

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Burke County Equalization Meeting

The Burke County Equalization meeting will be Tuesday June 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Burke County Courthouse.

Brandy Zepp, Tax Director May 1 & 8, 2024

Notice of Absentee/Mail Ballot Application

Applications for absentee/mail ballots were mailed from the office of the County Auditor on April 26, 2024. Persons not receiving an application may obtain one from the offices of the County Auditor or at the following website: vote.nd.gov

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of Burke County at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 26th day of April, 2024.

Amie Vandegrift SEAL Burke County Auditor May 1 & 8, 2024

Notice to Creditors

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Court File No: 07-2024-PR-00015 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BURKE COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Ronald G. Erickson, Deceased.

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2024. Anita Erickson, Personal Representative

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April 24, May 1 & 8, 2024

ANALYSIS OF STATEWIDE MEASURE APPEARING ON THE ELECTION BALLOT JUNE 11, 2024

The following analysis is for the measure appearing on the statewide Primary Election ballot on June 11, 2024. This publication is required by section 16.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code to enable voters to become familiar with the effect of proposed measures. The full text of each measure is available on the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov or by requesting a copy from the Elections Division, Secretary of State's office at (800) 352-0867, ext. 328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor. In addition, as required by section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, a copy of the Legislative Council's report on the estimated fiscal impact of initiated Measures No. 1 is available on the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov, by calling (800) 352-0867, ext. 328-4146, or by writing to Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

May 8 & 15, 2024

Bowbells Public School Board Proceedings

REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 18, 2024 Official Minutes

Present were J. R. Aufforth, Adam Jensen, Jade Parkinson, Tyler Ross, Jill Wettstein, Principal Lalum, Superintendent Thingvold, and Business Manager Riehl (Central Regional Education Association). Other attendees were Laurie Elliott, Be Legendary Consultant, and Brandy Anderson. Bowbells Education Association. The meeting was called to order by President Aufforth at 4:04 PM.

Wettstein/Jensen moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Agenda, February 8, 2024, Minutes, and February 2024 Bills.) Motion passed unanimously.

General Fund Bills: AFLAC \$3,030.86; Amazon 1,556.23; Ameritas 368.02; BCBS 7,827.60; Burke County Tribune 304.22; Carolina Biological Supply 186.38; City of Bowbells 1,102.91; Clute Office Equipment 43.14; Colonial Life 353.10; CourseHero.com 119.40; CREA 1,975.00; Culligan Water Conditioning 289.00; Divide County School District 13,187.25; Farmers Union Lumber 6,481.32; Farmers Union Oil 3,345.62; Flinn Scientific 165.19; Get Your Teach On 842.88; Golde, Cyle 100.00; Knutson, Marsha 565.50; Menards - Minot 209.99; Miller Electric 3,150.10; MDU 12,738.91; Nasco Education 199.95; NDCDE 898.00; North Shore Plaza Public School 100.00; NWCC 416.18; Ralphs Plumbing & Heating 6,167.01; Stein's 581.83; Tecta America Dakotas 1,524.22; Thrift Books Global 40.22; Time Management Systems 83.40; Voyager Sopris Learning 1,581.80; Walmart 24.60; Wax Health 50.00.

Hot Lunch Fund Bills: CashWa Distributing \$6,463.11; Dash Medical Gloves 139.60; NDDPI 919.82; US Foods 1,313.28. Student Activity Fund Bills: Amazon \$351.87; Anderson, Brandy 45.00; Burke County Tribune 164.25; Crosby, Mark 60.00; Eckroth Music 41.88; Egge, Shawn 276.90; Farmers Union Oil 20.97; FLBA-Phi Beta Lambda, 56.00; Great Plains Food Bank 170.42; Heidel, Scott 150.94; Heitzig, Amber 42.78; Hodges Badge Company 98.75; Kenmare Public School 212.00; Keyser, Kacy 35.00; Minot Public Schools 93.00; Nedrose Public School 179.00; Nelson, Jennifer 14.00; Olson, Darris 45.00; Redding, Kristi 32.11; Rixstine Recognition 103.75; Rodin, Jacob 56.44; Schmidt, Terese 30.00; Schmidt, Vonda 70.00; Schneider, Kevin 150.94; Scholastic 162.53; Shutterfly Lifetouch 957.50; Steinberger, Jacinta 70.00; Twisted J's 120.00; VCSU ELC Day 60.00; Weeks, Tyanna 138.00.

No Public Comment Student Outcomes: Representatives from the Student Council gave a presentation on the proposal for a new grading scale with input from Superintendent Thingvold.

Superintendent Thingvold reviewed the corrected Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading (STAR) scores for secondary mathematics and reading. Students in grades 7-10 are 57% proficient in mathematics, the goal is to be 63% proficient by May of 2024. Some intervention strategies are standards-based teaching and moving to the FRECKLE by Renaissance intervention program, aligned more closely with the STAR assessments. One of the challenges the district is facing to meet this goal is having enough time to schedule additional interventions and professional development. On the reading portion of the assessments students in grades 7-10 are 57% proficient and have met the proficiency goal for 2024. Six Minute Solutions and training in Secondary Struggling Readers have and will continue to be utilized as intervention strategies. The certified staff is working on utilizing assessment data to pinpoint where skills are weakest regarding phonics, comprehension, and fluency to place students within the proper intervention groups. Because of the growth, new goals/targets will have to be reset for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year.

Administrative/Committee Reports: The Business Manager's reports were included in the packet and any additions were summarized by Business Manager Riehl at the meeting.

The Building Committee did not receive any bids for replacing the gymnasium ceiling. They discussed that the repairs would be of a cosmetic nature only and upgrades are unnecessary. A bid from H. A. Thompson and Sons of \$68,425.00 was received to update the current HVAC system and controls. The rental property renovation is being wrapped up. Summer projects will include repainting the upstairs/downstairs hallways in the high school. A walk around to assess the buildings and property will be scheduled in April or May.

The Transportation Committee is recommending that two of the three Chevrolet Suburbans be replaced due to

high mileage and is discussing whether a new minibus might be necessary.

The superintendent/secondary principal report was provided by Superintendent Thingvold. Students of the Quarter were announced. The Cognia review for school improvement is scheduled for March 27th, and one or two board members must be present. Senior privileges started last week, a nutrition grant of \$5,000.00 was awarded to the school for the purchase of a new freezer, and several changes need to be made in staffing for the 2024/2025 school year. Ms. Livingston (Special Education) and Ms. Faul (2nd Grade/Title) have requested to be moved to part-time. Counseling needs to be increased to 2 days a week. Ms. Tween needs day care, or she will not be able to work outside the home. Administration and certified contracts are due tomorrow.

Ms. Lalum provided an elementary principal report to the board. Teachers are still finishing parent/teacher conferences and 5th/6th grade will be attending a program on farm safety in Kenmare, ND.

Old Business: Wettstein/Parkinson moved to approve the second readings of school board policies: #FAAA Open Enrollment and #FACF Concussion Management. Motion passed unanimously. Jensen/Ross moved to approve Option #5 of the 2024/2025 school calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Jensen/Parkinson moved to approve ending the district's participation in the "Be Legendary" school board training at the end of May 2024. Motion passed unanimously. The Board would like to complete the Theory of Action and Procedure Manual before the training ends. J.R. Aufforth and Tyler Ross volunteered to serve as a committee to work on the manual. The community meetings part of the training will be held for teachers with an appreciation ceremony for recognition of their dedication and service to improving student achievement and outcomes.

Wettstein/Jensen moved to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund to the Hot Lunch Fund. Motion passed unanimously. Parkinson/Ross moved to approve the 2022-2023 School Year Audit report from Rath and Meher, P. C. Motion passed unanimously. Ross/Wettstein approved forming a committee of Mr. Golde, Ms. Jensen, Ms. Thingvold, Ms. Lalum and Ms. Wettstein to research daycare options for school staff. Motion passed unanimously.

Wettstein/Jensen approved the administrative/certified staff contracts received to date: Anderson, Brandy \$53,250.00; Cerise, Natalie \$46,000.00; Golde, Cyle \$50,000.00; Lalum, Sherry \$61,975.00; Peterson, Taylor \$46,500.00; and Thingvold, Celeste \$101,018.25. Motion passed unanimously.

Jensen/Wettstein moved to amend the current grading scale to 100-90% A, 89-80% B, 79-70% C, 69-60% D, and Below 59% F. Aufforth-yes, Jensen-yes, Parkinson-no, Ross-yes, and Wettstein-yes. Motion carried.

Wettstein/Ross moved to approve the superintendent formal evaluation as overall satisfactory. Motion passed unanimously. The Board filled out and completed a self-evaluation.

Ms. Riehl reminded that the deadline for individuals interested in placing their name on the ballot for the annual school board election scheduled for Tuesday June 11, 2024, is Monday April 8, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

No Other Items The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday April 15, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

JR Aufforth, Board President Angela Riehl (CREA) Business Manager May 8, 2024

Abstract of Statement of Insurance Companies Doing Business in North Dakota

Table with columns for company name, assets, liabilities, and other financial metrics. Includes entries for Principal Life Insurance Company and Prudential Life Insurance Company.

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SELF-INKING STAMPS \$20.95 Great for address labels Burke County Tribune 377-2626

HELP REDUCE THE IMPACT OF LOCAL HAZARDS Burke and Divide County are updating their 2019 Joint Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Kickoff and Initial Planning Meeting 1:30 p.m. May 14, 2024 Burke-Divide Electric Office Columbus, ND

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