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OAKES SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM, 7 AM

Call to Order
President Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7 AM. Those present were President Monica Heimbuch, Vice President Sheila Nagel, Board Members Brian Seyer, Patti Kelly, and Ryan Rosendahl. Also present were Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson, Principals Greg Dobitz and Jordan Lynch, Teacher Ryan Schneider and joining via zoom was Sue Diegaard from Elliott and McMahn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Patti Carlson moved to approve the agenda. Brian Seyer second. Motion passed 5-0.

Welcoming of Visitors, Public Comment and Communications.
Student Outcomes-Goals
See Goal Progress Report
Consent Agenda

Sheila Nagel moved to approve consent agenda. Ryan Rosendahl second. Motion passed with roll call vote 5-0.

Included in the consent agenda is Approve February 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Receive February Financial Reports, Approve February bills, Approve January 13, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes, Approve February 24, 2026 Special Board Meeting minutes, Approve March 2, 2026 Special Board meeting Minutes, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amended Policy ACCA-Sexual Offenders on School Property, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amended Board Regulation ACCA-BR Criteria for Granting Parent Sexual Offenders' Privileges to Enter School Property, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of New Policy ACEB-Hazing, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amended Policy BDAB-Savings Clause, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of New Policy BDBB-Retaining an Attorney, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of New Policy FAAD-Tuition Agreement (Education of Non-Resident Students), Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amended Policy HBAA_Federal Fiscal Compliance, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amended Policy HCAA_Purchasing, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amended Policy DHBA-Tuition Repayment Program, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy FCC-Restrain or Seclusion, Approve Superintendent Recommended Tuition Repayment for Kalya Haafke.

Reports (Information Only)
Reports received for Information only were Goal Progress Report-Goal #3-Choice Ready, Business Manager's Report, Superintendent's Report, SRCTC February Board Meeting Minutes, SVSEU February Board Meeting Updates, February Time Tracker, Committee Meeting Minutes.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action
Superintendent Recommended Facilities Referendum-June 9, 2026. After careful review of the committee's work and the results of the community survey, it is my recommendation that the Board approve the bond resolution for \$6.3 million as presented on the resolution. The committee's process was thorough, and the feedback gathered from the community survey provides a clear direction for moving forward at this time. While I fully support advancing this resolution, I also want to note, both respectfully and transparently, that our district continues to face additional facility needs that extend beyond this proposal. In particular, our high school building envelope and windows, long-term safety upgrades, and improvements to ADA accessibility remain areas of concern that we will need to address in future financial planning. Even with those broader needs in mind, it is evident that the committee's recommendation reflects the priorities identified by our community. Approving this resolution allows us to take a meaningful step forward while continuing to plan for the additional work that lies ahead.

Brian Seyer moved to approve the Initial Resolution for General Obligation School Building Bonds in the amount of \$6.3 million dollars. Patti Kelly second. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Patti Kelly moved to approve the Resolution Submitting Question of Approving Initial Resolution for General Obligation School Building Bonds. Sheila Nagel second. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Rosendahl moved to approve Resolution for Submission of School Construction Loan Application. Brian Seyer second. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Future Meetings
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7 AM
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7 AM

Adjournment
There being no further business for the Good of the Order, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Heimbuch, President Shannon Jepson, Business Manager

Bills Paid:

ACTIVE ARTS,	1298.50
AMAZON,	1,497.95
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION,	656.00
ARCO GAS STATION,	69.55
ATHLETIC.NET,	255.00
BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS INC,	1,054.91
BRANDVOLD, MATT, BROOKLYN PUBLISHERS LLC,	165.80
BSN SPORTS LLC,	157.25
BUFFALO WILD WINGS,	460.00
CAMFIL USA INC,	43.66
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD,	648.97
COCA COLA BOTTLING HIGH COUNTRY,	595.41
COLE PAPERS INC,	1,611.00
CORNER C-STORE,	1,959.65
CORSAIR GAMING INC,	512.84
DAKOTA IMPROVEMENT INC,	149.79
DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS,	1,435.00
DEFENSE SOAP,	246.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTR.,	60.49
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS,	594.98
DROPOX INC.,	1,064.13
ECONOMY PROPANE,	203.88
EDPUZZLE PRO TEACHER,	692.55
ELLIOTT & MCMAHON LLC,	12.50
ENTZY, DONALD,	1,000.00
ETSY.COM,	166.28
FARGO INN AND SUITES,	209.72
FIALA, HEATHER,	2,323.00
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS, LLC,	190.00
FRANKS, JAMIE,	219.34
GRAINGER,	56.17
HELGERSON, LONNIE,	198.04
HOME DEPOT, THE,	106.00
ITHREEG MEDIA,	75.42
JENSEN, DJ,	100.00
JOHNSON, LON,	144.83
KEMPS LLC,	30.00
KRIEGER, MARCHEL,	1,875.58
KUSTOM MACHINE INC,	283.69
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS,	26.23
LOVELACE, KELLEY,	134.45
LUCKYS 13 REST,	213.00
LUKES, LANCE,	43.67
MAPLE VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL,	165.80
MARATHON PETRO,	34.00
MEIKLEJOHN, JARED,	55.41
MENARDS,	244.10
MILLERS FRESH FOODS,	26.05
NAPOLEON PUBLIC SCHOOL,	187.60
ND INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOC,	35.19
NDACS SPELLING BEE,	200.00
NEW PRECISION TECHNOLOGY LLC,	198.00
NORTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL,	319.82
NORTH DAKOTA CENTER FOR DIST.,	40.00
NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOLAA,	7,557.00
NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS,	2,450.00
NUMERACY CONSULTANT,	324.00
OAKES CITY OF,	425.00
OAKES TIMES-NORDMARK PUBLISHING,	1,208.50
OAKES TRUCK AND TRAILER CENTER,	205.16
OLD DUTCH FOODS INC,	667.78
OTTER TAIL POWER,	185.40
PARADISO,	14,023.84
PARAGON VISUAL INC,	33.52
PARTS SUPPLY,	535.69
PERMA-BOUND,	404.04
PIEHL, LANDON,	136.88
PLUNKETTS PEST CONTROL INC,	165.80
POPPLERS MUSIC STORE,	167.89
PRASKAS HARDWARE INC,	251.50
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC,	151.92
RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK,	12.17
RAMBOW INC,	454.00
READ NATURALLY INC,	960.00
RWP, INC,	273.90
SANFORD SPORTS BISMARCK,	1,000.00
SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS LLC,	2,400.00
SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE,	2,520.00
SHELL OIL,	398.00
SMITH & STREGE LTD,	25.51
STEINS, INC,	232.50
SUNCAST CORPORATION,	215.79
SUPPLY HOUSE.COM,	39.87
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA INC,	667.77
TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS,	12,899.36
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS,	36.33
UNITED STATES FOODS,	1,427.80
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA,	1,415.40
VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS,	50.00
VESTIS,	56.00
WEBSTAIRANT STORE, THE,	264.58
WEXHEALTH,	1,199.00
WORDWALL,	82.25
WORTHINGTON AND SCHULTZ PC,	(97.20)
(Submitted to the Oakes Times 04/30/2026)	300.00

OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM MARCH 31, 2026

Call to Order
Sheila Nagel called the meeting to order at 7:01 AM. Those present were Negotiation Committee members Sheila Nagel and Monica Heimbuch. Also present were Superintendent Anna Sell and Business Manager Shannon Jepson.

2026-2027 Principal Contracts
Anna Sell recommended that each principal get 1.5% increase on their base pay. This will increase Greg Dobitz pay by \$1,342. This will increase Jordan Lynch pay by \$1,188. The committee will recommend this proposal to the board.

2026-2027 Superintendent Contract
Anna Sell has requested no increase in her gross pay. She requested an additional 5 days of vacation. The committee will recommend this proposal to the board.

2026-2027 Business Manager contract
Business Manager requested 1.5% increase to her salary, which would be an additional \$1,131. I also requested that I stay on the traditional policy, paid in full, and will forgo the \$2,100 Section 125 contribution. The committee will recommend this proposal to the board.

Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 AM (Submitted to the Oakes Times 04/30/2026)

OAKES SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026 CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM 7 AM

Call to Order:
President Monica Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7:01 AM. Those present were President Monica Heimbuch, Vice President Sheila Nagel, Board Members Ryan Rosendahl, Brian Seyer and Patti Kelly (via zoom). Also in attendance were Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson, Principals Greg Dobitz, Jordan Lynch and Custodian Bobby Knodel and Teacher Ryan Schneider. From the Facilities committee were Drew Courtney and LeRoy Meehl (joining via Zoom). There were representatives from ICON and ESG joining via Zoom.

Facilities Discussion:
President Heimbuch stated that "By-passing the fire suppression system and ADA is not what I believe is in the best interest of the students and of the school

but at the end of the day we are here to represent the community and what they want us to do."

Brian Seyer stated, "As far as following what the committee recommended, I believe that is the best avenue to go to that the information I gathered and that is what I believe the survey is telling us also."

Vice President Nagel stated "It's unfortunate that we would not be able to do anything that would improve the safety of our students, but I don't think we can put anything extra on the ballot because we will never get it. It's unfortunate that the people don't see that."

Ryan Rosendahl stated that "Things that were previously identified and other things that were identified that need to be done or should be done but whether or not we can get the passage to pay for them is a good question. I agree the amount from the survey was anything less than 7 million so that 6.3, and even at that were at the percentage wise of being able to pass that with a 5% error, was at 55-65% and even then, we are at a stretch. At the risk of having it not pass on the June ballot, which would delay it until November of 26, which would put us back another year. It's pretty important that we get the most popular option forward that has the option to be passed."

Patti Kelly stated "I think the safety of the kids is important, but the community said what they did and I guess we just have to trust them and just do what we can do for now I guess and hope that it doesn't affect them in the long run."

Superintendent Sell stated community has spoken. "I know what the community has spoken, but as the Superintendent, it goes against everything that I am. Because I know what we are doing right now, we are saving money to spend money. We know what our list of things are, we've gotten a list from ICON."

ICON stated that they would contact Scott Wegner and Anne Wouillet to get the documents ready for the March 17, 2026, regular meeting if the board decides to call a bond referendum. They would assist Oakes Public School on getting public meetings scheduled, create FAQ and fact sheets and will ask the committee members to attend.

There being no further business listed on the agenda; the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 am.

(Submitted to the Oakes Times 04/30/2026)

Cooper's Corner

by Martha MacLeod

All in a day

I have some indoor plants that Cooper likes to play with. He touches his nose to the leaves and gently rubs his face in the foliage. Sometimes he opens his mouth and feels the greenery with his tongue.

Last week we were outside before the lawn had all turned green. He was in the backyard touching the fresh spears of grass. Then I heard coughing and choking. Something went wrong with his little game. He looked up at me and I could see the fear in his eyes when he couldn't catch his breath. Running up to me he jumped into my lap gasping for air. I remained calm and stroked his back softly. When he relaxed he could get his breath a little at a time.

I'm not sure what happened. It appeared to me that a blade of grass went too far into his throat and then broke off. I didn't see it but I could hear it in his throat as he tried to breathe. Luckily, with time it cleared but he was very subdued for half a day.

Now here's a little quirk that he has. In the morning I give him a small treat when I drink my coffee. Then one day I decided to give him something bigger. It was a stick about five inches long that had three pieces of treat material wrapped around it. Do you think he ate it right away? No, he made it last for four days.

First, he rolled on it. He does that with any treat he gets. Then he ignored it until we went outside. That's when he carried it with him and left it in the middle of the back yard. He didn't bring it back in the house, at least, not right away.

The next time we went outside he went straight to the little stick with three blobs of treat on it. He rolled on it again over and



over and then he walked off and ignored it. He even left it there overnight.

When he went outside the next day he went to it and brought it inside. I don't recall how many times he went in and out with it. I know it lasted four days. Then one night I got up at midnight for a pit stop. I let him outside so he could prowl around. It wasn't long before I heard him crying at the back door. He usually barks when he wants in. I went to the back porch and opened the door. He couldn't bark because he had that stick in his mouth. He rushed inside and ran to the living room. Then he plopped himself down and began to devour the stick with his little pieces of treat. He didn't stop to look at me. He barely stopped to breathe until he had eaten the whole thing.

Can you make any sense out of this? Over those four days he always remembered where he last left the treat and then suddenly he gobbled it up. Well, he's a dog and a Shih Tzu at that so he doesn't have to explain his actions. Needless to say, he has an interesting life. He has such a cute little face and takes his actions seriously. What a funny little critter he is.

Life is grand on Sixth Street North in Oakes, North Dakota.

Old MacDonald liked to play scabble. But for some reason, he always got a bad hand with the letters E-I-E-I-O.

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Chasing the Clouds Away by **Debie Macomber.**

(LP) Maisey Gallaher gave up becoming a nurse to care for her family after her father died. She believes it was the right choice, but she still wonders what her life might have been like. Chase Furst is a rich bank executive who is focused only on work. Because of his mother's addiction and a hard childhood, he is guarded and distrustful. When Chase meets Maisey, her kindness surprises him. After she helps him through a tough moment, she refuses his money and asks him instead to do something kind for someone else. Chase agrees, even though he's unsure how. As Chase tries to change, he and Maisey grow closer. Together, they learn from each other and discover how love could change their futures.

The Dark Time by **Nick Petrie.**

Journalist Katelyn Thorsen and her daughter are threatened with death if she continues her investigation. Former Marine Peter Ash steps in to protect them. As the danger grows, Peter realizes this case is more dangerous than any before, and even with help, failure could be disastrous.

The Final Storm by **Fern Michaels.**

Charlotte Gray is an award-winning wildlife photographer who loves capturing nature. It's easier for her to focus on beautiful landscapes than to think about her painful childhood and the distant mother she left behind in Florida. Over time, Charlotte has built a strong, independent life and wants to protect it. While working in Las Vegas, she meets someone unexpectedly and follows her heart for the first time.

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