

# CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

## CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2025  
Chairman Richard Schmidt called the regular board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 12, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Schmidt were Jesse Krieger, John Schwab, and Kelly Erhardt. Administrators present were Superintendent Adam Hill, Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke, and Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz. Also, present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt.  
Set Agenda: K. Erhardt made a motion to set the agenda as presented. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried (M/C).  
Approval of Minutes: Krieger moved to approve the October 8, 2025 meeting minutes. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. (M/C).  
Financial Reports: Monthly Financial Reports consisting of the General Fund, Activity Fund, Building Fund, Hot Lunch Fund and October payroll totals were presented to the Board. Schwab moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
Bills: K. Erhardt moved to pay the following bills as presented: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 1,939.69; APPTGY INC 5,145.00; BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL 150.00; BILLADEAU, MEGAN 50.00; BISMAN LAWNSPRINKLERS 175.00; CENTER COAL COMPANY 2,815.30; CENTER REPUBLICAN 232.00; CDLN 72.30; CREA 550.00; CITY OF CENTER 219.00; COLE PAPERS 3,415.48; ECKROTH MUSIC 380.00; FERDERER, CALE 175.36; FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS 29.37; FORTE 667.58; FREEDOM TRUCK CENTER 6,558.11; GERRELLS SPORT CENTER 991.86; HANSON, LACEY 98.29; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 301.05; MANDAN PLUMBING & HEATING 1,420.20; MEDINA PUBLIC SCHOOL 70.00; MENARDS 338.23; MINOT PUBLIC SCHOOL 250.00; MDU 7,862.52; NDBCI 80.00; ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION 488.00; NDCEL 575.00; NDSBA 741.00; NETWORK CENTER 938.75; ND ALL STATE 200.00; OMSPED 21,066.85; OLSON, DANIEL 180.00; POPPLERS

MUSIC 912.66; POSITIVE PROMOTIONS 385.07; RDO 144.24; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 70.00; RUD PROPANE 4,495.94; SCHMIDT, REBECCA 88.61; SCHMIDT, RENAE 77.41; SFBNDVISA 6,405.82; SPIFFY BIFFS 133.50; STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS 263.00; STEINS 474.94; WARD'S SCIENCE 483.96; WARREN'S LOCKS & KEYS 530.00; WASHBURN PUBLIC SCHOOL 150.00; WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH 125.00; WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOL 20.00; WRT 511.03 General Fund Total: 73,447.12. FORTE 9,154.06. Building Fund Total: 9,154.06. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
Visitor. No visitors were in attendance.  
Administrative Reports:  
Elementary Principal's Report: Mrs. Tietz reported on Family Teacher Conferences; PBIS Celebration; Field Trip; School activities; Playground Committee; Upcoming Events.  
Secondary Principal's Report: Ms. Nitschke reported on Enrollment; Conferences; Testing; Winter Extra-Curriculars; Career Expo; and Upcoming Events.  
Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hill reported on Fire Equipment Install; Bus Bid; Policy Updates; Basketball Co-Op Update; November 14 Professional Development; Infinite Campus; and Building Updates.  
Committee Meeting Update:  
A. Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee (10/29/2025). Building and Grounds committee met and formed a playground committee and have set up another meeting on December 4th.  
Old Business:  
A. Bus Bid. Mr. Hill provided the school board with specs to collect bus bids and have them opened at the December board meeting.  
B. Playground Update. There is a playground committee that has been formed, and Ashley Tietz will be leading that group. December 4th at 6:30 p.m. will be the next meeting for this committee.  
New Business:  
A. Coaching Work Agreements. Schmidt presented the ancillary coaching work agreements for Christopher Albers (\$3,630.00) Head Boys' Basketball Coach, Wade Krohmer (\$2,590.00) Assistant Boys'

Basketball Coach, and Janet Erhardt (\$10,000.00) Head Athletic Director. K. Erhardt made a motion to accept the coaching work agreements as presented. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
B. Resignation Schmidt read a letter of resignation from Daniel Olson, resigning from his Junior High Boys' Basketball Position. Krieger made a motion to table wall of honor discussion until February 2025 regular meeting. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
C. Bobcat Rental. Hill informed the board that the school can rent a bobcat for the winter from Henry Maertens for \$20.00/hr. and \$20.00 per day. Krieger made a motion to rent the skid steer from Henry Maertens. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
D. Superintendent Evaluation. The annual Formative Evaluation of Superintendent Tracy Peterson was completed with an overall "unsatisfactory" rating. The individual "Area of Performance" ratings are as follows:  
1. Relationship with School Board: K. Erhardt-satisfactory, Schwab-satisfactory, Krieger- unsatisfactory, Schmidt-satisfactory.  
2. Relationship with Students, Parents and Community: Schwab-satisfactory, Krieger-satisfactory, Schmidt-satisfactory, K. Erhardt-satisfactory.  
3. Supervision of Licensed and Non-Licensed Staff: Krieger-satisfactory, Schmidt-satisfactory, K. Erhardt-satisfactory, Schwab-satisfactory.  
4. Financial Management Skills: Schmidt-satisfactory, K. Erhardt-satisfactory, Schwab-satisfactory, Krieger-satisfactory.  
5. Educational Leadership: K. Erhardt-satisfactory, Schwab-satisfactory, Krieger-satisfactory, Schmidt-satisfactory.  
Meeting Dates.  
Regular Board Meeting – December 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. CT  
Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. CT.  
These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board.  
Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

(12-18-2025)

## CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2025  
Board Chair Schmidt called the special board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 12:33 p.m. on December 5, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Schmidt were John Schwab, Jesse Krieger, and Kelly Erhardt. Also, present was Superintendent Adam Hill and Business Manager Jacob Erhardt.  
Business:  
Bid of Bus. Mr. Hill explained that Carington School is selling a 2018 30 passenger bus and is asking for bids. Mr. Hill recommended having a starting number and putting in an escalation clause to in-

crease to a certain amount to help acquire the available bus. K. Erhardt made a motion to start bid at \$23,001.00 with a \$500 escalation clause increasing to a max of \$30,001.00. Krieger seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kreiger-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Schwab-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.  
Schwab moved to adjourn meeting. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m. CT.  
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Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

(12-18-2025)

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Probate No. 33-2025-PR-00011  
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Attorney for Personal Representative  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OLIVER COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY MAIER, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Shayla Maier whose address is PO Box 1292, Center ND 58530, or Shelly Portscheller whose address is 703 Cody Dr., Bismarck ND 58503, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2025.  
/s/Troy Karlberg  
Co-Personal Representative  
/s/Carrie Berger  
Co-Personal Representative  
(12-11-2025)(12-18-2025)(12-25-2025)

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## Tax Tid Bits

### Tax Deductions for Seniors in 2025: What You Need to Know

As tax season approaches, seniors should be aware of several deductions that can significantly lower their taxable income. For 2025, the standard deduction amounts have been updated:

- Married Filing Jointly (MFJ) and Qualifying Surviving Spouse (QSS): \$31,500
- Single: \$15,750
- Head of Household (HoH): \$23,625
- Married Filing Separately (MFS): \$15,750

However, seniors aged 65 and older may qualify for additional deductions beyond the standard amounts, offering even more savings. These include:

1. Age or Blindness Deduction  
Seniors can claim an additional \$1,600 per person if they are 65 or older, or if they are blind. This deduction applies to each eligible individual, which can be a significant benefit for couples where both spouses qualify.
2. The New Senior Deduction: \$6,000 Per Person  
Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), a new temporary senior deduction of \$6,000 per person has been introduced. While this sounds like a credit, it's actually a deduction that lowers taxable income. This deduction is subject to income limitations and is not a direct reduction of taxes owed.

#### CLEARING UP COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

Despite the clear benefits, there are some misconceptions about how these deductions work:

- Social Security Benefits: Some people mistakenly believe that Social Security income is never taxable. However, depending on your total income, Social Security benefits may still be taxable.
- The \$6,000 Senior Deduction: Another common mistake is thinking that the \$6,000 senior deduction is a tax credit. In reality, it is a deduction that reduces your taxable income, not a direct credit that lowers the amount you owe.

How Much Could Seniors Save?  
For married couples filing jointly, seniors can potentially qualify for a total deduction of \$49,900 if both spouses are 65 or older and blind. This includes:

- The standard deduction of \$31,500 for MFJ couples
- \$6,400 for the age or blindness deduction (\$1,600 each for both spouses)
- \$12,000 from the \$6,000 senior deduction per person

In total, that adds up to \$49,900, significantly reducing their taxable income.

#### CONCLUSION

For seniors, the tax deductions available in 2025 can provide major savings. The additional deductions for age, blindness, and the new senior deduction can lower taxable income and reduce overall taxes owed. However, it's crucial to understand the differences between deductions and credits, and to be aware of income limitations for the new senior deduction.  
To make the most of these tax benefits, seniors should consult with a tax professional to ensure they are fully utilizing all available deductions. With the right planning, these changes could mean a more favorable tax outcome. For assistance, please feel free to contact Solem Law Offices today to set up a consultation with one of our knowledgeable tax professionals.



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#### ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. ARTICLES 71-02, 71-03, 71-04, 71-05, 71-06, & 71-08

#### REGARDING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, UNIFORM GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM, DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE CREDIT, AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 1600 East Century Avenue Suite 2, Bismarck, North Dakota. The proposed rules relate to the Public Employees Retirement System, Uniform Group Insurance Program, Deferred Compensation Plan for Public Employees, Highway Patrol Retirement System, Retiree Health Insurance Credit, and Defined Contribution Plan. The proposed rules implement statutory changes made during the 2025 legislative session, clarify current administrative processes, and ensure consistency in administration within the various plans administered by NDPERS.

A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502, e-mailing NDPERS-info@nd.gov, or calling 701-328-3900. Written comments on the proposed rules can be mailed to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502 or emailed to NDPERS-info@nd.gov. Oral comments can be submitted by calling 701-328-3900. Comments received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2026, will be fully considered. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System at the above telephone number or address at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2025.  
Rebecca Fricke  
Executive Director