MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
LAKOTA SCHOOL BOARD
Oct. 7, 2026 - HS Meeting Room

Chairman Sorlien called the regular school board meeting to order at 7 p.m. with one addition to the agenda: Purchase of school vehicle. Board members Travis Schmidt and Kris Rainsberry were present. Trent Matejcek and Derrick Marquart were absent.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the agenda with one addition. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the September 9 taxable valuation meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the September 9 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Audience -- Beau Snyder, Sam Preble, Jessica Haugen.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snyder, high school principal, reported the current enrollment of 77 students, homecoming week, progress reports mailed, immunizations, FBLA conference, River Watch kickoff, Close Up parent/student meeting, school improvement on Cognia platform and staff professional development.

Mr. Preble, elementary principal, reported the current enrollment of 123 students, homecoming week, elementary girls basketball, staff professional development, before and after school program, soup 'n' pie fundraiser and preschool screening.

Dr. Peters, superintendent, reported on building updates and improvements, school bus routes, career fairs, state testing and the athletic fall sports.

Finance Committee -- Met and discussed the final expenses and revenue for the 2026-27 school year.

Old and Unfinished Business -- None.

New Business --

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the snow removal bid from Cory Schuh in the amount of $13,500. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the 2026-27 final budget: Revenue: $3,692,486; Expense: $3,749,110. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve a payment of $7,192 each to Mr. Snyder and Mr. Preble for extra teaching duties, one year only, for the 2026-27 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve a payment of $3,120 to Kristin Johnson for extra teaching duties, one year only, for the 2026-27 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve up to $20,000 to purchase a smaller SUV school vehicle for drivers' education. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting date will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Lakota High School.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the October bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Legacy Cooperative	$6,985.60
Advanced Business Methods	1,899.50
Altru Health System	95.00
Amazon Capital Services	1,294.21
Kaitlyn Amble	34.79
Book System, Inc.	695.00
Cole Papers	1,084.11
Connecting Point	194.00
Dick Blick	66.87
Docu Shred, Inc.	61.99
Dollar General--Regions 410526	36.10
DRN ReadiTech	2,033.95
EcoLab Pest Elimination Division	112.41
Emergent 3	1,050.00
EverSpring Inn & Suites	446.00
Farmers Union Mutual Insurance	12,653.00
Gerrells Sports Center	450.00
Interstate Power Systems	125.00
Johnson Controls Fire and Protection, LP	300.00
LR Law Enforcement	40.00
LR Special Education	26,840.53
Lakota American	448.29
Lakota Hardware Store	909.46
Lakota Municipal Utilities	3,868.60
MathCounts Foundation	336.00
Nelson Electrical Solutions	500.00
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services	156.00
Polar Communications	620.38
Pomp's Tire	745.16
Popplers Music Store	517.62
Premium Waters, Inc.	171.85
RackCoach	1,250.00
Rysavy Plumbing	188.98
Skybox Sports Network dba Rise Display	1,239.75
Solberg Motor Co.	1,782.69
William Solberg	75.00
Unum Life Insurance Co. of America	112.16
Tessa Varnson	324.80
WEX, Inc.	700.00
Total	$70,444.80

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Sorlien adjourned the meeting.

Tessa Varnson
Business Manager

Jason Sorlien
Board President