CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2026 Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Adam Hill called the annual board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on July 8, 2026. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Superintendent Adam Hill were Shiloh Becher, John Schwab, Brian Dresser, Laura Bakken, and Ashlee Hazen. Administrators present were Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke (via teams) and Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz. Also present was business manager Jacob Erhardt.

Board Officers. Superintendent Hill assumed the duties of the Chair, for the purpose of electing the Board President for the 2026-2027 year. Schwab nominated Becher. Bakken then moved that nominations cease. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried (M/C). All voted in favor of Shiloh Becher becoming President.

Newly elected Board President Becher assumed the duties of the Chair.

Dresser nominated John Schwab for Board Vice President. Dresser moved that nominations cease; Bakken seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. All voted in favor of John Schwab as Vice President.

Set Agenda: Bakken made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Referendum Taskforce as letter H, Credit Card Limits as letter I., and Athletic Fees as letter J., under new business. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Approval of Minutes: Schwab moved to approve the June 8th and June 22nd meeting minutes. Hazen seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Bills: Hazen moved to approve payment of the following bills as presented: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 2,007.00; BAKKEN AREA SKILLS CENTER 7,500.00; CAPITAL CITY BOILER REPAIR 840.00; CENTER REPUBLICAN 479.88; CITY OF CENTER 798.02; ECKROTH MUSIC 1,834.84; EDLIO LLC 4,500.00; ETSYSTEMS 80.00; FREEDOM TRUCK CENTER 2,205.00; GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER 588.00; LEARNING WITHOUT TEARS 2,008.38; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 322.05; MANDAN PLUMBING & HEATING 7,340.00 ; MENARDS 167.45; ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION 229.00; NDCEL 3,000.00; NDIT 20.00; ND-PHIT 415.00; NDSBA 3,741.04; NETWORK CENTER 385.00; QUINLIVAN, STEVEN 1,083.13; RUD PROPANE 1,460.19; SECURITY FIRST AGENCY OF ND 12,196.00; STATEWIDE SERVICES 7,822.00; VENTRIS LEARNING 210.00; WARREN'S LOCKS & KEYS 52.50; WESTERN LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY 999.00; WRT 510.96. General Fund Total: 62,794.44. Bakken seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Visitors. No visitors.

Old Business:

A. Wall of Honor. Becher informed the board that the current wall of honor is a CSEA sponsored wall of honor and that the motion set at the June 22nd special meeting would need to be rescinded. Bakken made a motion to rescind moving Henry Bieber and Vonnie Stenberg to the wall on honor and drafting a new plan for recognize those staff members. Schwab seconded the motion. Discussion: The board will review and develop a plan for non-teaching staff recognition. Roll call vote: Dresser-yes, Schwab-yes, Hazen-yes, Bakken-yes, Becher-yes. M/C.

New Business:

A. Assign Portfolios. Erhardt presented the current portfolio:

Budget/Finance:
Shiloh Becher/Brian Dresser
Buildings/Grounds/Transportation:
Shiloh Becher/Brian Dresser
Negotiations/Personnel:
Ashlee Hazen/John Schwab
Extracurricular:
Laura Bakken/Ashlee Hazen
Curriculum/Policy:John Schwab/Laura Bakken
Hot Lunch Hearing Officer:
Shiloh Becher
Oliver/Mercer Special Education:
Laura Bakken
G.W.N. (ITV) MREC/CRACTC Board Alternate: Shiloh Becher
MREC/CRACTC Board Alternate:
Shiloh Becher
CTE Heart River Board:
Brian Dresser
School Improvement/Advanc-Ed:
Laura Bakken

Superintendent Portfolio Assignment: Hot Lunch application and determining official (free and reduced applications); Oliver/Mercer Special Education Board; G.W.N (ITV) Board and CTE Heart River Board.

Bakken made a motion to approve the presented portfolio. Dresser seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

B. Designate Bank and Newspapers. Bakken moved to designate Security First Bank of North Dakota as the official bank and to purchase a stamp for the new Board President, and the Center Republican & Hazen Star as the official newspapers of the district for the 2026-2027 year. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

C. Select Date/Time of Regular Meetings. Dresser moved to set the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. CT as the scheduled date and time for the regular monthly school board meetings. Schwab seconded the motion. Discussion – if there are conflicts with meeting dates and/or times they may be changed. All in favor. M/C.

D. Advertise Bids. Bakken moved to advertise for bids for coal, coal hauling, gas, propane, and diesel fuel. Hazen seconded the motion. Bid's deadline is set for August 10th at 4:00 p.m. and they are to be received in the Business Manager's office so they can be opened at the August meeting. All in favor. M/C.

E. Board Compensation. No changes.

F. Board Member Bootcamp. Erhardt presented a board member bootcamp that is available on July 28th for any board member interested.

G. Bus Update. Hill provided an update on Bus #2 trade-in, stating that there was an offer from an individual to purchase bus #2 for $1,200.00. Dresser made a motion to approve the sale of bus #2 for $1,200.00. Bakken seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

H. Referendum Taskforce. Hill provided an update on the referendum taskforce stating Icon will be coming to the school to get estimates and establish the cost of repairs or replacing items with the schools and then meeting with the referendum taskforce to decide on path forward.

I. Credit Card Limits. Erhardt asked the board to raise credit card limits on the two school credit cards to cover the summer requisition costs. Bakken made a motion to raise credit card limits to $15,000 for each card. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

J. Athletic Fees. The board reviewed the cost for pay-to-play fees for the 2026-2027 school year. Dresser made a motion to keep pay-to-play fees the same as 2025-2026 (JH pay-to-play $30.00, HS pay-to-play $50.00, and family pay-to-play max of $200.00). Hazen seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Meeting Dates.

Special Board Meeting – July 29, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT
Budget Committee Meeting – August 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. CT
Building/Grounds/Transportation Meeting – August 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT
Regular Board Meeting – August 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT
Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting. Hazen seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. CT.
These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board.
Business Manager, Jacob Erhardt
Board President, Shiloh Becher

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