any.”
Center Councilman Eric Casson explained to Fisher that the community’s public library is located in the Center-Stanton High School and City Pool Manager Shandy Kraft said the school did have a mini library stand at one time, however, it was taken down owing to it leaking

when it rained and some children were “disrespecting it.”
Fisher, who said she did construction while serving in the military, told council, if the city would allow it, she would construct mini library boxes and donate them to the community.
“I can load them up with tons of books,” she said. “Improving community literacy is so high on my list. The (Oliver County) Courthouse said they’d love to have on out there. Now I’m just looking for other places that would be good to put them.”
Fisher’s idea gained support at the meeting. Kraft said if a mini library stand were to be placed on school grounds again, she suggested it be put near the entrance doors so that it can be better monitored. City Auditor RaShell Simenson added that the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center would be a great location for a mini library stand, too. Councilwoman Lisa Gusewelle also suggested an indoor book box where younger children would have better access to free books, perhaps in the school building.
Councilman Troy Hatzenbuhler, who is a member of the city’s planning and zoning committee, suggested to Fisher to attend a committee meeting to so she can push forward with her idea and allow the committee to make a recommendation to the city council.



SUBMITTED PHOTO | JEN FISHER
Center-Stanton's Taylor Fleckenstein saves a ball from going out of bounds and sets it up for a scoring attempt from her teammates.