

## Mott airport awarded funding for projects

Sen. John Hoeven has announced the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded \$32 million in funding for 11 airport infrastructure projects across North Dakota through the Fiscal Year 2026 Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

Among the projects is the Mott Municipal Airport, which was awarded \$519,009 to reseal the runway, apron, taxiway and taxilane pavements.

As a member of the Senate Transportation Appropriations Committee, Hoeven has secured funding to advance airport development projects and strong federal investments in transportation infrastructure to benefit communities across North Dakota.

“These investments in our airports are critical to improving safety, increasing efficiency and meeting the growing demand of communities across our state,” Hoeven said. “Reliable airport infrastructure is essential to keeping North Dakota connected, and these projects will help strengthen our transportation network for years to come.”

## New England School District proceedings

### New England Public School District #9 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the New England Public School Board was called to order by President Chris Reindel at 6:04 p.m., on May 13, 2026. Board members present: Chris Reindel, Scott Bieber, Amanda Seymour, Brooke Waltner and Shawn Wolf. Board Members absent: none. Also present: Superintendent Scott Jung, Principal Sydney Ratliff and Business Manager Tamara Volk.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Scott moved to approve the agenda as amended. Amanda seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Consent Agenda:

1. Brooke moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2026, regular board meeting and April 13, 2026, special board meeting. Shawn seconded the motion. Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Chris moved to approve board bills as presented. Amanda seconded the motion. Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye. Motion carried 5-0.

AF #9886 – 9962 17,511.52, Payroll #12054 – 12061 DD15863 – 15903 146,954.59, #12062-12071 DD15904 – 15951 129,525.52, #12072 – 12076 VOID, #12077 – 12084 DD 15952 – 15992 148,673.61, GF #46159 ACT 657.00, 46160 AFLAC 3,265.34, 46161 AJ Oilfield 448.50, 46162 Apptegy 4,100.00, 46163 Bank of ND 346,127.97, 46164 Brauns 12.00, 46165 BSN 2,523.48, 46166 City Air 125.00, 46167 City, 46168 Clarion Hotel 495.00, 46169 Consolidated 460.37, 46170 D&E 3,438.99, 46171 Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch 6,900.00, 46172 Dust-tex 176.22, 46173 Denny's 193.08, 46174 DPS 6,079.80, 46175 Fitterer Oil 395.00, 46176 Four Seasons 729.30, 46177 GS Publishing 79.31, 46178 Steven Gussey 251.80, 46179 Harlow's 44.31, 46180 HUB 6,692.35, 46181 IState 848.80, 46182 Jostens 133.28, 46183Keane Hanson Plumbing 1,192.90, 46184Kohler Communications 900.00, 46185 Benjamin Krebs 46.89, 46186 Linde 131.05, 46187 Marco 2,351.95, 46188 Menards 143.84, 46189 MDU 8,422.58, 46190 NDCEL 350.00, 46191 NDESC 125.00, 46192 New England Community Store 299.68, 46193 ND Attorney General 40.00, 46194 ND Attorney General 40.00, 46195 ND Attorney General 40.00, 46196 NW Tire 781.44, 46197 Office of Administrative Hearing 530.00, 46198 Pearce & Durick 2,936.25, 46199 Alexander Quintane 887.26, 46200 Reindel Enterprise 881.25, 46201 Shred ND 53.75, 46202 Smart Computers 20,110.01, 46203 SWMC-CC 20.00, 46204 Swanke's 300.00, 46205 Topline 651.75, 46206 US Foodservice 58.61, 46207 VISA 2,310.72, 46208

VISA 14.91, 46209 VISA 66.02, 46210 Tamara Volk 187.53, 46211 WRSS 11,968.93, 46212 Wolf Body 2,881.00, 46213 AFLAC 27.92, 46214 AFLAC 27.92, 46215 AFLAC 27.92, 46216AFLAC Dental 41.76, 46217 AFLAC Dental 41.76, 46218 AFLAC Dental 41.76, 46219 Bank of ND 80,318.27, 46220 City 581.40, 46221 Consolidated 460.37, 46222 Core Facility 3,489.25, 46223 D&E 788.75, 46224 Dakota Boys & Girls 6,900.00, 46225 Dust-tex 353.34, 46226 DWCCC 10.00, 46227 Forum 148.00, 46228 Kyra Frank 1,209.55, 46229 Frontline 4,942.04, 46230 Steven Gussey 89.90, 46231HUB 4,063.70, 46232 Anton Krebs 258.36, 46233 Amy Kuehl 91.72, 46234 LaQuinta 550.00, 46235 Linde 141.80, 46236 MDU 7,614.18, 46237 ND-Phit 3.81, 46238 NDPhit 3.81, 46239 NDPhit 3.81, 46240 New England Community Store 125.12, 46241 NEPS Hot Lunch 333.75, 46242 ND Safety Council 47.00, 46243 Julie Opdahl 272.75, 46244 Smart Computers 7,575.01, 46245 Software Unlimited 6,700.00, 46246 SW Special Education Unit 565.13, 46247 Topline 260.00, 46248 VISA 183.98, 46249 Vizion Signs 55.20, 46250WRSS 12,072.74. HL 7200 Pepsi 1,462.59, 7201 Sysco 1,354.04, 7202 US Foodservice 3,830.06, 7203 US Foodservice 6,608.87, 7204 US Foodservice 1,685.36.

3. Business Manager Report  
a. Revenue report, expenditure report and balance sheets were presented.  
b. DPI May payment  
Brooke moved to approve the financial report as presented. Shawn seconded the motion. Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Superintendent Report  
c. Enrollment Report  
d. Personnel report  
i. Administrative Assistant position was offered to Michelle Wolf.

ii. Athletic Director was offered to Troy Dietz.  
iii. Head Boys Basketball position was offered to Justin Cantwell.  
e. Discussions  
i. Business manager evaluation will be done in April moving forward.  
ii. Board self-evaluation discussion on how many per year and date. Will be done in January moving forward.  
iii. Weekly emails are keeping board updated.

Chris moved to approve the Superintendent report as presented. Amanda seconded the motion. Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Principal Report  
a. Graduation will be held in the old gym  
b. Academic awards were presented this morning.  
c. Big Brother Big Sister Day this Friday.  
d. 4-6 Field Trip Gateway to Science on May 18.  
e. 1-3 Field Trip Bismarck Zoo May 20.  
f. Pre-K and Kindergarten

have already had their field trips.

g. Testing schedule is out.  
h. End of year power school training will be on May 28th.

Amanda moved to approve the Principal Report as presented. Brooke seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Dean of Students/Activities Director  
Brooke moved to approve the Dean of Students/Activities Director report as presented. Amanda seconded the motion. Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Committee Reports:  
a. Transportation - No Report  
b. Budget and Finance  
c. Negotiations - No Report  
d. Curriculum and Policy – Tabled until the next meeting.

GAAB Curriculum Adoption, GAAC Review and Complaints of Instructional and Resource Material, GAAC-BR Procedure for Reviewing Complaints about Instructional Resource Material, GAAC-E1 New England Public School District Request For Reconsideration of Instructional Resources, GAAC-E2 Library Bill of Rights, GAAC-E3 Critical Race Theory, GAAC-E4 New England Public School District Request To View Instructional/Resource Material, GABAA Services for English Learners, GABDB Federal Title Programs Dispute Resolution Procedure, GACA Virtual Instruction, GACA Post-Secondary Enrollment, GACD Summer School, GBA Academic Freedom, GBAA Teaching About Religion, GCAA Grade Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration, GCAA-AR Grade Promotion, Retention, & Acceleration Procedure, GCAB Class Ranking and Grade-Point Average, GCC-AR Criteria For Considering Third Party Student Surveys and Research, GABDB GCAB

e. Building and Grounds – No Report  
f. Co-Op Committee – No Report  
g. Technology Committee – No Report  
h. Consortium Repots  
i. WERC – No Report  
ii. RACTC  
iii. SWCTC

Curriculum and Policy will be reviewed at next meeting.  
Amanda moved to approve the committee reports with the exception of curriculum and policy. Brooke seconded the motion. Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:  
NONE  
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider approval of Best-in-Class Four-Year Old Program Approval  
a. Chris moved to approve participating in the Best-In Class Pre-K program for the 2026-2027 school year. Brooke seconded the motion. Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye Shawn aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consider tuition waiver from Dickinson Public School  
a. Brooke moved to approve the tuition waiver with Dickinson Public School for one student. Shawn seconded the motion. Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye Shawn aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Consider approval Intent to Apply, Assurances, and Certifications 2026-2027 Title Funding  
a. Amanda moved to approve the intent to apply for Title funding. Shawn seconded the motion. Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Business Manager Evaluation  
a. Evaluations not completed item will be tabled until the June meeting  
5. Business Manager Contact  
a. Discussion held on business manager contract.  
i. Scott moved to approve a 1.6% increase on the business manager contract. Brooke seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Non-Certified Wages  
a. Discussion was held on non-certified wages and the possibility of performance-based raises in the following year.  
i. Brooke moved to increase custodians, paras, kitchen staff and bus maintenance with a .25 per hour raise for the 2026/2027 school year. Shawn seconded the motion. Discussion held. Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 5-0.  
ii. Scott moved to increase bus driver wages per trip. Amanda seconded the motion. Discussion held on bus driver wages.  
1. Scott moved to amend his motion to increase bus driver wages to \$50.80 per trip. Brooke seconded the amended motion. Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye. Motion carried 5-0.  
2. Vote on the amended motion of raising bus driver wages to \$50.80 per trip. Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye. Motin carried 5-0  
7. Approval of Resignations  
a. Amanda moved to approve the resignation of Sydney Ratliff as the head track coach for New England Public School. Scott seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motin carried 5-0. The board thanked Sydney Ratliff for her time coaching.  
b. Amanda moved to approve the resignation of Marshall Welch as custodian. Brooke seconded the motion. Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 5-0. The board thanked Marshall Welch for his time with the district.  
8. Policy Discussion  
a. Scott Bieber asked for the following policies to be placed on next month's agenda for review. BA-School Board Ethics, BA-BR1-School Board Ethics Regulations, BFB – Board Staff Relations  
b. Discussion was held on policies regarding senior trips. Scott Bieber was concerned about Dr Ratliff, and any pressure she might have been under pressure to make a decision regarding the senior trip.  
c. Chris asked that the board receive more information on this item. Discussion held.  
Public Participation: None  
June Board Meeting Date and Time – June 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Chris Reindel, President  
Tamara L. Volk, Business Manager

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**New England Public School District #9 Special Meeting**

The special meeting of the New England Public School Board was called to order by President Chris Reindel at 12:01 p.m., on May 22, 2026. Board members joining by phone: Chris Reindel, Scott Bieber, Amanda Seymour, Brooke Waltner, Shawn Wolf. Board members absent: none. Also present: Superintendent Scott Jung, Principal Sydney Ratliff and Business Manager Tamara Volk.

Scott moved to approve the agenda as presented. Brooke seconded the motion. Chris aye, Scott aye, Amanda aye, Shawn aye, Brooke aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Recommendation to approve entering into resignation and release of the 2025/2026 with Jordan Kass.  
Scott moved to approve entering into the resignation and release of the 2025/2026 contract with Jordan Kass. Brooke seconded the motion. Scott aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Brooke aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Chris Reindel, President  
Tamara L. Volk, Business Manager



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The Hettinger County Commissioners will be accepting bids for loading, hauling and spreading of gravel on 6.7 miles of road in southeast Hettinger County until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026. Bids should be in an envelope marked "Gravel Hauling Bids."

Before any firm does any type of work within the county, such firm will be required to show proof of general liability insurance coverage of at least \$1 million and general vehicle insurance of at least \$1 million and be a registered contractor in the state of North Dakota.

There will be a maximum speed limit of 45 MPH imposed on all county and township roads throughout the county for the hauling of gravel during the duration of the project. A minimum of two road work signs must be posted at each end of any road project.

Upon acceptance of any firm to do work within the county, such firm will be required to provide a performance bond or cashier's check, whichever is in accordance with the North Dakota Century Code.

Bids may be hand delivered to the office of the Hettinger County Auditor in Mott, North Dakota, or may be mailed to:

Hettinger County Auditor  
336 Pacific Ave., Mott, ND 58646

For information about pit location, haul roads, roads being graveled, and any other questions, contact the Hettinger County Road Supervisor at 701-928-1621. Hettinger County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to make the award in the best interest of Hettinger County.

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