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AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10 OAKES REVISED ORDINANCES AMENDMENT OF 10.1602 REGARDING OHVS

WE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKES, NORTH DAKOTA, do hereby amend Chapter 10 by amending section 10.1602 as follows:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of OAKES, DICKEY County, North Dakota, that the Ordinances section 10.1602 be amended to read as follows:
Definitions for Operation of Off-Highway Vehicles

For the purpose of this article, words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the meaning and be defined as provided in the North Dakota Century Code in Title 39, and North Dakota Century Code including Section 39-01-01 and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.

Rules for Operation and Registration of Off-Highway Vehicles

For the purpose of this article, the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 39-29 and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby adopted.

Be it so ordained this _____ day of _____, 2026. CITY OF OAKES By: _____ Doug Sitzer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Zasha Johnson, Auditor
First Reading: April 14, 2026
Second Reading: May 12, 2026
Publication Date: May 21, 2026
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TWO UPCOMING COMMUNITY FACILITIES INFORMATION MEETINGS

The meetings are on May 26th at 6 pm and June 2nd at 6 pm.
(Submitted to the Oakes Times
05/21/2026, 05/28/2026)

OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM/ VIRUAL VIA ZOOM

APRIL 29, 2026, 7:15 AM
Call to Order
President Monica Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7:15 am. Those present were President Monica Heimbuch, joining via zoom were Board Members Brian Seyer, Patti Carlson and Ryan Rosendahl. Also present were Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson.

Approve JH Math Teaching Contract
Brian Seyer moved to approve teaching contract for Kendra Kaczynski for \$45,450. Patti Kelly second. Motion passed 4-0.
Adjourn

There being no further business posted on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 AM.
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OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM

APRIL 21, 2026, 7 AM
Call to Order
President Monica Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7 am. Those present were President Monica Heimbuch, Vice President Sheila Nagel, Board Members Ryan Rosendahl, Patti Kelly, Brian Seyer, Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson, Principals Greg Dobitz, Jordan Lynch, Teacher Ryan Schneider and Sue Deigaard with Elliot and McMahn.

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

The Kedish House Letter was read and included in the board packet. No further Visitors or Communication.
Student Outcomes-Goals
Superintendent Anna Sell reported on GPM 3 OPS will increase the percentage of students who graduate choice ready as measured by the North Dakota Choice Ready report from 76% in Spring 2023 to 95% in Spring 2028.

GPM 3.1 The percentage of learners at OPS that attain a score of 31 on the ASVAB assessment will increase from 77% in Spring 2023 to 90% in Spring 2028. Twenty-three of thirty-one Seniors have reached an ASVAB score of 31. Twenty-seven of Thirty-three juniors have scored a 31 or higher with four still needing to take the test. It is predicted that we will be on track with this GPM.

GPM 3.2 The percentage of sophomores that are Choice Ready in at least one Choice Ready Component will increase from 84% in spring 2023 to 100% in spring 2028. Twenty-nine of Thirty-four sophomores have met this benchmark. There are 28 learners to be on track to be workforce ready by the end of the school year. This GPM is reported to be on track.

GPM 3.3 The percentage of Juniors at OPS that have competed 4 or more of the Choice Ready Essential Skills Additional Indicators will increase from the baseline in spring 2025 to 100% in spring 2028.

Twenty-eight of Thirty-four Juniors have already completed 4 or more indicators. Five are expected to complete by the end of the school year. This GPM is reported as on track.

Sheila Nagel moved to accept Goal Progress Measures. Ryan Rosendahl second. Motion passed 5-0.

Quarter 1 Time Tracker. Patti Kelly moved to approve Quarter 1 Time Tracker. Sheila Nagel second. Motion passed 5-0.

Quarterly Board Self Evaluation
Objective: Last Quarter, This Quarter, Next Quarter

Objective 1: 12, 12, 12
Objective 2: 12, 12, 12
Objective 3: 13, 13, 13
Objective 4: 16, 6, 6
Objective 5: 15, 15, 15
Objective 6: 0, 0, 6
Totals: 68, 58, 64

Brian Seyer moved to approve board self-evaluation as presented above. Patti Kelly second. Motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda
Ryan Rosendahl moved to accept the consent agenda. Brain Seyer second.

Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0. The Consent Agenda included to Approve March 12, 2026 Regular board meeting Minutes, Receive March Financial Reports, Approve March Bills, Approve March 1-, 2026 Special meeting Minutes, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amended Policy FCC-Restraint or Seclusion, Approve 2026-2027 Teaching Contract for Tori Ratz, Approve Open Enrollment Application, Approve 2026-2027 Elementary Principal Contract for Greg Dobitz, Approve 2026-2027 HS Principal Contract for Jordan Lynch, Approve 2026-2027 Business Manager Contract for Shannon Jepson, Approve 2026-2027 Superintendent Contract for Anna Sell.

Reports
The following reports are for information only. Business Manager's Report, Superintendents Report, SRCTC March Board Meeting Minutes, SVSEU March Board Meeting Updates, March Meeting Time Trackers, Committee Meeting Minutes.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action
None
Future Meetings
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7 AM
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 7 AM
Adjournment

There being no further business for the Good of the Order, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 AM.

Monica Heimbuch, President Shannon Jepson, Business Manager
Paid Bills:

A & B BUSINESS INC, 5,326.15
ALFRED MUSIC, 5.00
ALLARD TROPHY CO, 1,004.40
AMAZON, 1,753.27
ANDERSONS, 1,985.41
BLOCKET LLC, 59.88
BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS INC, 698.08
BSN SPORTS LLC, 180.00
BUREAU OF EDUCATION, 590.00
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD, 737.79
CASEYS, 31.66
CENEX, 40.51
CENTRAL CASS PUBLIC SCHOOL, 21.00
CHADS ELECTRIC INC, 397.74
CHARRAS & TEQUILA, 52.07
HIGH COUNTRY, 737.00
COLE PAPERS INC, 5,048.56
CORNER C-STORE, 136.92
CRACKER BARREL, 92.32
CRANE MERCHANDISING SYSTEMS INC, 35.80
DAKOTA IMPROVEMENT INC, 100.00
DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS, 150.00
DECKER EQUIPMENT/ SCHOOL FIX, 403.82
DELTA HOTELS FARGO, 657.56
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTR., 378.29
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS, 1,040.45
DOWNIES PIANO TUNING & REPAIR, 350.00
DUVALL, GRACE, 270.09
DUVALL, GRANT, 300.00
ECONOMY PROPANE, 427.60
EDPUZZLE PRO TEACHER, 12.50
EDUTECH, 20.00
ELEMENT FARGO, 552.00

ELLIOTT & MCMAHON LLC, 1,000.00
FLOCABULARY, 138.00
FOGAO GAUCHO RESTAURANT, 155.23
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS, LLC, 717.88
FRESH ALTERNATIVE FUND RAISING LLC, 2,506.00
GAME ONE, 1,437.75
GERMAN SUSAN, 165.95
GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER INC, 1,722.00
GOFAN.COM, 20.00
GRAND FORKS LODGE & SUITES, 414.75
GRUENEICH, CLAYTON, 239.75
GUMDROP BOOKS, 1,909.15
HAMPTON INN, 880.00
HANSEN, STEELE, 575.00
HAY, KATHIE, 325.00
HOME DEPOT, THE, 86.13
HOUSE OF ANTIQUE HARDWARE, 27.17
HULNE, MATTHEW, 75.00
I-STATE TRUCK CENTER, 157,800.00
ITHREEG MEDIA, 100.00
IVERSON, RICHARD, 25.00
JDG HOLDINGS, LLC, 9,422.31
JENSEN, DJ, 149.99
JUST BATS.COM, 349.95
KEMPS LLC, 1,828.38
KNODEL, BOBBY, 8.89
LARSON, CHRISTOPHER, 215.83
LOVELACE, KELLEY, 175.00
LOVES GAS STATION, 31.43
LYNCH, ALEXANDRA, 75.00
MAYAS, 98.65
MCINTYRE, CHERYL, 266.00
MEEHL, GARRET, 675.00
MILLERS FRESH FOODS, 175.41
MONILAWS, JOHN, 234.10
NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM, 1,101.00
NAVIGATE 360 LLC, 72.93
NETWORK SERVICES, 43.82
NORTH SARGENT PUBLIC SCHOOL, 56.00
OAKES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 128.00
OAKES CITY OF, 1,225.00
OAKES COMMUNITY CLINIC, 125.00
OAKES TIMES-NORDMARK PUBLISHING, 252.08
OAKES TRUCK AND TRAILER CENTER, 1,866.20
OLD DUTCH FOODS INC, 123.00
OTTER TAIL POWER, 15,852.31
PARTS SUPPLY, 307.78
PENWORTHY COMPANY, 460.40
POPPLERS MUSIC STORE, 393.15
PRASKAS HARDWARE INC, 35.97
QUADIANT LEASING USA INC, 194.34
RADIO FLYER, 9.89
RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK, 340.50
REGION VI MUSIC, 150.00
ROBERTS, BECCA, 150.00
ROBERTS, ZACH, 265.00
RONEY, JENESSA, 41.92
SANDERSON, CASSIDY, 130.00
SCHIELER, ELIZABETH, 414.00
SCHMITZ, LYNSEY, 285.00
SCHNEIDER, RYAN, 150.00
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS, 38.50
SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS LLC, 2,547.00
SELL, PEYTON, 19.19
SHELL OIL, 33.43
SHEYENNE VALLEY SPECIAL EDUC UNIT, 43,439.84
SOUTH EAST EDUCATION COOPERATIVE, 550.00
SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER TECH CTR., 75,815.00
STEELE, ELEANOR, 75.00
STAINS, INCAN, 656.44
SUPPLY HOUSE.COM, 288.78
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA INC, 15,211.01
TESSMAN COMPANY, THE, 173.59
THREEX GEAR LLC, 2,325.00
UNITED STATES FOODS, 8,323.82
VESTIS, 367.54
VISA, 15.00
VISTO, GARY, 643.00
VISTOS CARQUEST, 19.27
VOIGHTMAN, CARRIE, 75.00
WALD, DEBORAH, 313.85
WALMART.COM, 50.90
WARREN, DONALD, 135.00
WEXHEALTH, 80.50
WOLF, ADRIANNA, 75.00
WOODSTEAD, CARYN, 75.00
WORTHINGTON AND SCHULTZ PC, 520.00
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Cooper's Corner

by Martha MacLeod

Last Thursday morning I was up at 6:30 putting the coffee pot on when I looked out the kitchen window and saw a fat lumpy multicolored cat curled up in my patio chair. The chair is also multicolored so the cat blended in with the pattern. Cooper was also looking out the window but didn't see the cat. Dogs do not see colors the way we do. If the cat had moved Cooper would have detected it.

I pointed out the cat in the chair to Cooper and he eagerly went out the door to get it, or so I thought. But when Cooper ran out he went straight to the back fence and looked all over for a cat. When he didn't see one he went to the north fence. In so doing he ran right by the chair with the cat in it. The long-haired matted alley cat sat still in the cushions of my favorite chair. Cooper looked all over around the north fence and when he didn't see a cat he headed back to the house. As he came in the back door I noticed the cat get out of the chair, slink back into the alley and disappear.

By then the coffee was brewed so I took it into the living room and sat down to read my devotions. Cooper followed me with his treat and we sat quietly together.

Not long after my friend Sarah came by. She had her son Blake with her. Blake and Cooper went in the back yard to play. It didn't take Cooper long to get into running and chasing with this fourth grader. Soon they were both huffing and puffing and had to stop to catch their breath.

That afternoon I had an appointment so I left Cooper home with my sister Judy. As I was leaving Cooper got real close to me. He had to show me that he didn't want me to leave. As I went out he stood looking out the kitchen window as I walked to the garage.



He had such a forlorn expression on his face.

When I got back I learned that he had gone to Judy and the two of them had a good time sitting together on the front porch.

After a while the sun came out and they went to sit in the chairs back by the garage. When I came home Cooper jumped up and down and greeted me as if I'd been gone a week. Maybe it seemed that long to him. It was really only a couple of hours.

Cooper has a sweet personality. We sat in the backyard enjoying the fragrant smell of the crab apple tree and the choke cherries in bloom. The yellow finches came to the thistle seed sack I had tied to the fence.

It's been a strange season for birds. We have no birds living here. Only the migrants are here. In fact, this winter there wasn't even a sparrow in the bushes by my living room window. There are no sparrows here even now. It's strange not to have birds, not even a sparrow.

We like to watch Jeopardy so we went inside. Cooper sat on the living room floor until Jeopardy was almost over. Then he came and stood in front of me. He looked me in the eye. I know what that means. Time for supper.

And that's the way it was for us last Thursday in Oakes, North Dakota.



Disneyland ticket prices are more than \$200 a person. Maybe now they'll buy Donald Duck some pants!

LIBRARY CORNER

REVIEWS SUBMITTED BY JEANINE PAHL

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The Family by Naomi Krupitsky.
Two girls grow up as best friends in the Italian mafia community of Brooklyn. Sofia is bold and wild, while Antonia is quiet and thoughtful. As they become adults, a family tragedy pulls them apart and changes their lives. As Brooklyn grows around them, the women struggle with love, loyalty, and the bonds of family and friendship—until one-night forces a terrible choice that will change everything.

The Midnight Train by Matt Haig.
(Midnight World #2) When Wilbur's life flashes before his eyes, he knows exactly where he wants to go back to—his honeymoon in Venice with Maggie, the love of his life. A mysterious Midnight Train gives him the chance to relive his past and see who he truly was. But changing his choices could cost him everything. A magical love story about regret, second chances, and time—set in the world of The Midnight Library.

A Fortune of Sand by Ruta Sepetys.
Detroit, 1927. Marjorie Lennox is the youngest daughter of a

wealthy, powerful family—but she never quite belongs. When she secretly joins an elite arts program, she finally sees a chance to escape her family's control. The building is beautiful; the talent is impressive—but something feels wrong. Rules are harsh, doors lock, and whispers spread about women disappearing. As Marjorie is drawn closer to the strange and charming man behind it all, she must uncover the truth before she loses herself. A dark, gothic story about power, control, and what it costs women to be seen.

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