# NORTHWOOD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

**NORTHWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL**
**Regular Meeting**
**July 20, 2026**

All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted

All Items Subject to Approval

Present board members: Brian Twete, Nicole Korsmo, Darian Sherva, Adam Naastad, Erik Thorsgard

Absent board members: None

Being most senior board member, Erik Thorsgard, served as chair pro-tempore, called the meeting to order at 7:00am. Thorsgard, is newly re-elected to the board for a rural three-year term and Darian Sherva is newly elected for a city three-year term and welcomed and officially seated on the board.

Thorsgard called for nominations for Board President. Nicole Korsmo nominated Brian Twete for Board President, seconded by Adam Naastad. With no other nominations a unanimous vote was cast for Brian Twete for Board President. Twete assumed Board President and called for nominations for Vice President. Nicole Korsmo nominated Erik Thorsgard for Board Vice President, seconded by Adam Naastad. With no other nominations a unanimous vote was cast for Erik Thorsgard for Board Vice President.

Approve agenda

Approve consent agenda

Approve the Board Committees members as follows:

- Finance, Insurance Personnel and Collaborative Bargaining: Erik Thorsgard and Brian Twete
- Transportation and Building & Grounds: Erik Thorsgard and Adam Naastad
- Policy and Food Services (Non-instructional): Nicole Korsmo and Darian Sherva
- Curriculum (including texts, teaching supplies); Special Education and Technology: Darian Sherva
- Personnel and Cooperative Governing Board: Adam Naastad and Nicole Korsmo

Approve 2026-2027 School Board meeting dates and times

Approve board compensation of a yearly payment of $1350.00 for Board President, $1080.00 for board members, and $50.00 per committee meeting.

Approve all standing board members seated on the 2026-2027 Northwood School Foundation Board.

Approve Sandra Enger as district Business Manager, The Gleaner as official school newspaper, and Nilson Brand Law for Legal Counsel.

Approve Bravera Bank as bank depository for all regular District funds, Alerus Financial for the Superintendent incidental checking account, and American Federal for the Northwood School Foundation Inc. fund.

Approve Board President, Brian Twete and Business Manager, Sandra Enger as authorized signatures for all District fund accounts held at Bravera Bank; Superintendent Daniel S Azure as the authorized signature of the superintendent incidental checking account held at Alerus Financial.

Approve Superintendent, Daniel S. Azure and Business Manager, Sandra Enger as access personnel for the safety deposit boxes held at Alerus Financial.

Approve Superintendent, Daniel S. Azure and Business Manager, Sandra Enger to prudently invest District funds at area banks.

Approve Nathan Larson from Farmers Union Insurance as Northwood School's Agent of Record for NDIRF and State Fire and Tornado Insurance policies.

Review reports on collected and outstanding taxes by county

Review of preliminary certificate of levy

Review pledge of assets

Approve 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget.

Approve Daniel S. Azure as the GST board representative for Northwood School District for 2026-2027.

Approve Sarah Burger, High School Principal, as the Title IX Director.

Approve Dennis Carpenter, High School Counselor, as Foster Care Liaison and Homelessness Designee.

Approve Dennis Carpenter, High School Counselor, and Elizabeth Mohn, Elementary Counselor, as Behavioral Health Resource coordinators.

Approve Kevin Beaudoin as EL Director.

Approve Superintendent Daniel S. Azure as the authorized representative and signature authority for the following federal programs: Title I, Title II Part A, Title III Part A, Title IV Part A, and REAP funds for the 2026-2027 school year.

Approve meal/snack rates to:

Grades K-6 Breakfast $2.20, 2nd Lunch $1.90, After School Snack $1.00

Grades K-6 Lunch $3.45, Extra Milk $0.60, Kindergarten Snack $55.00

Grades 7-12 Breakfast $2.60, Staff Breakfast $3.00, Reduced Meal $0.00

Grades 7-12 Lunch $3.70

Staff Lunch $4.75

Visiting Adult $6.00

Approved Bills: Admin Partners 150.00, Advanced Business Methods 1,723.08, Alerus Financial 40.00, Burger, Sarah 650.00, C.L. Lindfoot Co. 389.60, Cardmember Services 89.00, Career Impact Academy 5,595.55, Christopher Engen Benefit 1,140.00, City of Northwood 9,645.76, Cole Paper 5,475.93, Curriculum Associates 14,916.60, Fisher Public School 100.00, Global Safety Network 97.37, GST Multidistrict 8,535.15, Hatton Eielson PSD Activity Fund 4,480.00, Hatton Eielson Public School 27,501.44, HB Sound & Light, Inc. 690.00, Hoeckle, Jeremy 213.90, Job Service North Dakota 38.24, Johnson Controls 462.16, Johnson Publishing, Inc. 24.30, JPMorgan Chase Bank 19,375.81, Klein, Justin 250.00, Magic-Wrighter, Inc. 69.90, Meland Lumber459.17, Mike's Custom Trucks Inc. 34,100.27, NASSP 385.00, NDASBM 50.00, NDHC 247.00, NDHSCA 60.00, NDPHIT 415.00, Network Services Company 156.39, ND School Board Association 5,250.76, ND Small Organized Schools 500.00, Polar Communications 231.47, Richards, Shawn 35.00, Sam's Club/GECRB 44.58, Schlotman, Olivia 237.50, Silcox, Tina 660.00, Skip's Petroleum Inc 1,417.14, Software Unlimited 6,700.00, Spicer Container and Salvage 717.53, Strand, Cydnee 187.50, Thompson Public School 20,000.00, Trophies & Engraving Dakota East 54.05, True North Equipment 140.84, Unum Life Insurance Company 1,027.28, Verizon Wireless 516.27, Vestis 300.34, Voyager Sopris Learning 2,412.10, WEX Health, Inc. 125.00, Zaner-Bloser, Inc 245.85

Approve Northwood School Strategic Plan.

Approve 2026-2027 Northwood Park

District Agreement.

Approve Extra Curricular/Co-Curricular Advisor/Coaching salary increases as presented.

Approve resignations of John and Lonny Hutchison effective the completion of the summer season work.

Meeting Adjourn 8:35am

The Northwood School Board thanks the Hutchison's for their 59 years of dedicated service to the Northwood Public School.

Detailed minutes on file with School Business Manager and available on school webpage