

SELFDRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Board Proceedings

**Selfridge Public School
District #8
Unofficial Minutes
Special Meeting
June 10, 2026**

Present- Monte Becker- President, Christy Deason- Vice President, Dusty Kraft, Ray Miller, Ed Mosset. Others Present: David Mahon- Superintendent, Mark Sondag- Principal, Haylee Kraft- Business Manager.

President Monte Becker called the meeting to order at 5:03PM CT.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors included George Smith from The Origin Group and Jalyn Bauer, Matt Schwab, and Connor Twidwell from Comstock who were all present via online Teams from 5:03pm to 5:11pm for their presentation on the security entrance addition.

Motion by Ed Mosset, second by Dusty Kraft to approve the May 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes and the May 18, 2026 special meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:
Comstock and the Origin Group joined the meeting via Teams and presented on the site visit that happened earlier in the week, along with the upcoming one on the 18th of June. Davis Bacon wage concerns were settled.

Haylee Kraft presented the update from Job Service regarding Social Security taxes for certified staff. Discussion was held

on possible future actions.

New Business:

A proposal from Ideal Energy to complete LED lighting grant paperwork, the application, provide materials and complete the labor was discussed. Motion by Dusty Kraft, second by Ray Miller to accept the presented proposal.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Discussion was held on land owned by the school. Motion by Christy Deason, second by Dusty Kraft to authorize the Business Manager to advertise parcel 23500220 for haying bids for the 2026 season, open sealed bids after one week, and accept the highest bid.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Motion by Ray Miller, second by Ed Mosset to authorize the Business Manager to advertise for fuel, gas, and propane bids for the 2026-2027 school year with the sealed bids to be opened at the July 8, 2026 school board meeting.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Motion by Ed Mosset, second by Ray Miller to set an obsolete district equipment sale for August 12, 2026.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Motion by Dusty Kraft, second by Ed Mosset to update district housing leases wording to address snow removal, mowing of grass, utility requirements, maintenance reporting requirements, keys, and no smoking and to also issue new leases on

July 1, 2026 to current tenants. MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Motion by Christy Deason, second by Dusty Kraft to authorize the Business Manager to destroy the records listed on the resolution dated 06/10/2026 using the methods outlined in ABCD-E1.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Motion by Ed Mosset, second by Dusty Kraft to hire Rath & Mehrer to audit the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Motion by Ed Mosset, second by Ray Miller to approve the noncertified letter of intent to rehires that were previously issued and turned in within the given timeframe. Per N.D.C.C. § 44-04-22, Dusty Kraft claimed conflict of interest and did not participate in the vote.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-NV, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Motion by Ray Miller, second by Ed Mosset to rescind the previously issued letter of intent to rehires for the 2026-2027 school year for the bus drivers and reissue them at: Juanita Kraft – Selfridge Bus Route at \$109.30/day, Michael Ramella – Porcupine Bus Route at \$134.72/day, and Victor Krosch at \$134.72/day. Per N.D.C.C. § 44-04-22, Dusty Kraft claimed conflict of interest and did not participate in the vote.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-NV, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

David Mahon, Superintendent, presented on Brandon Ude's, Custodian/Maintenance I performance improvement plan. He reported successful completion of the plan and recommended that the board issue Brandon a let-

ter of intent to rehire for the 2026-2027 school year for the Custodian/Maintenance I position at \$24.85/hr. Motion by Ed Mosset, second by Christy Deason to move forward with the Superintendent's recommendation.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Motion by Ray Miller, second by Dusty Kraft to approve the presented 2026-2027 Staff Handbook.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Motion by Ed Mosset, second by Ray Miller to approve the presented financial reports.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Motion by Ed Mosset, second by Christy Deason to approve the presented bills.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

Reports:
Principal's report as presented by Mark Sondag covered May enrollment and attendance numbers as well as summer CSI/TSI professional development updates.

David Mahon's Superintendent report covered construction updates, non-certified staff employment recommendations, and summer happenings around the school.

The Business Manager report was presented by Haylee Kraft and covered school land boundaries, upcoming election deadlines, and NDSBA offered membership services.

Next special board meeting will be Monday June 22, 2026 at 5:00PM CT and the next regular meeting will be July 8, 2026, 2026 at 5:00PM CT.

Motion by Dusty Kraft, second by Ray Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:04PM.

MB-Y, CD-Y, DK-Y, RM-Y, EM-Y. Carried.

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| BECKER, MONTE..... | 400.00 |
| CELESTINO, AIRESS..... | 39.95 |
| CITY AIR MECHANICAL..... | |
| CREA..... | 2,345.00 |
| CHILDREN'S SPEECH LANGUAGE..... | 4,360.00 |
| CITY OF SELFRIDGE..... | 439.00 |
| DAKOTA DUST-TEX..... | 381.85 |
| DEASON, CHRISTY..... | 400.00 |
| DIAMOND V BEEF..... | 200.00 |
| ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES..... | 11,439.57 |
| ELK, SANTEE..... | 240.00 |
| FARMERS UNION OIL CO..... | 2,627.74 |
| GREAT MINDS PBC..... | 55,152.76 |
| HAMMEL, HEATHER..... | 355.00 |
| HARLOWS..... | 62.79 |
| HENDERSON, KAYLA..... | 240.00 |
| KRAFT, DUSTY..... | 400.00 |
| KRAFT, HAYLEE..... | 98.02 |

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| KRAFT, LORI..... | 284.47 |
| LONG, HEIDI..... | 240.00 |
| MAHON, DAVID..... | 25.00 |
| MDU..... | 2,907.58 |
| MILLER, RAY..... | 400.00 |
| MSSEU..... | 1,317.00 |
| MOSSET, EDWARD..... | 400.00 |
| NDSBA..... | 58.50 |
| SPSD#8..... | 1,509.25 |
| SILBERNAGEL, TERRY..... | |
| CITY OF SELFRIDGE..... | 240.00 |
| SPARTAN STORES..... | 186.88 |
| TRI STATE WATER..... | 115.15 |
| TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES..... | 212.00 |
| US FOODSERVICE..... | 3,159.48 |
| WRT..... | 600.32 |
| WHITE BUFFALO SUPER VALU..... | 39.94 |

/s/ Monte Becker
Monte Becker, President
/s/ Haylee Kraft
Haylee Kraft, Business Manager
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3rd Annual Prairie Dog Extravaganza



First place



Second place



Third place



Fourth place

The 34th Annual Prairie Dog Extravaganza was held in Shields, ND on Saturday, June 13. The Shields Selfridge Sportsmen Club organizes this event each year. There have been two years that it had to be cancelled, one due to Covid19, and one due to the plague going through the area, limiting the number of dog towns that were available to the club to use.

There were twenty, two-man teams that went out in the chilly, overcast, windy day to shoot prairie dogs. A total of 1714 prairie dogs were shot. The winning team shot 221 and two teams didn't stick around long enough to get theirs counted, the weather just wasn't good.

The Sportsmen Club starts organizing the hunt in the fall of the year. Interested hunters need to submit their names to the club by December 31, then teams are drawn in January. The teams have until the middle of March to have their registration form and fee turned in, if not the club contacts the next alternate team.

The hunters show up the morning of the hunt and draw a prairie dog town to hunt. They are assigned a driver to show them where to go. They hunt from 10 – 4. The driver goes out to count the prairie dogs and the numbers are recorded. The first 4 places get cash prizes.

The Shields-Selfridge Sportsmen Club has a supper following the hunt that is open to the public. There are t-shirts and caps for sale as well as raffle tickets. The evening concludes with the winners being awarded their cash prizes and the raffle ticket drawing.

This year the team of Tim Morrell and John Duchsher came in first killing 221 prairie dogs at Dave Volk's town. They won \$500. Second place went to Dean and David Rohrich. They won \$350 for shooting 193 dogs at Curt Schaf's town. Steve Volk and Mike Milbrath shot 163 at Jake Eagle's town (formerly Ed & Mary Dillman's). They got \$300 for third place. The team of Ken and Nathan Hooker won the \$275 fourth place prize for shooting 159 prairie dogs at Wayne Disrud's town.

The Shields/Selfridge Sportsmen Club wishes to thank the landowners who allow the club to use their prairie dog towns for the hunt. Without them, there could be no hunt! The club also wants to thank all who volunteered to help throughout the day, there was even a couple of guys from Missouri who came just to volunteer! Thanks to all the sponsors who provide raffle items and door prizes and the Shields Bar for allowing the club to take over the place for the day!

The Sportsmen Club uses the money made from the hunt to support local fire districts, clubs and fundraising events. The club sponsors two \$500 scholarships each year, sponsors Hunter Safety class, Youth Fishing Day, and many other events. The club is also responsible for the upkeep of the Froelich Dam.

The Club meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 at the Branding Iron Bar in Selfridge. Membership is \$10 for an annual family membership and \$5 for an annual individual membership.

You can follow the Shields Selfridge Sportsmen Club on Facebook.