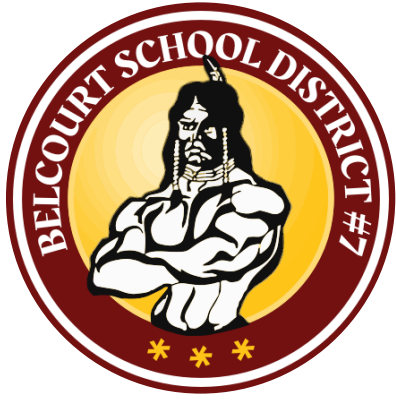




# Belcourt School District # 7 & 100-297 Grant School Minutes -April 14, 22, 23, 2026



## \*\*\*\* Belcourt School District #7 Regular Board Meeting (Tuesday, April 14, 2026) @ Noon

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Present
Teri LaFountain:	Present
Allan Malaterre:	Present
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Present
Allen Schlenvogt:	Present
Scotty Vandal:	Present

**Others Present:** Duane Poitra, Levi Gourneau, Dr. Shane Martin, Connie Baker, Kevin Brien, Travis LaRocque, Kellie Hall, Nicole Blackwell, Earl Demery, Ashlin LaRocque, Emma LaFloe, Laurie Elliott, Claudette Gourneau

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Allan Malaterre called the meeting to order at Noon.

**2. OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Connie Baker and Scotty Vandal led the group in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA MOTION** to approve the agenda. This motion, made by Dr. Wanda Parisien and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1	

**4. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments were made.

**5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA MOTION** to approve the consent agenda items 5.A to 5.R as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1	

**A. TMCS Superintendent Report - Dr. Shane Martin**  
A written report is in the packet. No board action needed.

**B. TMCS Assistant Superintendent/HR Director Board Report — Levi Gourneau**  
**Subject:** April 14th, 2026, Board Report

Good afternoon, 100-297 and BSD#7 Board Members, The April Board Report is attached. It summarizes hiring, resignations, reassignments, and additional duties from March 10th, 2026, to April 14th, 2026. Don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions or need clarification.

**Positions Hired:**

All employment offers are contingent upon the candidate's formal acceptance of the position, successful completion of the required background check, and board approval when applicable. **\*All teacher hires require board approval.**

- **Turtle Mountain Community Elementary School:**
  - o No new hires.
- **Turtle Mountain Community Middle School:**
  - o No new hires
- **Turtle Mountain Community High School:**
  - o No new hires
- **Turtle Mountain Community School Bus Drivers:**
  - o No new hires
- **Ojibwa Indian School:**
  - o No new hires
- **Preschool Special Needs:**
  - o No new hires.
- **Tiny Turtles Preschool Program:**
  - o No new hires
- **Turtle Mountain Community Schools:**
  - o No new hires

**Positions Advertised/Un-**

**filled/Pending**  
• **TMCHS Alternative School Administrator Position**  
o New Position  
o Will be advertised in-house  
o If we do not receive a sufficient pool of applicants, we will open the position and advertise it outside the district.  
• **TMCHS Health/Occupational Science Teacher**  
o Formerly Jessica McGillis, Adrienne Vondal was hired for the 2025-2026 school year.

• **TMCHS Social Studies Teacher**  
o Formerly Kyle Hardy's position. The Social Studies Department filled these classes in-house during the 2025-2026 school year. The Social Studies department feels they need another teacher.

**Resignations/Retirements**  
• Amber Giron - TMCHS Special Education Teacher  
• Kathy Rohlfing Delorme - TMCMS ELA Teacher

**Staff who did not sign their contract**  
• Jerilynn Walette - TMCES Teacher

**Reassignments**  
As outlined in BSD Policy DFC, all reassignments are made in the best interest of the Belcourt School District and require approval from the staff member, their supervisor, the building principal, the TMCS Assistant Superintendent, and the TMCS Superintendent.

• No new Reassignments

**Discussion/Information:**  
No Items at this time.

**C. Approval of Class of 2026 Graduation Class Song, Class Flower, Class Motto and Class Colors - Jaylee Malaterre/Student Reps**  
Class Song: Ribs - Lorde  
Class Flower: Tiger Lily  
Class Motto: Sometimes You'll Never Know the Value of the Moment Until it Becomes a Memory — Dr. Seuss  
Class Colors: Maroon, Gold & White

**D. TMES Board Report - Shanna Davis-McCloud**  
April Board Report 2026

**E. Business Manager Reports - Duane Poitra**  
FY26 HS Grant Budget for Board Mar 26  
FY26 Monthly Board Report Mar 26

**F. Ojibwa Indian School Board Report - Angelique Bennett**  
OIS Apr. 2026 Board Report

**G. Approval of ND DPI School Construction Request & Facility Plan for Physical Education Gymnasium - Duane Poitra**  
In the packet is the ND DPI School Construction Approval Request and School Facility Plan for review and approval. The request is for construction of a 21,660 sq. ft Physical Education Gymnasium which will be located South of the HS parking lot.

The school currently operates with only one gymnasium serving seven high school basketball teams (four boys' and three girls' teams), multiple daily physical education classes, and community use. The project duration is projected to begin in the fall of 2026 with a completion projected for winter 2027. Physical Education Gymnasium Facility Plan  
Physical Education Gymnasium Const Approval Request  
Physical Education Gymnasium layout  
Physical Education Gymnasium upper track layout

**H. Approval of Two 23-Passenger Activity Bus Purchase (\$284,300) - Duane Poitra**  
At the February 24th Transportation Committee meeting, it was recognized that there is a need for two mid-size trip buses to offset the current high usage of the larger trip buses throughout the school year. The mid-size activity buses were placed out on bid on March 2nd, 2026. The single

submitted bid was reviewed by Ray Trottier Jr. It was determined that the only bid received from Transportation Sales Equipment Corp. for two 2026 23-passenger activity buses (with each bus to include an additional rear heater option installed) did meet the requested vehicle requirements.

Therefore, it is the recommendation to approve the only bid received from Transportation Sales Equipment Corp. and accept the trade-in offer for two used 2016 Chevy StarCraft 20-passenger trip buses (\$26,500 total) against the purchase of two new 2026 Executive Shuttle 23-passenger activity buses w/rear heater option (\$155,400 each @ \$310,800 total) for a total purchase price w/trade of \$284,300 utilizing General Fund monies. Two 23 Passenger Bus Bid Backup

**I. Approval of ND DPI School Construction Request & Facility Plan for Asphalt Paving Project - Duane Poitra**  
In the packet is the ND DPI School Construction Approval Request and School Facility Plan for review and approval. The request is for the application of approximately 51,040 sq. ft of asphalt surface at the Bus Garage location and in the rear of the HS.

The current access to both areas lacks sufficient grade to alleviate water runoff adequately. This makes it difficult for buses to transport students daily and for delivering school operational supplies during adverse weather conditions. The recommendation is to approve the School Construction Request & School Facility Plan as presented.

Asphalt Paving Project Bldg. Facility Plan  
Asphalt Paving Project Const Approval Request

**J. Approve Purchase of a 2019 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Cargo Transport Van - Duane Poitra**  
The recommendation is to approve the purchase of a used 2019 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Transport Cargo Van in the amount of \$72,689.00 from McGuire's of Rugby, ND. The vehicle mileage of the unit is 32,994. The funding source used will be General fund. Transport Cargo Van backup attachment.

**K. Approval of Inspired Instruction Contract \$32,820.00 - Claudette Gourneau**  
In the packet is the Inspired Instruction Contract in the amount \$32,820.00 for review. 2 weeks Coaching K-12. The recommendation is to approve the Instruction Contract in the amount \$32,820.00 utilizing District Wide General Fund monies. 25-26 Solutions Overview - Belcourt School District #7 (BIE) - Rolette County attachment.

**L. Accept Final FY2024-25 Audit as Issued by Brady Martz - Earl Demery/Duane Poitra**  
Final Audit Report - June 30, 2025 - Belcourt PSD 7.pdf (SECURED)

**M. Approval of Minutes 03-10-26 @ 11:45 a.m.**  
03-10-26 SB BSD Minutes 1145

**N. Approval of Minutes 03-10-26 @ Noon**  
03-10-26 RB BSD Minutes 1200

**O. TMMS Board Report - Gaillard Peltier**  
As I mentioned at the school board retreat in Fargo, I will give an update on the Middle School's attendance report. I attached a 5-year window of how our middle school's percent in attendance, starting with the 2025-26 school year shows 90.37%, while the 2024-25 school year shows 88.56%, the 2023-24 school year shows 88.94%, the 2022-23 school year shows 90.75%, the 2020-21 school year, COVID year shows 84.49%, this equals a 5-year average of 88.62%.

The second attachment shows the Middle Schools' regular attenders, or students who have missed less than 8 days as of March 26, 2026. This equals 109 students or 34% of our student body. We have 33% or 106 students of our student body missing 9 to 17 instructional days. They are identified as at risk. We have 25% or 83 of our students missing 18 to 35 instructional days. These students are identified as having chronic absenteeism. Our last group, 8% or 25 of our students, missed more than 36 instructional days. These students are identified as having severe chronic absenteeism. The categories that are used to determine chronic absenteeism are, at risk, chronic absenteeism and severe chronic absenteeism. This equals 214 of our students for a 66% chronic absenteeism for the middle school, an increase of 12% from last year. Average Daily Attendance for Middle school  
Regular attendance and Chronic absenteeism

**P. TMHS Board Report - Brad LaRocque**  
Student Engagement Survey

**Q. Approval of 2026-2027 Draft School Calendars (TMES, TMMS, TMHS) - Duane Poitra**  
In the packet is the 2026-2027 TM Elementary, Middle and High Schools Calendars for review and approval.

The draft 185-day calendar for Elementary School consists of 172 instructional days, 5 professional development days, 2 parent-teacher conference days and 6 paid holidays; the projected 1,034.24 instructional hours meets the minimum required elementary school calendar standard of 962.5 hours per the North Dakota Century Code.

The draft 185-day calendar for Middle School consists of 172 instructional days, 5 professional development days, 2 parent-teacher conference days and 6 paid holidays; the projected 1,158.43 instructional hours meets the minimum required middle school calendar standard of 1,050 hours per North Dakota Century Code. The draft 185-day calendar for TM High School is based on a reconfigured 4-day week with alternating Braves Fridays resulting in 1,083.70 instructional hours (state required minimum is 1,050 hours); the TM High School calendar also includes 5 professional development days, 2 parent-teacher conference days and 6 paid holidays.

The recommendation is to approve the 2026-27 (draft) TMES, TMMS and TMHS calendars as presented. Draft SY 2026-2027 Elem Sch Calendar 03.31.2026  
Draft SY 2026-2027 Middle Sch Calendar 03.31.2026  
Draft SY 2026-2027 TMHS Calendar 03.31.2026

**R. Approval of ND Career and Technical Education (TMACTC) Letter of Support - Kellie Hall**  
In the Board packet is a letter of support for the Turtle Mountain Area Career and Technology Center. The Board made a motion to approve support of the TMACTC at the March 10, 2026, meeting. We are now requesting the signature of the Board President to submit to the ND CTE Department with our proposal. The recommendation is to approve the letter of support for the TMACTC by the Board President. TMACTC Letter of Support - Allan M. Signature

**6. BE LEGENDARY**  
**A. Cognia New Platform (Information only) - Claudette Gourneau**

**B. NIEAC Conference for Cognia in Buffalo, NY (Information Only) - Claudette Gourneau**  
Information Only!!!! We are being requested to present at the NDIEA Conference in Buffalo, NY on October 7th to 10th, 2026. This presentation would be to highlight our strategic thinking and planning

process by doing a sessions co-presenter with our staff from (HS, MS, ES and Cognia Staff) which consists of approximately 7 people.

**C. Administrator Walkthrough(s) (Information Only) - Claudette Gourneau**  
Dr. Martin, Levi Gourneau and Claudette conducted an administrator walkthrough at the HS on Wednesday, April 1st, 2026.

**D. District Student Engagement Survey Results - Claudette Gourneau**  
In the packet are the survey results for your review. Break-down District's 2025-2026 Student Engagement Survey Results

**E. Community Engagement Update and to Appoint the Community Engagement Committee — Laurie Elliott**  
We need to appoint a District Community Engagement Committee to create a PowerPoint for BSD#7 on Community Engagement. This Committee will consist of several individuals as follows:  
Mission: The District Advisory Committee is a collaborative group made up of parents and representatives from key community partners. Its purpose is to foster a more intentional and inclusive partnership between parents, community organizations, and schools. By bringing all stakeholders to the table, the committee aims to strengthen communication, support student success, and promote a unified approach to addressing the needs of the community and education system.

One Parent Representative from each school's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)  
o Alexis LaRocque  
o Kandace Desjarlais  
o Katrina Delorme  
TMC Representative: Cynthia Poitra  
TM Child Welfare: Daniell Breland  
TM Tribe: Janell Jerome  
Sky Dancer Casino: Hope Frederick  
Tribal Court: Jenna Belgarde  
IHS: Crystal Allery

This group has been meeting monthly for 2 years and also has an annual meeting with the Superintendent to discuss any identified issues or concerns of the group.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business at this time.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**  
**A. TMCHS Student Representatives - Class Reps.**  
A written report was in the packet for the board's review labeled, Student Council Board Report 03-30-26

**B. Approval of Accounts Payable - Earl Demery**  
The accounts payable for March 2026 are in the packet for review and approval. Vouchers totaled \$788,916.19, HS Grant totaled \$204,317.31, and Payroll totaled \$1,926,447.59 for a total of \$2,919,681.09.  
Check # 246129 - 246654  
Checking Account #1  
Check # 16071 - 16097  
Checking Account #2 - Turtle Mountain State Bank  
Check # N/A  
Checking Account #3  
The recommendation is to approve March 2026 Accounts Payable for \$2,919,681.09 as presented.

**MOTION** to approve the March 2026 accounts payable for \$2,919,681.09 as presented. This motion, made by Allen Schlenvogt and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Abstain
(With Conflict)	
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1	

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**SEE: MINUTES**  
cont.on page 7B

## 100-297 High School Grant Regular Board Meeting (Tuesday, April 14, 2026)

Elmer Davis:	Absent
Teri LaFountain:	Present
Craig Lunday:	Absent
Allan Malaterre:	Present
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Present

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Shane Martin, Levi Gourneau, Connie Baker, Duane Poitra, Earl Demery, Nicole Blackwell, Levi Gourneau, Kevin Brien, Travis LaRocque, Ashlin LaRocque, Emma LaFloe

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Teri LaFountain called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA MOTION** is to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Allan Malaterre and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.

Elmer Davis:	Absent
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Craig Lunday:	Absent
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2	

**3. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda items 3.A through 3.G as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Wanda Parisien and seconded by Allan Malaterre, Carried.

Elmer Davis:	Absent
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Craig Lunday:	Absent
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2	

**3.A. TMCS Superintendent Report - Dr. Shane Martin**  
**3.B. Business Manager Reports - Duane Poitra**  
FY26 HS Grant Budget for Board Mar 26  
FY26 Monthly Board Report Mar 26

**3.C. Approval of Class of 2026 Graduation Items - Nicole Blackwell**  
Class Song: Ribs - Lorde  
Class Flower: Tiger Lily  
Class Motto: Sometimes You'll Never Know the Value of the Moment Until it Becomes a Memory — Dr. Seuss  
Class Colors: Maroon, Gold & White

**3.D. Approval of Minutes 03-10-26 @ 11:30 a.m.**  
**3.E. TMHS Board Report - Brad LaRocque**  
**3.F. Approval of 2026-27 Draft School Calendar (TMHS) - Duane Poitra**  
**3.G. Approval of Accounts Payable - Earl Demery**  
The accounts payable for March 2026 are in the packet for review and approval. HS Grant totaled \$204,317.31, HS Grant Payroll Expense totaled \$995,459.29, and the total HS Contract totaled \$1,199,776.60. Check # N/A  
Checking Account #3. The recommendation is to approve March 2026 accounts payable for \$1,199,776.60 as presented.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**  
None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**  
None

**6. ADJOURNMENT**  
**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 am. This motion, made by Allan Malaterre and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.  
Elmer Davis: Absent  
Teri LaFountain: Yes  
Craig Lunday: Absent  
Allan Malaterre: Yes  
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes  
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

Teri LaFountain,  
Board President  
Belcourt School District #7

Duane Poitra,  
Business Manager  
Belcourt School District #7