

Powers Lake School Board Proceedings

Unofficial School Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026, 5:00 pm

Vice President Grote called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with Directors Breeding, Moberg, and Hockenbary present. President Bullinger was absent. Superintendent Kranz, Principal Iverson, Principal Wisthoff (5:37 pm), and Business Manager Johnson were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors Present: Jacob Loeks, Carey Kilpatrick, and Brittany Douts

Additions to the Agenda: None. Motion to approve by Moberg, seconded by Breeding, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the 09.15.26 special meeting minutes by Hockenbary, seconded by Breeding; motion carried. Motion to approve the 09.16.26 regular meeting minutes by Breeding, seconded by Moberg; motion carried.

Business Manager's Report: Financial reports made available to board members to review via email before the meeting. Documents were discussed. Superintendent evaluation packets were distributed to members to be completed for the November 10th special meeting at 9:00 am.

September Bills: Aflac \$2472.58, Aflac Dental & Vision 789.88, S. Anober

2015.00, Arntson Stewart Wegner PC 20115.68, J. Bohjanen 85.50, BSN Sports 541.66, Bullinger Family Meats 2586.71, Burke County Tribune 534.06, City of Powers Lake 467.50, Coca-Cola 971.00, The Country Store 240.00, DEMCO 428.36, M. Dolan 546.80, S. Dolan 205.00, Eckroth Music 220.75, Edwards Service 1222.64, E. Enget 58.00, C. Evenson 348.12, EverSpring Inn 780.00, Farmers Union Oil Kenmare 4810.53, First Dakota Enterprises 262507.97, Food Barn 111.30, G & P Sales 1523.89, Gerrells Sport Center 149.00, Glenburn Public School 175.00, Gray's Dairy 608.50, M.

Gunderson 402.00, Gustafson's Septic Service 366.00, Harlows Bus Sales 1135.65, S. Holter 380.04, Horace Mann Auto Company 484.73, ND Info Tech Dept 1025.00, John's Sand & Gravel 4702.50, Johnson Controls 3719.76, R. Johnson 111.80, Jorgenson Lumber 135.00, JPMorgan 18928.09, JW Pepper & Son 385.38, Kenmare Public School 180.00, Lakeside Retirement 1431.00, J. Ledahl 239.00, Liberty State Bank 7.50, Madison National Life Insurance 565.39, Marco Inc. 3261.50, Marco Tech 60.00, McGraw Hill 371.21, Mid-American Research Chemical 1284.90, MDU 4280.91, NDCEL 925.00, NDDPI 1106.36, ND Small Organized Schools 710.00, ND Attorney General 120.00, Northern Bottling Company 617.70, Northern Plains Special Ed Unit 225466.15, Northland Health Centers 115.00, NCC 1183.17, Nova Fire Protection 335.00, PFM Financial Advisors 39061.00, B. Pickelsimer 253.96, T. Polk 349.40, Powers Lake School 200.00, Prairie Pride Foods 465.75, Pye Barker 522.00, Radisson Inn 113.50, Region IX Music & Speech 800.00, Revered Builders 26812.00, J. Roses 91.04, Roughrider Disposal 13873.25, Ruach Resources 6765.00, A. Rudniger 212.50, B. Schafer 132.50, G. Schell 226.04, Scholastic Classroom Magazines 137.50, D. Schroeder 170.00, Steins 1130.83, SYSCO 6856.87, Tecta 1977.98, Teeter Leadership Group 1375.00, TMS 327.82, Trenton School 75.00, US Bank 1700.00, T. Vandal 287.08, S. Vejtasa 677.08, Western Education Regional Coop 1100.00, WEX 60.00, G. Wright 156.68, J. Wright 205.32.

Moberg moved to accept all financial reports and approve payment of the accounts payable bills presented, seconded by Hockenbary; motion carried.

Board Report: Updates were given on the status of the Ag. Construction project as discussed at the October 13, 2026, construction meeting.

Elementary Principal Report

Principal Iverson presented STAR reading & math and NDA+ Interim I

ELA & Math testing data, gave updates on curriculum and instruction, current school climate, culture, development, and collaboration, and upcoming family engagement activities, including Breakfast Buddies, Veterans Day program on Nov. 10, and elementary parent-teacher conference attendance percentage of 100%.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Kranz provided updates on district finances, building maintenance and roof repairs, curriculum and assessments, meetings attended, ongoing Infinite Campus troubleshooting, and staffing. Additional updates included professional development, transportation, and ongoing grant applications and funding opportunities.

High School Principal Report:

Principal Wisthoff reported on ASVAB testing for juniors and seniors, MAP testing, parent-teacher conference attendance, and provided updates on FFA, FBLA, and SADD, including a blood drive on November 11th. Presented an overview of testing scores for grades 6-10.

Transportation Director Report:

None

Athletic Director Report: None

New Business: All information was reviewed by board members prior to the meeting.

A. Approval of Certificate for Payment to FDE #005: Motion to approve payment of \$153,267.24 to First Dakota Enterprises by Hockenbary, seconded by Breeding; motion carried.

B. Approve updates to the extracurricular salary matrix: Addition of elementary volleyball and football assistant coaches, split the assistant junior/sophomore advisor into separate duties, increased multiplier of chess and SADD advisors. Motion to approve by Moberg, seconded by Hockenbary; motion carried.

C. Approval of 2026-2027 Fall Advisor and Coaching Contracts:

Coaches – Seth Wisthoff Varsity Football Head Coach \$5,465.00, Jonah Rosin Asst Varsity Football

Coach \$4,172.00, Isaac Nordloef Asst Football Coach 1/2 Contract \$1,926.00, Frank Lindberg JH Football Coach \$1,946.00, Brad Streifel JH Football Coach \$2,086.00, Jordan Carlson Elem Football Coach \$1,581.00, Joe Evensvold Elem Football Asst Coach \$834.00, Elizabeth Enget Varsity Girls Volleyball Head Coach \$5,865.00, Amber Fiesel Varsity Girls Volleyball Asst Coach \$3,972.00, Haylee Carlson JH Volleyball Head Coach \$1,946.00, Kelsey Breeding JH Volleyball Asst Coach \$1,072.00, Brooke Wisthoff Elem Volleyball Head Coach \$1,549.00, Brittani Bloodworth Elem Volleyball Asst Coach \$834.00, Jacey Bohjanen Robotics Coach \$2,407.50, Tim Nordloef Varsity Boys Basketball Asst Coach \$4,452.00, Tim Nordloef 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach \$1,857.30

Advisors – Roberta Helseth Annual Staff \$2,782.50, Roberta Helseth FBLA Advisor \$5,096.75, Rosalani Lucy FBLA Co-Advisor \$1,564.88, Jonah Rosin Jr Class Advisor \$1,216.25, Bethanie Letch Asst Jr Class Advisor \$595.60, Val Bolen Sr Class Advisor \$1,391.25, Brooke Wisthoff Soph Advisor \$1,353.75, Emilyn Andres Asst Soph Advisor \$486.50, Roberta Helseth Freshman Advisor \$571.50, Kaela Rosencrans 8th Grade Advisor \$238.25, Ariel Armada 7th Grade Advisor \$238.25, Bethanie Letch SADD Advisor \$608.10, Dave Finstrom Chess \$722.20 Motion to approve the presented 2026-2027 fall

coach and advisor contracts by Moberg, seconded by Hockenbary; motion carried.

D. Counseling Contract: Superintendent Kranz spoke on the full-time contract proposal for the guidance counselor position. After discussion, Moberg moved to approve amending the guidance counselor contract for 2026-2027 from 80% to full-time. Seconded by Hockenbary, all in favor, motion carried.

E. Parking Lot: Information was presented on previously discussed parking lot plans; further investigation shows the original plan is not feasible due to NDDOT right-of-way. Table plans until after winter. Add to Board Retreat agenda for discussion. Other parking information discussed was signage and entrance access.

F. Turf Tank Lease: Mr. Wisthoff presented information regarding a robotic line painter. After reviewing the lease, there was discussion on the cost, storage, uses, and repairs. Sponsorship opportunities with logo painting are an option to help offset costs. Noted that the machine could also provide a learning opportunity for the Robotics Club. Motion by Breeding, seconded by Moberg, to approve participation in the three-year lease agreement for the robotic field line painter. Motion carried.

G. Bus GPS: Superintendent Kranz and Director Hockenbary (Transportation Committee) presented information regarding a GPS tracking system for

school buses and district vehicles. Discussion on what can be tracked, options for cameras, cost, and terms of the agreement. Motion by Hockenbary, seconded by Breeding, to move forward with including GPS tracking on school buses and district vehicles; all in favor, motion carried.

H. Additions to the Agenda: None

I. Discussion Items:

a. Public Comment: J. Loeks – Robotic line painting: School improvement activity for Robotics club, regarding GPS on buses/vehicles discussion, in favor of having cameras on buses.

b. Board Retreat: October 27th at 10:30 am at the Powers Lake Ambulance Hall

J. Next Board Meeting:

Special board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2026, at 9:00 am in the Staff Room.

November board meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the Science Room.

K. Board Comments: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Hockenbary, seconded by Breeding; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Galen Grote, Vice President
of the Board
Shayna Johnson, Business Manager
October 28, 2026