


ATTENTION
BARLEY GROWERS

The North Dakota Barley Council election for Mercer County will take place on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 12:00 PM (CT) at the Zion Lutheran Church, 112 5th Street NW, in Beulah, ND.

ELECTION

Each person, landlord, tenant, husband and/or wife who planted Barley in 2025 or intends to plant Barley in 2026 and who has not claimed any barley tax refund within the past year (except for duplicate payments), are eligible electors and can be candidates.

For more information contact the North Dakota Barley Council at 701-929-0123.



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HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 08, 2025

HS Room 102

Present at the meeting were board members Brian Nolan, Steph Huber, Laura Zingg, Jen Wallender. Marti Raad was absent. Also present were Supt. Ken Miller, Business Manager Billie Jo Peterson, Principal Paul Richter. Principal Trevor Sinclair and Principal Jacob Kraft were absent, and also AD Brett Johnsrud was absent. The guest present was Dan Arens

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes for the regular November monthly meeting were presented. Zingg moved to approve, seconded by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C

Mr. Miller asked the board if they would consider adding 9c to the agenda that includes an open enrollment request. Zingg moved to approve; second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C

Financial Reports: a.) November Financial Statement; b.) December Bills totaling \$119,871.91 JP Morgan, 27,653.83; Center Coal Co., 4,035.05; Dirk Plumbing & Heating, 2,894.65; Eckroth Music, 2,480.00; Eggers Electric Motor, 443.84; Farmers

Union Oil, 107.39; Harlow's School Bus Service, 29,478.40; The Hub, 301.34; John Flemmer, 2,358.96; Lookout Books, 133.80; Mercer Co. Landfill, 162.45; MDU, 8,304.81; Napa, 25.74; ND Attorney General, 40.00; Scenario Learning, 892.50; West Dakota Lumber, 69.98; Kourtney Baasch, SO.DO; Beulah Lumber, 27.49; Bill Zingg, 233.00; Center Coal Co., 2,155.73; City of Hazen, 1,716.77; D&E Supply, 1,321.86; David Mittelsteadt, 55.00; Harlow's School Bus Service, 26,441.15; Hazen Hardware, 171.81; Hazen Motor, 407.80; Hazen Star, 73.25; Hot Lunch Program, 992.35; John Flemmer, 1,260.28; Jacob Kraft, 220.00; Krause's Super Valu, 1,274.95; Kris Krause, 14.00; Lakeview Books, 179.75; Menard's, 404.51; Mercer Co. Landfill, 81.45; Kendall Miller, 287.00; ND Attorney General, 40.00; NDCEL, 150.00; Karl Osterman, 60.00; Emily Ripplinger, 1,190.00; Stein's Inc., 935.80; Todd Parker, 35.00; Western Lighting Technology, 710.22. Huber moved to approve a-b; second by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C

Committee Reports:

a. Calendar Committee - The committee will approve the 2026-27 school calendar

in January. Mr. Miller will have recommendation for the full board to approve on the January board agenda.

New Business:

Continuity of Service Plan Review: No recommended changes at this time. Board reviewed this plan on 12/8/2025

Oliver County Election JPA: Mr. Miller and business manager Billie Jo Peterson recommended to the board to join the Oliver County election in June. Wallender moved to approve; second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C

Administrative Reports:

The Principals and Superintendent presented their reports.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on January 12, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Huber moved to approve the time change from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C

With no further business, President Nolan adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.

Brian S. Nolan, School Board President

Billie Jo Peterson, Business Manager

Date Approved: 12 Jan 2026

(01-15-2026)

REDUCE YOUR 2026 PROPERTY
TAX BILL BY UP TO \$1600!

Eligibility requirements for the Primary
Residence Property Tax Credit:



- Must own a home in ND and reside in it as your primary residence
- One credit per household, no age or income restrictions
- Must apply and be approved annually to receive the credit





Application Deadline: April 1, 2026
Apply Online: www.tax.nd.gov/prc

Passport, CWP photos now available at Beulah PD

BY RYAN SCHLEHUBER
BEULAH BEACON EDITOR

Residents of Beulah and the surrounding area can now get photos for passports or concealed weapons permits locally as the city of Beulah's Police Department now offers the service.

Started last week, the Beulah Police Department is offering photo processing for both passports and concealed weapons permits, offering a set of two photos for \$20.

Police Chief Frank Senn said his department recently purchased the photo processing equipment and can now do everything in-house.

"It's just another convenience we wanted to offer to our citizens," Senn said.

Senn said the closest place for residents to go for passport and CWP photos would be Stanton or Bismarck. Senn said Beulah Drug used to provide the service many years ago.

"My clerk (Marcie Krumwiede) was the one who approached me about the idea and I thought it was great. I can't believe we didn't do this sooner," Senn said.

Every year the police department offers three to four CWP classes a year, which attracts about 50 people overall. With those classes, Senn

SUBMITTED PHOTO | MARCIE KRUMWIEDE

The Beulah City Police Department is now set up to process passport photos. Started last week, the Beulah Police Department is offering photo processing for both passports and concealed weapons permits, offering a set of two photos for \$20. Police Office Administrator Marcie Krumwiede said the office is set up with a simple white backdrop, an app that can be used on a cell phone device and a small printer to print out the photo to an exact size for passports and concealed weapons permits.

explained, one criteria for those taking the class was having two passport photos for a license.

"The thought process for us was that we are already doing the CWP classes, so we thought this would just complete the service we're providing," he said. "We also thought since we wouldn't be competing with another local business, it would provide a convenience for our citizens."

Senn said the cost for photo processing at the police department is the same as what post offices usually charge. He said the service will eventually pay for itself, paying off the equipment the police department purchased. Any revenue made from the service after that will go into the police department's general fund.

"We didn't get into this to make money. We wanted to provide another service for residents," Senn said. "This will allow them to get this done locally and avoid having to spend a day traveling."

Along with the CWP classes, Senn said he expects to have between 50 to 100 people use the service per year.

The new service is available by appointment only, Monday through Friday. For more information, call 701-873-5252, extension 1.