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OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOWMAN COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT #1

The regular meeting of the Bowman
County School Board was held on
Wednesday July 16th, 2025, at 5:00pm
in the Bowman High School Confer-
ence Room. Members present: Presi-
dent Stacy McGee. Vice President
Chad Njos & Board Member, Amy
Fischer, Camie Janikowski, Kirsten
Stotts, Laura Wallman. Others present:
Superintendent Anni Carlson and Busi-
ness Manager Lauren Sense. Mem-
bers Absent: Andy Mrnak
Guests present: Gary & Cheryl Van
Daele, Others were invited to listen via
remote access.
1. **Call to Order:** Vice President Chad
Njos called meeting to order @ 5:05pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Moved Down to New Business topic a.
Van Daele Bus Contract
3. **Agenda:** moved, seconded by to ap-
prove the agenda. No Discussion was
held. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Be Legendary School Board Lead-
ership:**
a. No Report
5. **Consent Agenda Items:** moved,
seconded by to approve the Consent
Agenda Items. Discussion was held. All
in favor, motion carried. Those items
include
a. Approve Minutes: June 9th Special

School Board Meeting, June 11th, Reg-
ular School Board Meeting
b. Approve Bills
c. Approve Financial Reports
d. Committee Reports
i. Budget/Finance Committee Meeting
(June 24th)
ii. Budget/Finance Committee Meeting
(July 8th)
e. Designate Depository Bank- Dakota
Western
f. Review Pledge of Assets
g. Name Official News Paper- Bowman
County Pioneer
h. Official State Bonding- NDIRF
i. Resolution to Destroy old Records
j. Establish Regular Board Meeting
Time (Day of Month; time; Quarterly
Rhame)
i. Current 2nd Wednesday @5:00pm;
Quarterly Meeting in Rhame
6. **Administrative Reports** (Informa-
tion Only/No Action):
i. Superintendent- Admin Summary
7. **Public Comment:** No comments
brought forth.
8. **Unfinished Business** (Action and/
or Discussion):
a. Preliminary Budget 2025-2026-
Wallman moves, second by Stotts, to
approve the purchases for the High
School English department, Science
Department, Physical Education De-
partment and FACS Classroom totaling
\$15913. Will meet again on August 4
@5:00pm in the HS Conference Room
to Discuss budget further.
i. Janikowski moves, second by Njos
to have the Tax hearing meeting on
September 10th, 2025 @ 6:00pm In
Rhame at the Multi-Purpose room.
9. New Business: (Action and/or Dis-
cussion)
a. Van Daele Bus Contract- Cheryl
asked for a .5 increase to the base
rate, Wallman moves, second by Stotts
to increase the base rate from \$2.06 to
\$2.11, no discussion was had, all in fa-
vor, motion carried.
Van Daele's left @ 5:12pm
b. Sports Medicine Presentation- Jani-
kowski moves, Fischer Seconds to
Table the discussion to the next board
meeting

c. Remove broker from Dental plan-
Fischer Moves, Second by Wallman
to remove the broker from our Dental
Plan, Discussion was held, all in favor,
motion is carried.
d. Teaching Contracts (Heidi, Kim,
Alex)- Stotts Moves, Second by Fischer
to approve the teaching contracts, no
discussion was held. All in favor, mo-
tion carried.
e. Zero Hour Plan- No Motion was
made.
f. Organization of the School Board
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i. Election of President for the 2025-
2026 School Year- Janikowski moves,
second by Fisher to appoint Stacy Mc-
Gee as President for 2025-2026. All in
Favor, motion carries.
ii. Election of Vice President for the
2025-2026 School Year- Janikowski
Moves, second by Stotts to Appoint
Chad Njos as the Vice President for
2025-2026. All in Favor, motion carries.
iii. Appoint Business Manager for the
2025-2026 School Year- Wallman
Moves, Second by Janikowski to ap-
point Lauren Sense as the Business
Manager for 2025-2026
iv. Appoint Committees
a. Additional Funding Committee: Mc-
Gee & Mrnak
b. Budget/Finance: Fischer, McGee &
Wallman
c. Building: Mrnak & Stotts
d. Community Engagement: Janikows-
ki, McGee & Wallman
e. Extracurricular: Njos with Mrnak &
Fischer as alternates
f. Hearing: McGee
g. Negotiations: Janikowski, Njos &
Stotts
h. Personnel: McGee & Njos
i. School Board Policy and Procedures:
Fischer, Janikowski & McGee
j. Sick Bank: Stotts
k. Technology: Mrnak
l. Transportation: Fischer & Njos
i. Curriculum Committee- Discussion
was held on starting this committee
again, board recommends setting it up
like the Leadership Committee, and to
not include a board member.
g. School Lunch Fees 2025-2026, Ac-
tivity Fees 2025-2026, Pre-K Tuition
2025-2026- Janikowski Moves, Second
by Stotts to approve the Activity, Lunch,
and Preschool Fees for the 2025-2026
School year.
h. Attorney Retainer- Fischer Moves,
Second by Janikowski to approve a
15 hour block with Cooperative Legal
Services.
10. Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 pm
*Next Regular School Board Meeting
will be August 13th, 2025 @ 5:00pm in
Bowman.
Stacy McGee, President
Lauren Sense, Business Manager

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ence Room. Members present: Presi-
dent Stacy McGee, Vice President
Chad Njos & Board Members Amy
Fischer, Camie Janikowski, Kirsten
Stotts, Laura Wallman, Andy Mrnak.
Others present: Superintendent Anni
Carlson (Via TEAMS), Business Man-
ager Lauren Sense.
Guests Present:
1. Call to Order: President Stacy Mc-
Gee called meeting to order @ 5:00 pm
2. Board discussed the 2025-2026
Budget line for line. No Motion made
3. Adjournment: With no further busi-
ness, the meeting was adjourned at
6:27pm
Stacy McGee, President
Lauren Sense, Business Manager

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HOUSING FROM PAGE 4

where it is often difficult to
develop housing because de-
velopers are focused on the
major urban areas where a lot
of infrastructure is already in
place or easier to scale.
Higher material and labor
costs mean it is more costly
to build on or develop infra-
structure for a single lot as
opposed to developing the in-
frastructure for several lots at
once, Klein said. More lots in
one place could drive interest
from developers.

“Not having that puts
things back further,” he said
of the failure of the legisla-
tion.
Corry Shevlin, executive
director of the Jamestown/
Stutsman County Devel-
opment Corporation, said
there’s a need for all levels of
housing in his region.
Jamestown had been
primed and ready to roll out
projects if the legislation had
passed.

“We had to reevaluate
where and if our dollars
would have the same impact,”
Shevlin said. “We recognize
that the problem’s not going
to go away. We would have
loved to see that program
funded. It was a great pro-
posal, and I’m hoping it does
return in future legislation.”
Shevlin said the organiza-
tion was ready to put forward
\$1 million for a community
match if the bill had gone
through. He’s hopeful of get-
ting a couple projects through
local initiatives moving by the
end of this construction sea-
son, but the clock is ticking.
Schilken said he expects
some form of Armstrong’s
proposal to be resurrected in
the next legislative session.

“Although we’re disap-
pointed it didn’t pass, I think
it started the conversation
and really brought a lot of
different people into that
conversation,” Schliken said.
“Those are good things to
take from it and we can put
together some legislation to
bring back next session.”
Missing middle
Besides the smaller rural
communities, other larger ur-
ban centers have difficulty at-
tracting and retaining young
and mid-level professionals
because of housing imbal-
ances.
Most of the housing avail-

able is either on the high or
the very low end of the spec-
trum with what’s in the mid-
dle coming and going from
the market in a flash.
Future housing proposals
should also have a “move up
strategy” so that those in en-
try-level housing can move up
the ladder in five to 10 years,
freeing up housing for those
coming in, said Nick Hacker,
CEO of the Title Team and a
legislative committee presi-
dent for the North Dakota
Land Title Association.
“There’s a pipeline here
that’s really important, and
if any part of the pipeline is
kind of broken, in the long
term it will be a struggle,”
Hacker said. “We have to pay
attention to the missing mid-
dle.”

Daniel Stenberg, eco-
nomic development director
in McKenzie County, sees a
similar situation in Watford
City. Higher labor and con-
struction costs often lead to
the building of higher-end
homes, missing out on the
mid-range market. That im-
pacts the ability to retain
workers.
“We’ve got people that
come in and they live in an
apartment for a year or two,
but they want to bring their
family in and make them-
selves part of the commu-
nity,” Stenberg said. “From
a retention standpoint, you
get people a lot more rooted
if they have a house, they’ve
built some equity, they’ve got
kids in the school system.”
Stenberg said he hopes any
future state-level solutions
would recognize investments
already made in shovel-ready
lots in places like Watford
City, with the potential to use
that funding toward down-
payment assistance.

“It moves the builders to
build, and then the buyers to
be able to qualify to purchase
these houses,” Stenberg said.
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NOTICE

**BOWMAN COUNTY PLANNING
AND ZONING TO MEET**

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN:

That there will be a meeting of the Bowman County Planning
And Zoning Board September 11th, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the
Commissioner’s Room at the Bowman County Courthouse.
A Conditional Use Permit application for Kendal Rose will be
heard. The application will be for the use of a Telecommuni-
cations Facility. Location- in the SE1/4 Section 22 Township
131N Range 100W, Scranton Township in Bowman County.
Following the decision by the Planning and Zoning Board,
the Conditional Use Permit application will be forwarded to
the Bowman County Commission for final approval.

Dated this 19th day of August 2025.

Jodi Freier
Bowman County Planning and Zoning Administrator

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