WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL BOARD

White Shield School Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2026

Board Members Present: Holly Felix, Cody White Bear, Angelita Felix, Mark Nolan, Jordan Yellow Bird.
Administration Present: Wanda Belgarde, Bernie Jorgenson, Traci Ruhland, Thana Smith, Stacey Blacksmith, Bobbi Shegrud, Donovan Dixon, Sheldon Rush.
Guests Present: Joy Bear, Margaret Yellow Bird, Lori Plenty Chief and T.J. Plenty Chief with Nishu Consulting, LLC, Jen Mountain, Cynthia Little Creek, Amy Mossett with MHA Education Administrator.
Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting called to order: 5:35 p.m.
2026-04-15-03. Cody WB motioned to approve the current agenda adding item c. 21s Century -Earth Lodge and item d. Helen Gough Scholarship, both to New Business; seconded by Mark N. Approved. Motion Carried Unanimously.
2026-04-15-04. Mark N. motioned to approve the March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.
Public Comments: Joy Bear and Cynthia Little Creek, each expressed concern over recent student travel; referred to the Superintendent for follow-up.
2026-04-15-06. Mark N motioned to approve Fund 1 District: March 2026; seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.
2026-04-15-06. Angelita F motioned to approve Fund 2 BIE Grant: March 2026; seconded by Cody WB. Approved. MCU.
2026-04-15-06. Mark N. motioned to approve Fund 4 TAT: March 2026; seconded by Cody WB. Approved. MCU.
2026-04-15-06. Jordan YB motioned to approve Fund 5 School Lunch: March 2026; seconded by Mark N. Approved. MCU.
2026-04-15-06. Mark N motioned to approve Fund 6 Student Activity: March 2026; seconded by Angelita F with discussion. Approved. MCU.
2026-04-15-06. Cody WB motioned to approve Fund 8 School Quarters: March 2026; seconded by Mark N. Approved. MCU.
2026-04-15-06. Cody WB. motioned to approve Fund 9 Facilities Management: March 2026; seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.
OLD BUSINESS:
2026-04-15-07a. Mark N motioned to approve the Superintendent Evaluation, noting a satisfactory grade; seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.
NEW BUSINESS:
The Board visited with TJ and Lori Plenty Chief of Nishu Consulting, LLC about potentially building an earth lodge. Also reviewed the School-Parent Compact which is an exhibit to Board Policy KAB-1.
2026-04-15-08a. Mark N motioned to adopt KAB - White Shield School District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy on first reading and waive second reading per board policy BDA; seconded by Cody WB. Approved.
2026-04-15-08d. Holly F motioned to accept an invitation to display the memorium for the Helen Gough Scholarship; seconded by Cody WB. Approved.
PERSONELL:
2026-04-15-09. Mark N motioned to hire Stacey Salhus as a Reading Coach for School Year 26-=27; seconded by Cody WB with discussion. Approved. MCU.
2026-04-15-09. Mark N motioned hire Callie YoungBird as the Assistant Rodeo Club Advisor; seconded by Cody WB with discussion. Approving: Holly F, Cody WB, Angelita F, Mark N.
Abstaining: Jordan YB. Motion Carried.
Superintendent Report, Wanda Belgarde: Discussed the upcoming BIE review, reviewed the ND strategic plan and reviewed the school missions and vision statements. Reported on the recent Science Fair trip noting that the students did very well in the competition.
2026-04-15-10a. Mark N motioned for Keith Mollenhauer to return temporarily one day per week until a new technology coordinator is hired with pay being equal to his prior hourly rate; seconded by Cody WB with discussion. MCU.
Elem. Principal Report, Bobbi Shegrud: noted that Elementary attendance is 89.5%; with grades 3 & 5 receiving the traveling attendance trophy. The elementary will be attending the circus on May 7. Evaluations have been in process and are finishing up. The Sleeping Beauty performance will be on Friday, April 17* at 5:00, and Family Math Night will be on April 29th.
HS Principal Report, Stacey Blacksmith: via Cody WB and Wanda B, noted that overall attendance from 3/23 4/15 was 87.82%. Noted that the Seniors are on track for graduation and shared the senior trip agenda. Discussed additional needs for the upcoming school year.
Transportation Report, Frank Felix: no report.
Facilities Report, Donovan Dixon: HVAC systems are up and running. Held meetings with custodians and updated task maps, responsibilities and inventories. Held two fire drills both with good evacuation times. Held three meetings with the safety team discussing several items to update and implement. Replaced missing ceiling tiles and fixed a broken door near the main entrance; installed a new light switch and miscellaneous items in the business office; cleaned and organized the mechanical room and had the elevator inspected. All quarters are occupied; updated tenant information. Completed repairs on units 422, 423, 428 and 429. Plans to start the watering system and inspect and service lawn equipment on the 20th. Held a meeting with the kitchen staff developing job descriptions and daily goals to help with daily kitchen operations.
2026-04-15-10e. Mark N motioned to approve $9,790.00 to replace two picture windows in two housing units; seconded by Jordan YB with discussion noting that with repeated damage tenants will be liable for costs incurred. Approved. MCU.
Athletic Director Report, Sheldon Rush: Noted that elementary sports are going well: volleyball has 22 athletes and three remaining games, boys basketball has 10 athletes and has 3 games next week; wrestling concluded their season last week and had a great season; track started April 13 with great numbers so they were split into two groups. Junior high/high school sports are also doing well: track has 18 athletes and is going strong despite multiple weather cancellations and golf is also going full swing despite weather factors. The Winter/Spring Athletic Banquet will be held the week of May 13.
ADJOURNMENT
2026-04-15-11. Jordan YB motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:47 p.m.; seconded by Angelita F. Approved. MCU.
School Board President
Business Manager

White Shield School Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026

Board Members Present: Holly Felix, Cody White Bear, Angelita Felix-by phone, Jordan Yellow Bird.
Administration Present: Wanda Belgarde, Bernie Jorgenson, Traci Ruhland, Thana Smith, Frank Felix.
Guests Present: none.
Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order and Roll Call.
Meeting called to order: 5:32 p.m.
2026-05-11-03. Cody WB motioned to approve the current agenda adding to New Business c. Out of state travel; seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. Motion Carried Unanimously.
2026-05-11-04. Jordan YB. motioned to approve the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Angelita F. Approved. MCU.
OLD BUSINESS:
215* Century Grant - Earth Lodge, Nishu Consulting discussion.
NEW BUSINESS:
2026-05-11-06a. Jordan YB motioned to approve the Title VI Culture and Language Grant
Application; seconded by Cody WB. Approved. MCU.
2026-05-11-06b. Cody WB motioned to advertise for additional staff members for the Special Education Department; seconded by Angelita F. Approved. MCU.
2026-05-11-06c. Cody WB motioned to approve out of state travel for Stacey B to attend training in Dallas, TX June 2-4; seconded by Jordan YB with discussion. Approved. MCU.
2026-05-11-06c. Cody WB motioned to approve out of state travel for Wanda B and Thana S to attend adjudication training in Chandler AZ June 2-4; seconded by Jordan YB with discussion. Approved. MCU.
Public Comments: no comments
2026-05-11-08. Cody WB motioned to approve **Fund 1 District: April 2026;** seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.
2026-05-11-08. Cody WB motioned to approve **Fund 2 BIE Grant: April 2026;** seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.
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2026-05-11-08. Cody WB. motioned to approve **Fund 9 Facilities Management: April 2026;** seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.
PERSONELL:
2026-05-11-09. Cody WB motioned to accept the resignation letter from Julie Fliginger effective at the end of the current school year; seconded by Jordan YB with discussion. Approved. MCU.
2026-05-11-09. Cody WB motioned to approve the termination of Clarissa Haycock effective February 27, 2026; seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.
Superintendent Report, Wanda Belgarde: Noted that the OIE.EASIE Title VI Culture & Language Grant has been submitted. Reviewed the BIE Exit meeting and negotiations progress. Noted upcoming autism training for faculty & staff. Reviewed the Good Road of Life Evaluation Reports. Noted progress within the Gifted and Talented Program.
Elem. Principal Report, Bobbi Shegrud, per Wanda: Noted that the circus was a bit hit with the children. Grades 6-9 will be attending HYPE in New Town. The traveling attendance trophy to the 3rd and 8'h grades for the month of April. Noted Kindergarten graduation is on May 15, field day will be held on May 20 with awards and picnic on May 21. Working on summer school and finishing up year-end items.
HS Principal Report, Stacey Blacksmith, per Wanda: Attendance for grades 9-12 from March 23-May 11 is 89.81%, 78.11%, 83.99% and 90.58%, respectively. Noted that the senior trip was a success and all 20 seniors are on track and ready for graduation. Students will attend HYPE in New Town on May 14-15. Stacey has attended leadership, CSI & TSI, and Warrior Team meetings this past month.
Transportation Report, Frank Felix: Inquired on purchase order and work order procedures. Inquired on upcoming summer school transportation needs. Noted heating and cooling concerns in the transportation building.
Facilities Report, Donovan Dixon: All HVAC systems are working well, the sprinkler system is on and working. Called 811 to have water and power locates done for the proposed earth lodge. Performed multiple cleaning, organization and other small projects as requested I the building. The lawn mower is in good condition, repaired playground edging and will be spraying for weeds next week. Repaired plugged sewers in units 427 and 418 noting all units are occupied.
The kitchen staff is working hard and more efficiently to provide a better dining experience for students and staff; also noting some potential summer meals concerns.
Athletic Director Report, Sheldon Rush:
2026-05-11-10f. Jordan YB motioned to hire Stacie Tsingine as the Assistant Boys Golf Coach for the SY 25-26 season; seconded by Cody WB. Approved. MCU.
ADJOURNMENT
2026-05-11-11. Cody WB motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:26 p.m.; seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.
School Board President
5-18-24
Date Approved
Business Manager

MANDAREE SCHOOL BOARD

Mandaree Regular School Board Meeting
February 11, 2026 @ 5:00 PM
Mandaree School Board Conference Room

School Board President Kelly Bradfield calls meeting to order at 5:07 PM
Roll Call
Board Members in Attendance: Rose Ann Johnson, Elton Spotted Horse, Delaine Clairmont, Brad Sage
Others in Attendance: Dr. Slater, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Stroh, Mr. Sherwood, Mike Deville, Rae Ireland, SRO Representative
Pledge of allegiance.
Agenda: Motion by Clairmont, 2nd by Sage to approve agenda. Voted unanimous to approve.
Consent Agenda: Motion to approve consent agenda items including January 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes, February 2, 2026 special meeting minutes and monthly bills of $61,918.97 and department head reports made by Sage, 2nd by Clairmont. Voted unanimous to approve.
Community Input: No community members presented.
MEA Negotiations: Motion to recognize the Mandaree Education Association as the representative organization for the negotiating unit per NDCC 15.1-16-11(1)(c) made by Clairmont, 2nd by Sage, voted unanimous to approve.
Business Office Professional Development: Motion to approve payroll certification and HR certification courses for business office staff made by Sage, 2nd by Clairmont. Voted unanimous to approve.
RCC Agreement for teacher recruitment: Motion to approve agreement as presented made by Clairmont, 2nd by Sage. Voted unanimous to approve.
McKenzie Electric Cooperative: Motion to accept the 31% capital credit payout of $24,131.05 made by Sage, 2nd by Spotted Horse. Voted unanimous to approve.
McKenzie County SRO Agreement: Motion to approve amendment dropping from two officers to one officer made by Sage, 2nd by Clairmont. Voted unanimous to approve.
Invoices/Quotes > $5,000: Motion to approve Brady Martz invoice #896576 for $14,175.00 made by Sage, 2nd by Spotted Horse, voted unanimous to approve. Motion to approve amended McKenzie County Sheriff's Office invoice #IN25-01584 for $6,250.00 by Sage, 2nd by Spotted Horse, voted unanimous to approve. Motion to approve Communication Technologies quote of $48,177.50 after Dr. Slater confirms the two year warranty made by Sage, 2nd by Spotted Horse, voted unanimous to approve.
Communications System: Motion authorizing administration to solicit bids for new communications system for the school made by Spotted Horse, 2nd by Sage. Voted unanimous to approve.
Student Data: President Bradfield directed administration to include student data in future board packets.
Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:01 PM made by Clairmont, 2nd by Spotted Horse, voted unanimous to approve.
Signed by,
Kelly Bradfield, School Board President
Kent Anderson, Business Manager

Mandaree School Board Special School Board Meeting
Tuesday March 3, 2026
5:00 PM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:54 PM
Roll Call - Elton Spotted Horse, Delaine Clairmont, Brad Sage, Kelly Bradfield
Absent: RoseAnn Johnson
Others Present: Dr. Viola Slater, Kent Anderson, Kirsten Morsette, Polly Chase, Jared Eagle, Jarret Baker, El Marie Conklin,
Dawn Stroh
Pledge of allegiance
Adoption of agenda: Motion by Clairmont, 2nd by Sage, voted unanimous to approve.
Boys & Girls Club: Kirsten Morsette, representing the Boys & Girls Club of the Three Affiliated Tribes, made a presentation to the board about their program and asked if the school would have space available for them to use for their program(s). Consensus of the board was to try accommodate the request and directed Dr. Slater to follow-up with Ms. Morsette on logistics.
Items for Discussion and Action:
Resignation(s): The board reviewed the resignation letter received from Josephine Espino as Assistant Business Manager/HR effective February 26, 2026. **Motion by Sage, 2nd by Clairmont to accept resignation. Voted unanimous to approve.** Business Manager Anderson also informed the board that Ms. Espino had indicated she was also resigning as Cross Country Coach but did not submit a letter of resignation for that position. The board directed the Business Manager to obtain that resignation in writing from Ms. Espino.
Business office staffing and responsibilities: Motion to appoint Brandlyn Beall as interim HR/ Assistant Business Manager at the rate of pay of $30.86/hour effective February 23, 2026 until the position is filled by Spotted Horse, 2nd by Clairmont. Voted unanimous to approve.
- **Designate individual to receive background check correspondence from State of ND and MHA: Motion to designate Brandlyn Beall, Interim HR/Assistant Business Manager, to be the individual to receive background check correspondence for MPS from the State of North Dakota and MHA. Motion by Sage, 2nd by Clairmont. Voted unanimous to approve.**
- **Cornerstone bank signature card: Motion to add Brandlyn Beall and remove Josephine Espino to Cornerstone Bank accounts. Motion by Sage, 2nd by Clairmont. Voted unanimous to approve.**
- **First International Bank signature card: Motion to add Brandlyn Beall and remove Josephine Espino to First International credit card account. Motion by Sage, 2nd by Clairmont. Voted unanimous to approve.**

Motion to adjourn at 6:02 PM made by Sage, 2nd by Clairmont. voted unanimous to approve.
Signed by,
Kelly Bradfield, School Board President
Kent Anderson, Business Manager

Mandaree Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Mandaree Board Room
March 11, 2026 at 3:00 PM

School Board President calls meeting to order at 3:02 PM
Roll Call: Rose Ann Johnson, Elton Spotted Horse, Brad Sage, Delaine Clairmont
Zoom: Kelly Bradfield
Others in Attendance: Dr. Slater, Kent Anderson, Dawn Stroh, Greg Sherwood, Rae Ireland, numerous spelling bee and science fair students
Pledge of allegiance: School Board President Bradfield offers pledge of allegiance
Amendments to the agenda: Move HR report to item j under items for discussion and action,
Adoption of the agenda: Motion by Sage, 2nd by Johnson, to approve amended agenda, voted unanimous to approve.
Student Recognition: Board members congratulated and handed out certificates to spelling bee and science fair winning students.
Consent agenda: Motion to approve consent agenda made by Johnson, 2nd by Sage, motion passed unanimous.
RCC discussion: Motion based on superintendent's recommendation to allow interviews to be done for international teachers through RCC prior to background checks and that all documents, including background checks, are complete prior to a hiring recommendation brought to the board. Motion by Sage, 2nd by Spotted Horse. Voted unanimous to approve.
21st Century staff compensation: Motion to approve $40/hour for staff working on the after-school grant for tutoring made by Johnson, 2nd by Sage, voted unanimous to approve.
Out-of-state travel for National Science Fair: Motion to approve out-of-state travel to Oklahoma City for six students plus three chaperones with estimated cost of $9,300 excluding hotels made by Spotted Horse, 2nd by Sage, voted unanimous to approve.
ND First: Superintendent Slater provided a copy of the current draft of the ND First MOU and asked the board to review prior to approving the MOU at a special board meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday March 17, 2026 at 4:00 PM.
Facilities Agreement: Tabled and updated agreement to be brought to meeting on Monday.
Community Input:
Items for Discussion Action:
MEA Negotiations: Special Meeting scheduled for 4:00 PM on Wednesday March 18, 2026.
Out-of-state travel for adjudication training: Motion to approve travel to Albuquerque for Brandlyn Beall and Kelly Bradfield by Spotted Horse, 2nd by Sage, voted unanimous to approve.
ND Purchasing Card Program: Tabled until a future board meeting.
Invoices/Orders over $5,000.00 - Motion to approve H.A Thompson Invoice #63108 by Sage, 2nd by Clairmont for
$12,891.00 by Sage, 2nd by Clairmont, voted unanimous to approve.
President Bradfield turned the meeting over to Vice-President Johnson.
Ms. Bradfield exited the meeting.
HR Report: Ms. Beall presented a letter of resignation from Mr. Daniel Sanford effective the end of the current school year. Motion by Spotted Horse, 2nd by Sage, voted unanimous to approve. Motion to open high-school math position March 12, 2026 for two-weeks and if no applicants to readvertise in two-week intervals thereafter made by Spotted Horse, 2nd by Clairmont, voted unanimous to approve. Motion by Spotted Horse, 2nd by Clairmont to accept resignation of Gregory Sherwood as Interim High School Principal effective at the end of the current contract period or until reaching the 700 hour limit referenced in his contract. Voted unanimous to approve. Motion to approve resignation of Viola Slater as elementary principal at the end of the current contract period or until reaching 1,000 hours referenced in her contract made by Spotted Horse, 2nd by Sage. Voted unanimous to approve.
Motion to approve resignation of Viola Slater as superintendent at the end of the current contract period or until reaching 1,000 hours referenced in her contract made by
Clairmont, 2nd by Sage. Voted unanimous to approve.
Motion by Spotted Horse to hire applicant #2 for Superintendent position, 2nd by Clairmont, Ms. Johnson – Yes, Mr.
Spotted Horse – Yes, Ms. Clairmont – Yes, Mr. Sage – Abstain. 3 votes yes, 1 abstention. Motion passed. Motion by Clairmont to hire applicant #2 for Elementary position, 2nd by Spotted Horse. Mr. Spotted Horse – Yes, Ms. Clairmont –
Yes, Ms. Johnson – Yes, Mr. Sage – Abstain. 3 votes yes, 1 abstention. Motion passed. Motion to hire applicant #2 for high-school principal position by Spotted Horse, 2nd by Clairmont. Mr. Spotted Horse – Yes, Ms. Clairmont – Yes, Ms.
Johnson – Yes, Mr. Sage – Abstain. 3 votes yes, 1 abstention. Motion passed.
Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:00 PM by Clairmont, 2nd by Sage, voted unanimous to approve.
Signed by, Kelly Bradfield, School Board President
Kent Anderson, Business Manager

Mandaree School Board Special School Board Meeting
Tuesday March 17, 2026
4:00 PM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:29 PM
Roll Call - Elton Spotted Horse, Delaine Clairmont, Kelly Bradfield, Brad Sage
Absent: Rose Ann Johnson
Others Present: Dr. Viola Slater, Kent Anderson, Brandlyn Beall, Doug Greer, Dawn Stroh
Pledge of allegiance
Adoption of agenda: Motion by Clairmont, 2nd by Spotted Horse, voted unanimous to approve.
Items for Discussion and Action:
ND First MOU - Dr. Slater presented the draft MOU with ND First for the board to consider. Motion by Spotted