

Kent Lee Sack

Kent Lee Sack, M.D., died peacefully at home in Pacheco, California, on June 15, 2026. He was 91.

Born in Hettinger, North Dakota, and raised in Reeder, he earned degrees in pharmacy from North Dakota State University and medicine from Northwestern University.

Drafted into the Navy, Dr. Sack served with the First Marine Division in Vietnam as an anesthesiologist, surgeon, and medical troubleshooter, earning the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

He later chaired Emergency Medicine at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia, organized adaptive sports programs for injured service members, completed pediatric training at Los Angeles County USC Medical Center, chaired pediatric services at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, participated in the Vietnam Orphan Airlift, practiced emergency medicine, and ran a Pleasant Hill primary care clinic until retiring in 2004.

He was an early East Bay HIV care provider, a leader in Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, and a founding member of the Rainbow Community Center in Concord, California. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rainbow Community Center or nonprofits serving disabled American veterans. A memorial service is being planned.



Hettinger School Board addresses construction, finances and staffing

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The Hettinger Public School Board met June 22.

The main focus of the meeting began with Mr. Seamands' report which included highlights of his meeting with the new elementary principal Mrs. Darci Freeland. He also brought up a zoom meeting to be set up between Little Learners teacher Mrs. Sarah Skogen, Mrs. Freeland and Mr. Seamands. The district's intent is to drop the age 3 level and concentrate on age 4. Seamands also gave an update on the construction project, saying work is progressing well despite delays in the delivery of science lab cabinets. He thanked West River Health Services for its continued support of the school.

Business manager Jeremy Fordahl explained the state prohibits schools from carrying more than 15 mills in the Special Reserve Fund into the next fiscal year. If the district wishes to continue levying the additional three mills they



THE NEW SWIMMING POOL has been used in a variety of ways this summer, it has been in a sense a mini summer rec program, according to Superintendent Seamands.

will need to approve moving \$40,000.00 to the General Fund. The board approved the transfer. Fordahl also recommended transferring \$300,000 of the Student Activity Fund to a Certificate of Deposit.

Scranton Superintendent Kelly Pierce confirmed their board had approved the co-op agreement.

Certification documents were provided to the board on election results of June 4. Jordan Christman was elected to the rural position and Allison Clausen the city position.

The policy committee is organizing the completed policies into a special folder and will convert them all to PDFs.

In the Building Committee report Mr. Seamands updated the board on the on-going construction. Most of the concrete work is done. There will be more lighting on the east and north sides to match the rest on the south. Demo is done and the crews are beginning to build back. The lockers are 90 percent installed. They will not have locks on them so if the student wants a lock they will have to bring it from home.

He also comment-

ed, due to construction and only one functional telephone line, he can be reached by email – darin.seamands@k12.nd.us.

The Negotiations Committee is visiting with the teachers in a non-formal conversation. Some of the discussions include health benefits which will have more information available at a later date. The board entered executive session to discuss negotiations for the superintendent and business manager positions.

In new business, one of the topics was board compensation. This agenda item was tabled until the July 22 meeting.

Another major change brought up is in communications. Moving forward, the school is going to direct patrons to the school's website page – hettinger.k12.nd.us for important information and announcements.

Board Retreat

Board members and administrators met for a retreat to dig a little deeper and discuss more topics than time allows at one monthly meeting.

Some of the topics included:

- Personnel health benefits

- Finishing policies which were presented by Mrs. LaNae Kristy and Ms. Allison Clausen

- Hiring three teachers from the Philippines for lower grades which will allow the larger classes to be split.

Also discussed were changes to Mr. Jon Kohler's responsibilities. They will now also include Student Services, Truency Data, Bullying and Harassment investigations and Transportation.

He will continue to teach Problems with Democracy and continue as activities director. Mr. Kohler is well versed in Title IX, has already participated in some investigations around the state and will work closely with Mrs. Freeland and Mr. Seamands. They are hoping to improve the management of the items by putting them under one hat instead of several people responsible for various aspects of each job.

Hettinger Aquatic Center

The pool at the school is, as Mr. Seamands stated "like a mini summer rec program."

The pool has been used for swimming lessons from several neighboring communities. Along with public or private lessons, pool managers Joey Erickson and Reba Resner schedule open swimming, lap swimming, water aerobics, pre-splash for little little ones, various yard games to be played outside on the patio and rent the classroom for parties or meetings.



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The project consists of: Chip Seal, Fog Seal, Pavement Markings, Traffic Control, and Incidentals.

The complete set of Contract Documents, including drawings and specifications, is on file with the Owner at the Office of Auditor and the office of Brosz Engineering, Inc. 109 S. Main, Bowman, ND. Digital Contract Documents are also available from QuestCDN and can be accessed from the Brosz Engineering website at www.broszeng.com under the "Bid Information" page. The cost for downloaded (electronic) plans is \$22. The official Plan Holders list can be viewed for the project on the QuestCDN website. Only electronic plan holders downloaded via QuestCDN will receive addendum notifications. Contractors using any other means for obtaining plans and specifications must periodically check the QuestCDN website for any addenda.

The City of Hettinger reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and waive any defects therein.

Disabled persons needing assistance, please contact the Office of Auditor at least 72 hours before the services are required. For more information or for complaints about ADA compliance, call 701-567-4363.

Dated at Hettinger, North Dakota 10th Day of June, 2026.

James Lindquist, Mayor
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