

HETTINGER PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Board Proceedings

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes December 17, 2025 6:00 PM Board Room

Call to Order

President Patrick Kilzer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Patrick Kilzer (President), Allison Clausen, Jordan Christman, LaNae Kristy, Ben Laufer. Others Present: Darin Seamands (Superintendent/Secondary Principal), Jeremy Fordahl (Business Manager), Kira Henderson (Administrative Assistant), Jon Kohler (Athletic Director).

Confirmation of Agenda

Additions and deletions were requested as follows:

Add Gym Floor Information under New Business (Information)

• Add 14-Passenger Bus under New Business (Information/Action)

• Add Transportation Committee under Committee Reports

• Add Negotiations Committee under Committee Reports

Motion: Christman moved to approve the agenda as amended. Clausen seconded. Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

• November 19, 2025

– Regular Meeting Motion: Christman moved to approve. Clausen seconded. Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

• November 25, 2025

– Special Meeting Motion: Kristy moved to approve. Laufer seconded. Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bills

No discussion.

Financial Reports

December 2025 Financial Report

Motion: Christman moved to approve. Clausen seconded. Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Motion: Christman moved to approve. Clausen seconded. Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

ADAMS COUNTY..... 60.00

AFLAC..... 1,700.38

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC..... 1,631.65

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES..... 5,212.74

ANDERSON, JEFF..... 100.00

AUTO VALUE HETTINGER..... 357.03

BOWMAN SALES AND SERVICE..... 543.40

BSN SPORTS..... 50.88

CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER COOP..... 1,426.55

CITY OF HETTINGER..... 781.24

CONSOLIDATED TELCOM, INC..... 824.91

DACOTAH BANK HETTINGER..... 30.10

EHLERS, MORGAN..... 350.00

ETSYSTEMS INC..... 231.00

HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP INC..... 433.54

HEICK'S SERVICES LLC..... 1,500.00

HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS..... 1,633.79

HORACE MANN LIFE INS CO..... 570.00

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT..... 105.84

KENNEDY'S FRESH FOODS..... 787.24

LARSON, JODI K..... 202.74

LAUFER VERMEER..... 8,351.84

LAUFER, BEN..... 526.45

LAUNDRY CHUTE, THE..... 362.00

LEARNWELL..... 412.00

MARCO..... 2,046.85

MILLER, HENRY..... 24,058.64

MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES..... 10,254.96

N D SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION..... 487.50

ND PHIT..... 26,620.54

NDSBMC..... 550.00

NETWORK SERVICES CO. 289.05

New York Life..... 2,186.45

NORTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL..... 40.00

QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC..... 200.00

REISENAUER, JANE..... 21.42

RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC..... 4,330.35

SHRED ND..... 53.75

SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION..... 38.00

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT..... 25.00

TEACHERS FUND FOR RETIREMENT..... 34,959.22

TIME MANGEMENT SYSTEMS..... 143.00

VIKING GLASS..... 1,540.90

WERC CENTER..... 63.00

WEST RIVER STUDENT SERVICES..... 11,185.40

WEVIDEO..... 449.70

STARION BOND SERVICES..... 22,850.00

03 22,850.00Fund Number 3 22,850.00Checking Account ID KENNEDY'S FRESH FOODS..... 2,292.69

SYSCO..... 12,263.78

4GRAND ENT. LLC 575.00

ACT..... 1,042.50

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC..... 952.91

BRAUN DISTRIBUTING..... 1,066.85

BSN SPORTS..... 642.00

CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER COOP..... 832.23

COMFORT INN-MANDAN..... 880.00

Dacotah Bank..... 401.58

DAUWEN, TODD..... 162.54

DIRK, BRENT..... 195.56

ERICKSON, DAVE..... 100.00

FORDAHL, JEREMY..... 19.99

GAUGLER, LAMONT..... 243.16

GLINES, PENNIE..... 100.00

GOLDSMITH, CHRIS..... 162.54

GRAPHIC ATTIC..... 1,764.50

HETTINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT..... 24,415.09

HOPFINGER, WAYNE..... 175.10

HUDL..... 1,650.00

JANIKOWSKI, JOEL..... 44.23

KENNEDY'S FRESH FOODS..... 310.34

MANDAN ACTIVITIES DEPT..... 275.00

MATBOSS LLC..... 599.00

MICKERMAN BROTHERS..... 7,451.54

MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM DICKINSON..... 20.00

MICROTEL INN & SUITES MINOT..... 600.00

MINNTEX CITRUS, INC..... 6,909.21

MOSBRUCKER, JUSTIN..... 0.00

ND FFA ASSOCIATION..... 850.00

NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS..... 79.00

PEPSI COLA BOTTLING CO. 1,060.50

REGION X FINE ARTS c/o Belfield High School..... 150.00

REICH, JESSE..... 418.61

RICKERTSEN, JENNIFER..... 32.00

SEAMANDS, SARAH..... 200.00

SYSCO..... 502.61

TIMM, CALLIE..... 175.00

VANDERWAL, AUSTIN..... 347.94

WARNER, JAMES..... 733.13

DACOTAH BANK HETTINGER..... 15.00

HEALTH EQUITY..... 480.00

WageWorks, Inc..... 2,370.00

Reports

Superintendent/Secondary Principal Report – Darin Seamands

• December 12, 2025: Due to icy conditions, the planned professional development day was postponed. Staff members who were able to safely travel were allowed to work in their curricular areas.

• Steam Boiler: The district is currently operating on one

steam boiler. The second boiler has electrical issues. If the issue cannot be resolved internally, Iron Fireman (Fargo) will be contacted for diagnosis and repair.

- Job Posting: The elementary principal job posting is being finalized and will be posted over Christmas break.
- Semester Break: Semester One tests are currently taking place. Semester Two will begin when school resumes on January 5, 2026.

• Additional updates are included within committee meeting reports from the past month.

Elementary Principal Report

• The Wellness Committee met on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

• The K-5 Elementary Music Concert was held on Wednesday, December 10. Mrs. Ehlers and students were thanked for an excellent performance.

• Thanks were extended to Nolan and KNDC for recording holiday wishes from K-4 students to be aired during the holiday season.

• Brushstrokes for the Brain will be held Thursday, December 18, with Alyssa Fitch leading floral centerpiece activities for grades K-6.

• The Hettinger American Legion will sponsor a Santa visit on Friday, December 19, for grades K-4, including gift bags and photos.

• Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Erickson, and Mrs. Schneider for organizing the Christmas Student Council activities on Monday, December 15, involving the entire school.

• Luncheon Report (November): 15 school days; 926 breakfasts and 3,063 lunches served (3,989 total meals). Ice cream was served at lunch and will be moved to snack time for elementary students in the future.

Athletic Director Report – Jon Kohler

Athletics:

• Boys Basketball: Season opened at the Roughrider Tournament in Bowman; additional games scheduled Thursday and Saturday. Junior High boys will conclude their season at the Hettinger/Scranton-hosted tournament.

• Girls Basketball: Season underway with 12 participants. Eighth graders will be moved up following the junior high season. Junior High season concludes this weekend in South Heart. Teams will also participate in the Capital Classic in Bismarck over the holidays.

• Girls Wrestling: First-ever girls dual held December 5 in New Salem. Recent events included Mandan and Baker, with upcoming tournaments in Ashley. A girls tournament will be hosted locally on January 24. Additional events scheduled in Harding County and Spearfish.

• Boys Wrestling: Season began December 5 in Mandan. Recent competition in Rapid City, with upcoming tournament in Linton. Junior High wrestlers will attend the JH State Tournament in Minot. Harding County competition scheduled over break.

• Track: No applicants yet for Head Track Coach.

• Volleyball: Seeking a Head Volleyball Coach for next season.

• Football: Based on enrollment numbers, the district may be required to move to 11-man football in future years. The district may appeal to remain 9-man.

• Fan Site: A customizable team store will be added to the district website for Hettinger/Scranton.

Non-Athletic:

• Music: Winter concerts were held for JH/HS (Monday) and Elementary (previous

Wednesday) under Mrs. Ehlers.

Business Manager Report – Jeremy Fordahl

1. Statement of Interest: Due to new legislative requirements, the board must approve and retain a Statement of Interest related to county cooperation.
2. Budget Amendments Proposed:

o Bus Repairs & Parts: Increase from \$18,000 to \$28,000

o Equipment & Bus Payments: Overspent due to double bus payment

o Equipment: Increase to \$5,000

o Auditors & Attorneys: Increase to \$26,000

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