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PUBLIC NOTICES

Underwood School
Sept. Meeting

September 26, 2025
Present: Superintendent Todd Ben-
son, Principal Hope Rush, Principal Kyle
Hunt, Brent Charging, Michael Heger,
Amanda Haseleu, Donald Robinson,
Sarah Ness, Brenda Schantz and Tania
Eichhorst.
Absent: None
President Michael Heger called the
meeting to order at 7:01 am followed by
the Pledge of
Allegiance.
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
(1) Substitute Teacher Pay, (2)
Amended Annual Report. Ness/Charg-
ing made a motion to add Substitute
Teacher Pay and Amended Annual
Report to the agenda. Roll Call Vote:
Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-
yes, Ness-yes. MC.
CONSENT AGENDA
Haseleu/Robinson made a motion to
approve the consent agenda as follows:
Approval of August 29, 2025 Regular
Board Meeting Minutes
Approval of September 10, 2025
Special Board Meeting Budget Hearing
Minutes
Approval of 25-26 UPSD8 Annual
Compliance Report
Approval of 25-26 UPSD8 LEA An-
nual Compliance Report
Approval of Financial Reports
Approval of Bills as follows:
General Fund (01):
Adminpartners \$150.00, Amber-
way Inc. \$1,611.00, Capital City Res-
taurant Supply Inc. \$415.46, City of
Underwood \$396.32, Connect Tele-
therapy \$4,845.00, Dakota Dust-Tex
Inc. \$59.50, Dakota Truck and Farm
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\$248.90, Double-Up Electric \$269.62,
Gerrells Sport Center Inc. \$9.86, Great
Western Network \$12,000.00, Grondahl
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ND FFA Association \$50.00, ND SBA
\$573.00, Pearce Durick PLLC \$71.25,
Schock's Safe & Lock \$746.10, Soft-
ware Unlimited Inc. \$536.00, Trafera
LLC \$13,671.35, TwoTrees Technolo-
gies \$908.46, Underwood Farm Sup-
ply \$1,332.30, Valuations Northwest
Inc. \$3,818.00, Village Family Service
Center \$667.00, Wagon Wheel Lumber
\$178.11.
Food Service Fund (05):
Kemps \$922.06, Pan O Gold Baking
Co \$327.50, Sysco Inc \$700.78, US
Foodservice \$3,115.73.
Student Activity Fund (06):
Bjorge Curtiss \$50.00, Blotske
Ava \$50.00, Coca-Cola Bottling Co
\$1,686.60, Dollywood Foundation \$8.39,
Eichhorst Andrew \$50.00, Ellis Cloe
\$50.00, Eng Adlyn \$50.00, Fisher Aricka
\$50.00, Game One \$612.87, Gerrells
Sport Center Inc \$657.00, Gross Carter
\$50.00, Hunt Emry \$50.00, Kjelstrup
Reagan \$50.00, Maxwell Jewel \$50.00,
Schantz Emily \$50.00, Singer Grant
\$270.22, Vaagene Gracelyn \$50.00,
Wilson Charlotte \$50.00.
Charging/Robinson made a motion to
approve the consent agenda. Roll
Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes,
Robinson-yes, Ness-yes. MC.
REPORT AGENDA
Superintendent Benson presented
the Financial Summary Reports and the
Executive Summary
Report.
Superintendent Benson provided an
update on the transition to having CREA
handle our business manager duties.
Progress is being made but many details

are still being worked through.
Superintendent Benson provided an
update on the transitions taking place
with our music/choir/band programs
with personnel changes. Personnel
assisting with this transition are two
substitute teachers and a paraprofes-
sional. Superintendent Benson stated
that the NDSBA has started its review
of our school board policies.
Principal Hunt highlighted our home-
coming activities as it was a very busy
week. He also provided an update on
our cell phone policy that it has been
pretty seamless as the students have
been very compliant. He attended the
Principal Bootcamp with the elementary
principal and gleaned a lot of useful
information. Secondary PLC's are meet-
ing now and student testing data (STAR
and ND A+) will be provided at the next
board meeting.
Principal Rush provided a Best In
Class update as our enrollment dropped
a little, taking us to one full size class-
room and one small size classroom. She
described the process for moving in the
direction of Standards Based Teaching
and the training involved. Elementary
PLC's are meeting now and student
testing data (STAR and ND A+) will be
provided at the next board meeting.
Superintendent Benson provided up-
dates for Activity Director Jangula. The
NDHSAA is considering modifications
to the transfer rules that are currently
in place. Underwood will have wrestling
this year through a cooperative agree-
ment with Velva. Underwood will not be
starting an Esports program this year
due to the lack of adult supervision when
the students are at home. We prefer to
wait until we have our own Esports lab in
the school where a coach will be present
when the students are competing.
Superintendent Benson provided
updates for Facilities Manager Sanders.
The greenhouse and custodial are his
current priorities.
COMMITTEE REPORTS
N/A
DISCUSSION ITEMS
Haseleu/Ness made a motion to
accept the teacher resignation and
waive the penalty for early release of
contract. Roll Call Vote: Charging-yes,
Heger-yes, Haseleu-yes, Robinson-no,
Ness-yes. MC.
Ness/Haseleu made a motion to ap-
prove a tuition/cost sharing agreement.
Roll Call Vote:
Charging-yes, Heger-yes, Haseleu-
yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes. MC.
Ness/Haseleu made a motion to ap-
prove the final Certificate of Levy. Roll
Call Vote:
Charging-yes, Heger-yes, Haseleu-
yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes. MC.
Superintendent Benson discussed
options for the taking of board minutes.
CREA would restrict the board to limited
options for board meetings on a monthly
basis. To provide for the greatest flex-
ibility to ensure all board members have
the opportunity to attend board meetings
Superintendent Benson will be taking
the board meeting minutes.
Robinson/Charging made a motion
to approve the increase in substitute
teacher pay. Roll Call Vote: Charging-
yes, Heger-yes, Haseleu-yes, Robinson-
yes, Ness-yes. MC.
Haseleu/Robinson made a motion
to approve the amended 24-25 Annual
Report. Roll Call Vote: Charging-yes,
Heger-yes, Haseleu-yes, Robinson-yes,
Ness-yes. MC.
The meeting adjourned at 8:22 am.
NEXT MEETINGS
Regular School Board Meeting- Oc-
tober 30, 2025 at 7:00 am.
Board President, Michael Heger
Superintendent, Todd Benson
(Nov. 13, 2025)

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Candidates Sought for County Boards

McLean County residents interested in being considered for appointments to a variety of county boards have until December 29, 2025 to submit letters of interest.
A total of 10 positions that expire on various boards or commissions on December 31, 2025. The positions are listed below.
According to County Auditor Beth A. Knutson, to be eligible for consideration for appointment to any of the positions, interested individuals must submit a letter of interest for the position that includes a short background statement. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and in some instances must reside in a specific commission district or geographical area of the county.
McLean County Water Resource Board: One three-year term expires. Applicants must reside in the County's Second Commission District for the three-year term. The current member is Shannon Jeffers of Garrison. Mr. Jeffers is eligible for reappointment.
McLean County Weed Control Board: One four-year term expires. The position is from the Turtle Lake area. The current member is Dalen Schaefer of Turtle Lake. Mr. Schaefer is eligible for reappointment.
Dakota Central Human Services Zone Board: One three-year term expires. The current member is Senator Howard Anderson of Turtle Lake. Senator Anderson is eligible for re-appointment.
McLean County School Reorganization Committee: One three-year term expires. The current member is member is Marshall Maxwell of Turtle Lake. Mr. Maxwell is eligible for reappointment.
County Officials Seeking Re-Appointment:
-Tax Director/Land Use Administrator/Veteran's Service Officer-Todd Schreiner
-E-911 Coordinator- Richard D. Johnson
-County Highway Superintendent- Jim Grey
-Emergency Manager-Noelle Kroll
-Clerk of Court-Gwyn Bosch

Letters of interest can be mailed or delivered to:
By Mail: McLean County Auditor
P.O. Box 1108
Washburn ND 58577
By Email: baknutson@nd.gov
By Fax: 701-462-3542

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