

MINUTES

Wishek Public School Minutes/Meeting Notice

Wishek Public School District No. 19
Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2026,
Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm
ITV Room,
Wishek Public School, Wishek ND

1. The Wednesday, April 8, 2026, meeting of the Wishek School Board was called to order by President Curtis Meidinger at 6:01 p.m. with members present: Curtis Meidinger, Rocky Brown, Trina Schilling, Danielle Goebel and Neil Horner. Also, present were Superintendent Shawn Kuntz, Principal Renae Brandner, Assistant Principal Charles Brandner, Business Manager Bethany Vilhauer, Teachers Stacey Herr, Chantel Mehlhaff and Colonial Life Representative Dan Aubol.

2. Agenda Addition: f. Executive session for school board to go into executive session for purpose of negotiations strategy in accordance to NDCC 44-04-19.1(7)
Agenda Approval: Motion by Rocky Brown, seconded by Danielle Goebel, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Approve Minutes: Motion by Trina Schilling, seconded by Neil Horner, to approve the March 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes and the March 26, 2026, Co-op meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Rocky Brown, seconded by Neil Horner, to dispense with the individual reading of invoices. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Rocky Brown, seconded by Neil Horner, to approve invoices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Vendor Name	Amount
ADV BUS METH	1,961.74
AFLAC	1,209.70
BEK	293.23
BITTNER, J	60.00
BCBS	21,210.40
BRANDNER, C	3,000.00
DFC	10.76
CREA	90.00
CURTS SERVICE	5,619.30
DELTA DENTAL	1,593.66
DIAMOND D PLUMB	3,283.05
E & H COMM	335.72
FP MAILING SOL	323.07
GERRELLS SPORTS	692.00
H. A. THOMPSON	13,500.00
HARLOW'S	116.51
HR COLLABOR	150.00
IXL LEARNING	16,537.50
KUNTZ, S	1,083.33
MARTELL'S	11.99
MDU	21,645.58

MEIDINGER, V	7,622.00
MELLMER, E	85.26
MUELLER, B	150.00
ND BCI	120.00
NDHSAA	50.00
NDSBA	39.00
PFEIFLE'S CHEV	341.21
PRECISION HANDYMAN	2,500.00
READITECH	930.00
SCHERBENSKE, K	79.72
SCHNABEL, R	174.98
S CENT ADULT SRVCS	1,079.00
STATE CHEM SOL	289.49
THOMPSON, J	1,500.00
TRUE VALUE	23.40
U INSURANCE	323.00
WISHEK COLLISION	8,709.98
WISHEK HL FUND	650.00
WISHEK PARK DIST	300.00
Fund Total:	117,694.58

HOT LUNCH FUND	
AFLAC	248.92
BCBS	1,155.20
DELTA DENTAL	227.67
GOEBEL, D	363.26
ND DPI	1,472.61
PETE'S	2,164.70
SCH	90.58
U.S. FOODS	5,194.31
Fund Total:	10,917.25

ACTIVITY ACCOUNT	
BETTENHAUSEN, A	3,543.07
D & B ENGRAVING	30.00
GACK-STREET SCHOOL	140.00
MELLMER, E	266.00
STRASBURG SCHOOL	35.00
TRU HILTON-RAP CITY	602.94
U.S. FOODS	81.51
Fund Total:	4,698.52

6. Reports
(a) Technology Report: Administration discussed the use of Promethean boards and teacher computers for evaluated staff, as well as the future consideration of additional student device purchases. Network infrastructure updates, including switches and access points, were reviewed and will return to the Board for further discussion on June 3. The Board discussed the district's 1:1 technology program for the upcoming year. Devices will continue to be used with additional review of effectiveness, safeguards, and appropriate usage. No removal of devices is planned. Administration will continue reviewing device monitoring capabilities and concerns related to inactive device use, with further discussion to occur with the technology coordinator.
(b) Policy Report: None
(c) Transportation Report was presented by Brent Vetter: Discussion included the driver's education vehicle. Updates from the Co-op meeting were shared regarding coach buses, noting they would not fit in the current bus barn. Newer models that would fit are available, with pricing varying significantly. A 50-pas-

senger capacity was recommended.
(d) Principal report was presented by Renae Brandner: Staff evaluations are complete. Evaluations will be returned to staff on April 13 and are due back on April 15. Student meetings were held Monday, April 6, as part of the Cognia process. Students discussed requests and ongoing concerns, including drinks in the classroom. A trial for drinks during first hour for students was discussed. Access to have drinks from periods 1-4 will now be available; no food will be allowed. College accessibility for students to visit was also discussed. Eleot and teacher observations will be completed by the end of April, after which Cognia will convene to work on the school-wide improvement plan. State testing (NDSA+ - North Dakota State Assessment Plus, STAR Assessments, and CBMs - Curriculum-Based Measures) will take place throughout April and will be spread out as much as possible.

- Upcoming events include:
- Science Fair: April 13 at 6:00 p.m. (Grades 4-6)
 - Elementary Spring Concert: April 23 at 6:30 p.m.
 - High School Spring Concert: April 27 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Elementary Track & Field Day: April 29 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. (Sophomore class drink fundraiser)
 - FFA Banquet: April 30 at 6:00 p.m.
 - Missoula Children's Theatre: May 4-8, final show May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the HS Gym
 - Awards Day: May 13 at 9:00 a.m., followed by graduation practice at 10:00 a.m.
 - Last Day of School: May 13
 - Finals: May 14-15
 - Graduation: May 17 at 1:00 p.m.
- (e) Athletic Director report was presented by Charles Brandner: The athletic awards ceremony will be held May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Ashley due to venue availability.
Spring sports participation numbers were shared:
- Track & Field: 36
 - Baseball: 17
 - Golf: 10 total (3 Wishek students; season begins April 6)

Preparations are underway for the elementary volleyball jamboree. Coach contracts for the 2026-2027 school year will be distributed this week. There are currently four open positions.
(f) Assistant Principal report was presented by Charles Brandner: Behavior Report was discussed.
(g) Superintendent Report was presented by Shawn Kuntz: Insurance claims for water damage have been partially paid. Additional reimbursement may be claimed pending replacement of damaged equipment. Ceiling tiles and lights have been replaced in the main concession room. Floor tile replacement

in the concession areas will occur this summer. A new heating core has been installed in boiler.

- Personnel Updates:
Hired:
- Paraeducator - Gianna Caruso (starting April 15)
 - Head Cook - Anna Meidinger
- Open Positions:
- Assistant Cook (no candidates; will re-advertise)
 - Assistant Secretary (potential candidates to interview)
 - Summer Maintenance (one applicant and an additional offer for lawn mowing)
- Enrollment:
- Pre-K: 17
 - K-12 Current: 224 (possible drop of one student)
 - 2025-2026 ADM: 229

On-time funding and the state "claw back" process were discussed. Enrollment remained relatively stable despite mid-year changes. State Superintendent Levi Bachmeier visited WPS on March 27 and met with multiple stakeholder groups. Topics included teacher retention, rural school funding, online education concerns, and special education staffing challenges statewide. Discussions continue with CRACTC regarding potential participation in the Bismarck CTE program. Community land-splitting impacts were reviewed.
(h) Business Manager Report was presented by Bethany Vilhauer: Dan Aubol from Colonial Life shared information on employee benefit options, including group term life insurance and dental coverage. Meetings have been held to begin implementation of online payments for activities and hot lunch through Infinite Campus, with completion planned for June and July. Attended the NDASBM Workshop in Bismarck covering NDIRF, WSI, burnout prevention, NDSFARM coding, WebGrant claims, budgeting, and BRIDGE updates.
One candidate filing had been received for the upcoming school board election as of April 3; the filing deadline was April 6. The auditing process was discussed.

7. Old Business
a) Drivers education vehicle - Administration shared updates on a vehicle that meets budget and DOT safety requirements. The proposed vehicle has approximately 77,000 miles, AWD, and seats five. The budget is approximately \$26,000. State mileage reimbursement rates were discussed, as well as potential use of remaining budget funds.
Motion by Rocky Brown, seconded by Neil Horner, to purchase the Subaru and take the Suburban to the next Ulmer auction. Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business
a) Resignations of coaches - Motion by Trina Schilling, seconded by Danielle

Goebel, to approve coaching resignations for Jamie Bittner as Head Girls Basketball coach and David Jochim as Assistant Football coach.

The Board expressed appreciation for the coaches' dedication and service. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Contracts - Contracts requiring approval included Michael Hiltner (English) and Victoria Moreno (Ag Ed). All contracts have been signed and returned.

Motion by Danielle Goebel, seconded by Trina Schilling, to approve all contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

c) 2026-2027 schedule update - Administration reviewed scheduling updates for the upcoming school year. Seventh and eighth-grade students will choose either band or choir, with study hall available if only one is selected. High school schedules are complete. Elementary students will continue to receive daily PE and music. Online course transportation and related policy considerations were discussed, including potential use of city transit.

d) Strategic plan review - The Superintendent reviewed updates to the strategic plan and an accompanying document. Branding discussions were held with high school students. Future planning priorities were discussed.

e) Schoolwide Title - Administration reviewed the transition from Targeted Title to Schoolwide Title, which requires board approval. Schoolwide Title would allow broader access to services, particularly in math and ELA.

Motion by Neil Horner, seconded by Danielle Goebel, to move to Schoolwide Title. Motion carried unanimously.

f) Executive session - Motion to enter executive session for negotiations strategy in accordance with NDCC 44-04-19.1(7).

The Board entered executive session at 8:00 p.m. Motion by Trina Schilling, seconded by Neil Horner, to exit executive session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board exited executive session at 8:08 p.m.

9. Next meeting date: The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2026, beginning at 7:00 pm.

10. The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Curtis Meidinger, President
Bethany Vilhauer, Business Manager
(May 20, 2026)

Meeting Notice

The Wishek Public School Board will conduct the Election Canvass during its Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the ITV Room (Room 41) on the Elementary side of the Wishek Public School.
(May 20, 2026)

Wishek City Council Minutes

The Wishek City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on May 6th, 2026 at 5:00 pm @ the Civic Center. Mayor Dohn & special guest Nevaeh Horner calling the meeting to order and Councilpersons Welder, Eiseman, Roth, Opsahl-VIA phone, Lipp and Salwei answering roll call and residents from the community.

Approval of consent agenda-motion by Salwei 2nd by Welder to approve *minutes from the 4-5-26 meeting, with correction* *bills* *public hearing & Board of Equal mins* roll call vote 6-0.

Bills:	Amount
965 MAGUIRE 04/16/26	\$10,816.00
966 JDA 04/22/26	\$7,036.35
967 WISHEK PARK BOARD 04/22/26	\$14,072.70
968 Arntson Stewart Wegn 04/29/26	\$5,041.25
969 INTERSTATE ENGINEERI 04/29/26	\$2,483.00
1195e IRS 04/06/26	\$2,913.72
1196e IRS 04/14/26	\$1,724.35
1197e NDPERS 04/16/26	\$12,883.20
1198-01 ELAN FINANCIAL SERVI 04/16/26	\$2,799.32
1202e IRS 04/20/26	\$863.55
1203e ND STATE TAX COMM 03/31/26	\$130.00
1204e IRS 04/28/26	\$1,642.38
1205e UNISON BANK 04/29/26	\$3.00
1206e VERIZON 04/29/26	\$159.06
1207e CNH CAPITAL 04/29/26	\$36.64

1208e Swabtek 04/29/26	\$135.00
1210e NDPERS 04/30/26	\$335.00
1211e NDPERS 04/30/26	\$5,052.85
27228-3Payroll04/06/26	\$7,879.27
27231 CAMIKA MICHAELSOHN 04/06/26	\$200.00
27233 BEK 04/16/26	\$334.86
27234 BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIEL 04/16/26	\$191.30
27235 CENTRAL DAKOTA FRO 04/16/26	\$1,172.74
27236 Cole Papers Inc 04/16/26	\$194.35
27238 CURTS 04/16/26	\$379.80
27239 E & H Communications 04/16/26	\$504.63
27240 ECOLAB 04/16/26	\$208.78
27241 HAWKINS 04/16/26	\$2,561.42
27242 ITD 04/16/26	\$111.90
27243 ND DEPT OF HEALTH 04/16/26	\$27.00
27244 ND HEALTH CHEMISTRY 04/16/26	\$20.39
27245-4 Payroll 04/14/26	\$5,926.43
27248 ROCKYS 04/16/26	\$2,483.97
27249 South Central Health 04/16/26	\$291.00
27250 TABITHA COOK 04/16/26	\$342.10
27251 Uinsurance 04/16/26	\$12,737.00
27252 Walworth County Landf 04/16/26	\$441.18
27253-5 Payroll 04/20/26	\$3,565.98
27257 WISHEK PARK BOARD 04/22/26	\$754.16
27258 CAMIKA MICHAELSOHN	\$100.00

04/28/26 \$100.00
27259 CAMIKA MICHAELSOHN 04/28/26 \$200.00
27260 CITY OF BISMARCK 04/29/26 \$721.59
27261 COMPUTER EXPRESS 04/29/26 \$300.00
27262 DELTA DENTAL OF MN 04/29/26 \$850.49
27263 MDU 04/29/26 \$3,410.88
27264 OHNSTAD TWICHELL, P. 04/29/26 \$1,272.00
27265 PERRY TURNER 04/29/26 \$200.00
27268-7Payroll 04/30/26 \$5,695.54

Mayor comments-Mayor for the day 7th grade essay was read by Nevaeh Horner.

Public Comments-Brandon Lipp, Lila Raile, Les Otto, Phillip Wanner, Mike Hastings, Bruce Herr & Don Hochhalter.

Unfinished Business: Hay land bids received were from Schaffer and Vetter, motion by Welder 2nd by Roth to approve Vetter's bid, roll call 6-0. Utility rates-motion by Roth to charge \$20 on vacant or non-habitable as long as it does not have a water meter 2nd by Salwei, roll call vote 1-5, Roth no. Motion by Salwei 2nd by Lipp to table until next meeting 6-0.

Opsahl left meeting at 5:45pm

New Business-Mitch spoke briefly on data center issues. Motion by Lipp 2nd by Roth to impose a 1-year moratorium on the Data center, roll call vote 5-0. Motion by Salwei 2nd by Lipp to have the official newspaper the McIntosh County Star Tribune, roll call vote 5-0.

Salwei Reported new sign is up.

Welder gave update on Civic Center Kitchen

Eiseman reported on Cemetery mowing.

Tourism - Flowers Tuesday or Wednesday

On a motion by Roth to adjourn meeting at 6:16pm.
Attest: Mary Vickers, Auditor
Brenda Dohn Mayor
(May 20, 2026)

Special Meeting

The Wishek City Council met for a special meeting on May 11, 2026 at 5:00 pm. President Lipp called the meeting to order and Councilpersons Welder, Opsahl, Salwei-VIA phone, Eiseman & Roth answering roll call. Also present was Janet Wolff & Tom Lovik. President Lipp made a few comments. Mayor resignation and next steps was discussed. Meeting updates was discussed.

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