

NORTH BORDER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 21, 2026 | SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the North Border Public School Board was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at North Border - Walhalla. Members present: DeWilliam Moore, Jared Hanson, Kirk Morrison, Shannon Cosley, Ashley Schafer, Nick Chaput, and Heather Duerre. Others present: Superintendent of Schools Berry, Principal Amb, Principal Hope, Principal Muhonen, Business Manager Trupe, and guests: Jacy Fraser, Jesse Sims, Lauren LeTexier, Gracy Hornung, Jaelyn Forrey, Grace Follin, Leah Dearing, Gavin Symington, Dustin Miller, Max Jerome, Cole Denault, Clint Huber, Marcia Halldorson, Jaelyn Johnson, Brody Berg, Colton Bailly.

Members Absent: none

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Schafer at 6:03 p.m.

Ms. Duerre motioned to discuss the agenda; seconded by Mr. Chaput. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Duerre motioned to approve the agenda with the changes; seconded by Mr. Morrison. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Chaput motioned to discuss the Be Legendary - Continuous Improvement topics. Ms. Duerre seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Chaput gave an update on the Be Legendary time tracker. The board ta-

bled the self-evaluation until the next month due to travel restraints to be in person at this meeting. The board discussed the high schools making the top 10% in the state along with goal 3 and goal progress measure 3.2. No motions were made.

Public Participation: none
Ms. Cosley motioned to approve the Consent Agenda including the regular meeting minutes of December 17, 2025, the December bills and financials, the hiring of Julie Jensen - LTS SpEd (W), Dan Syljuberget - Intra District/Dual Credit (English 120), Clint Huber - Intra District (Consumer Business), and Amanda O'Connor - Intra District (Entrepreneurship/Cybersecurity). Ms. Duerre seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Chaput motioned to discuss the items for discussion and possible action. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.
Ms. Duerre motioned that the board supports the possibility of the World Strides trip moving forward with any interest. Mr. Chaput seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.
Ms. Duerre motioned to discuss reports; seconded by Ms. Cosley. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.
Superintendent Berry reported on: co-op agreement update, universal school meals, transportation - looking at vans, buildings - storage in

Walhalla (will be added to February agenda), and bleacher quote for Walhalla.

Principal Muhonen reported on: STAR testing, ND Civics test, finalized grades, shot clock in Pembina, students going to ski at Frost Fire, LETRS training, and ASVAB testing.
Principal Amb reported on: STAR testing and ND State Accountability reports.

Principal Hope reported on: 8th grade to manufacturing day, welding competition, shout out to the JV Academic Olympics team winning, successful concert for JH/HS in Pembina, thanks to the ministerial association for allowing time for the Christmas concert make-up date, and personalized learning.

Mr. Chaput motioned to discuss the next meeting date. Ms. Duerre seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.
Ms. Duerre motioned for the next board meeting to be held on February 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm in Pembina. Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

The board thanked Ms. Crosby's 6th grade class for the board recognition and treats.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST: Ashley Schafer, President
Kendra Trupe, Business Manager

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MILL LEVY INCREASE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on March 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM, at Hannah Café, Hannah, ND, Cavalier County, an election will be held in which the following question shall be submitted to the electors of Byron Township:

Shall Byron Township levy taxes for a 5-year period commencing in 2027 through 2031, which shall exceed the legal limit by approximately \$13,672.60 (10 mills), so that the taxes levied, instead of being approximately \$24,610.68 (18 mills), which is the limit authorized by law, shall be approximately \$38,283.28 (28 mills)? () YES or () NO

By the Board of Supervisors of Byron Township. Dated this 26th day of February, 2026. Bradley McIntoch - Chairman

CAVALIER COUNTY/CALL FOR BIDS-GRAVEL

Call for bids on county road work, crushing gravel, rental of equipment, etc. Bids due March 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners of Cavalier County, North Dakota, will receive sealed bids at the office of the County Auditor, 901 3rd Street - Suite 15, Langdon, North Dakota, until March 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., on the following items as may be required to be done during the ensuing year: Purchase of gravel and shale; hauling of gravel and shale for county road resurfacing at the price per cubic yard per mile of hauling; gravel crushing; road work with man and machine as follows: tractor with dozer; tractor with scraper; back-hoes; fast movers; dragline work; snow blowing; or work to be performed with any other machinery to be specified in bids submitted. Bids should also include the class of gravel, cost per yard from individu-

al pit and other costs such as royalties, pumping, grubbing, clearing, etc. must be included directly in the bid price per yard. THESE BIDS WILL BE ADHERED TO WHEN COMMISSIONERS REQUEST WORK DONE. The county will contact contractors having submitted gravel bids for quotes on projects requiring larger quantities of gravel. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any questions can be directed to Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor, (701) 256-2161. All weed control is the responsibility of the owner/operator. Owner/operator will control all weeds within the entire materials pit area, spraying the property lines of the materials pit area. This will include all stockpiles of product, regardless of origin. All questions regarding weed control can be referred to Cavalier County Weed Officer, Josh Short (701) 370-8927.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):
Job No.: 24754

Project No(s): H-3-001(035)213
Length: 3.867

Type: INTERMITTENT CONTRACT PATCH

County(s): CAVALIER Co

Location: ND 1, JCT ND 5 (LANGDON) N TO STATE LINE

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until

09:30AM, March 27, 2026. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the

capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at

<http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the De-

partment at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.

Requested by:

Ronald J. Henke, P.E., Director
North Dakota Department of Transportation

MILL LEVY INCREASE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on March 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM, at Chris Olson Residence, 10216 109th Ave., Langdon, ND in Cavalier County, an election will be held in which the following question shall be submitted to the electors of West Hope Township:

Shall West Hope Township levy taxes for a 5-year period commencing in 2026 through 2030, which shall exceed the legal limit by approximately \$14,495.10 (10 mills), so that the taxes levied, instead of being approximately \$26,091.15 (18 mills), which

is the limit authorized by law, shall be approximately \$40,586.25 (28 mills)? () YES or () NO

By the Board of Supervisors of West Hope Township. Dated this 19th day of February, 2026. Chris Olson - Supervisor

MILL LEVY INCREASE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on March 17, 2026 at 4:30 PM, at Cavalier County Courthouse - 901 3rd Street, Langdon, Cavalier County, an election will be held in which the following question shall be submitted to the electors of Perry Township:

ceed the legal limit by approximately \$14,088.10 (10 mills), so that the taxes levied, instead of being approximately \$25,358.54 (18 mills), which is the limit authorized by law, shall be approximately \$39,446.64 (28 mills)? () YES or () NO

By the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township. Dated this 5th day of February, 2026. Lisa Gellner - Clerk

Cavalier County Commission Proceedings

On February 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. the Board of Commissioners of Cavalier County, North Dakota, met at the Cavalier County Courthouse in regular session, with all members present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Austin Lafrenz called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows: Lafrenz asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Shane Gallagher made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Stanley Dick; motion carried. Nick Moser made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Greg Goodman; motion carried. Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor; and Sheldon Romfo, Road Foreman; met with the commissioners and reviewed Sourcewell quotes for motor graders from Butler Machinery and RDO Equipment. Greg Goodman made a motion to purchase a 2026 772P John Deere from RDO for \$363,018 with trade in allowance for the 2011 770G John Deere motor grader; and purchase a 2025 CAT 150-15 from Butler Machinery for \$370,813.91 with trade in allowance for the 2010 770G John Deere motor grader, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried. Greg Goodman made a motion to borrow with each purchase price on a separate note at Farmers & Merchants State Bank at 4.25% interest for 7 years, seconded by Stanley Dick. Gallagher abstained from voting on the motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried 4-0. Jeff Daley, KJL, met with the commissioners to review the list of easements needed for the County 55 project. Greg Goodman made a motion to pay \$1,500/acre for the permanent maintenance easements and \$150/acre for the temporary construction easements, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. It was decided that KJL will prepare the easement paperwork and Romfo and Johnston will communicate with the landowners to get it signed. Stanley Dick made a motion to add an estimated 130 hours to the current KJL contract for ROW's for preparing the paperwork, seconded by Shane Gallagher, motion carried. The commissioners had no changes to the ad for gravel/machinery bids. Johnston confirmed that the commissioners still wanted to proceed with gravel projects on County 21 and County 6 this summer. Possible funding options for the projects were reviewed due to the Prairie Dog funding being unlikely for this year. Steph Welsh, Public Health; and Josh Short, Weed; met with the commissioners for department updates. Cindy Stremick, Treasurer, met with the commissioners for a department update and reviewed the security of pledges at the county's financial institutions, with the county being in a pledge pool of \$140,000,000 at Choice Financial; security pledges of \$8,895,784 at Farmers & Merchants State Bank; security pledge of \$4,640,000 (including the FDIC insurance) at Horizon Financial; and the balance at the Bank of North Dakota covered under the \$250,000 FDIC insurance. Greg Goodman made a motion to approve the security of pledges presented, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. Stremick also presented information to the commission on the TextMyGov messaging app which would enable the county to send county related mass text messages to taxpayers/citizens that opt into receiving the messages. Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the proposal for TextMyGov, with the cost being paid from the Motor Vehicle fund, seconded by Shane Gallagher, motion carried. The commissioners reviewed CD rates for the 6-month \$2,000,000 Special County Highway CD that is coming due this month at Horizon Financial. Stanley Dick made a motion to re-invest the \$2,000,000 for 91 days at Farmers & Merchants State Bank with interest at 3.70%, seconded by Greg Goodman. Goodman abstained from voting on the motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried 4-0. Nick Moser made a motion to appoint Cody Schlittenhard to the JDA board, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried. The commissioners discussed the future of the Tax Director position, to include possibly combining it with the Recorder after the next election. It was decided to wait until the Help Wanted ad closes and have Courtney Clouse train to help cover the office in the meantime. Goodman informed the commissioners that Stephanie Bata and Anita Beauchamp will cover the upcoming

township/city equalization meetings that the county has contracts with and be compensated \$250/meeting from the county. The commissioners decided to re-schedule County Equalization to 5:00 PM on June 2, 2026, with the regular commission meeting re-scheduled to start at 4:30 PM that day. Nick Moser made a motion to transfer \$2,967.25 from Road & Bridge Fund to Road & Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried. Greg Goodman made a motion, seconded by Nick Moser to review and approve the following audit of claims; motion carried:

ERLING'S OIL, INC. | \$2,254.98
| R&B•STANLEY DICK | \$87.00
| COMM•EQUIPMENT | \$220.00
| MAINT•JOHNSON CONTROLS
FIRE PROTECTION LP | \$1,960.98
| MAINT•COMPUTER EXPRESS | \$3,695.00
| MISC•CAVALIER COUNTY MVD | \$5.00
| MISC•MOSTAD INSURANCE SERVICES | \$50.00
| MISC•VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC | \$2,887.50
| TX DIR•WITZEL CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$1,995.00
| MAINT•SAMSON ELECTRIC LTD. | \$2,598.78
| MAINT•PREMIUM WATERS, INC. | \$38.97
| CLERK•BORDERLAND PRESS, INC. | \$260.77
| COMM•WEST PAYMENT CENTER | \$370.78
| STATE'S ATTY•BUSINESS ESSENTIALS | \$20.10
| AUD•TERRI JOHNSON | \$250.00
| STATE'S ATTY•LIFELOC TECHNOLOGIES, INC. | \$75.48
| MISC•WALSH COUNTY AUDITOR | \$17,047.17
| MISC•PEMBINA COUNTY AUDITOR/TREAS | \$10,668.01
| MISC•ECOLAB INC. | \$135.45
| MAINT•MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES | \$2,954.53
| GEN/R&B•OTTER TAIL POWER CO | \$2,602.48
| GEN/R&B•LANGDON CITY | \$484.09
| GEN/R&B•VERIZON WIRELESS | \$104.51
| R&B/WEED•CHRISTIE MOTOR SALES, INC. | \$140.60
| SHERIFF/R&B•UNITED COMMUNICATIONS | \$1,716.84
| GEN/R&B/VSO•JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | \$946.02
| SHERIFF•DOLLAR GENERAL -REGIONS 410526 | \$5.30
| SHERIFF•ROLETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | \$2,790.00
| SHERIFF•LEEVEFS FOODS | \$38.38
| SHERIFF•PREMIUM WATERS, INC. | \$54.44
| DISP•COMPUTER EXPRESS | \$575.00
| SHERIFF•KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | \$23,487.66
| PRAIRIE DOG/R&B•DUBOIS OIL CO.,INC | \$3,134.00
| R&B•CAVALIER RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP. | \$535.85
| R&B•RICHARD'S WELDING, INC. | \$3,872.00
| R&B•DAHL TRUCK & AUTO | \$6,558.52
| R&B•DALGLIESH ENTERPRISES, LLC | \$1,200.00
| R&B•CLARK GRAVEL & CONST. INC. | \$1,252.50
| R&B•LARRY & LINDA TRELEAVEN | \$900.00
| R&B•DARRYL JOHNSON | \$900.00
| R&B•HANNAH CITY AUDITOR | \$300.00
| R&B•ERLING'S OIL, INC. | \$76.98
| R&B•AUTO VALUE OF LANGDON | \$442.35
| R&B•FINEST AUTO BODY & GLASS, LLC | \$1,182.50
| R&B•ALSEN FARMER'S ELEVATOR | \$220.83
| R&B•FARMERS UNION OIL DEVILS LAKE | \$547.10
| R&B•UNITED COMMUNICATIONS | \$49.59
| EMG MGR•UNITED COMMUNICATIONS | \$69.92
| E-911•TOM HARDY | \$11.00
| VSO•FARMERS UNION OIL CO | \$43.17
| VSO•LEEVEFS FOODS | \$48.57
| NDSU EX TR•UNITED COMMUNICATIONS | \$56.76
| NDSU EXT. •CROWN TROPHY | \$32.00
| NDSU EXT. •MIKKELSEN BROS CONST CO INC | \$40.00
| WEED•WARNE CHECMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO | \$71.90
| WEED•JOSHUA SHORT | \$84.10
| WEED•LANGDON CITY | \$117.00
| SS•HANSONS AUTO & IMPLEMENT INC | \$931.77
| NVHSZ•NICOLE NIELSEN | \$980.00
| NVHSZ•THE JACOB CENTER | \$1,500.00
| NVHSZ•INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | \$79.20
| NVHSZ•MINDY & ETHAN ZILLINGER | \$84.80
| NVHSZ•QUILL LLC | \$45.38
| NVHSZ•QUILL LLC | \$36.96
| NVHSZ•PREMIUM WATERS, INC. | \$51.44
| NVHSZ•LEEVEFS FOODS | \$33.95
| NVHSZ•CARL HOFFARTH | \$270.00
| NVHSZ•SCHUMACHER & SONS | \$102.02
| NVHSZ•VESTIS | \$123.94
| NVHSZ•HP INC | \$591.03
| NVHSZ

At 12:15 p.m., Stanley Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shane Gallagher; motion carried.

Cavalier County, North Dakota
Austin Lafrenz - Chairman
Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor



ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE
Calvin Rural Fire Dept
Annual meeting on Thursday
March 19th at 5:30pm at
Kyle's Place in Sarles, ND.
New directors will be
elected and new business
will be discussed