



Megans Minutes

By Megan Mott

MENU

Wednesday 23rd: Spaghetti
Thursday 24th: Grilled Cheese and Soup
Friday 25th: Pizza
Monday 28th: Chicken Burgers and French Fries
Tuesday 29th: Crispidos
Wednesday 30th: Taco Oles, Refried beans and Nacho cheese

SPORTS

04/24
 Golf: Boys JH Meet vs. Glenburn @MAFB Golf Course 10:00 am
 Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Des Lacs - Burlington Lakers @Lansford 4:00 pm
 Softball: Varsity Game vs. Rugby @Rugby High School 4:30 pm
 Basketball: Girls Elementary Game Vs. Drake-Anamoose @Drake-Anamoose High School 5:00 pm
 Softball: JV Game vs. Rugby @Rugby High School 6:00 pm
04/25
 Golf: Boys V Meet vs. Bottineau Public School @Bottineau Golf Course 9:30 am

Track: Girls V Meet vs. TBA @Rugby High School 2:00 pm
 Softball: C Team Game vs. North Prairie @Rolla High School 4:30 pm
 Softball: C Team Game vs. North Prairie @Rolla High School 6:00 pm
 Softball: V Jamboree vs. May-Port CG @South Hill Complex 6:00 pm
04/26
 Basketball: Girls Elementary Tournament vs. TBA @Glenburn High School TBD
 Softball: V Jamboree vs. Thompson @South Hill Complex 11:00 am
 Softball: C team game vs. Stanley Community Schools @Stanley High School 1:00 pm
 Softball: C team game vs. Stanley Community Schools @Stanley High School 2:30 pm
 Softball: V Jamboree vs. Grafton @South Hill Complex 3:00 pm
04/28
 Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Garrison @ Garrison High School 9:30 am
 Track: Boys JH Meet vs. TBA @ Bottineau High School

1:30pm
 Softball: C Team Game vs. Bottineau Public School @ Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood High School 4:30pm
 Softball: Varsity Game vs. Glenburn @ Glenburn High School 4:30pm
 Softball: C Team Game vs. Bottineau Public School @ Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood High School 6:00pm
04/29
 Golf: Boys JH Meet vs. Bottineau Public School @ Bottineau Golf Course 10:00am
 Track: Girls Varsity Meet TBA vs. TBA @ St. John High School 2:00pm
 Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Stanley Community Schools @ Stanley High School 4:30pm
 Softball: Varsity Game vs. Bishop Ryan @ Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood High School 4:30pm
 Softball: JV Game vs. Bishop Ryan @ Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood High School 6:00pm
 April 30th: Staff Development/Early Out 1:00 pm Release

District 6 Legislative Update

Dan Vollmer
 The 69th Legislative session is nearing completion as we are at day 64 as I write this update. We are now in the process of settling differences between the House and Senate versions of bills that were passed in each chamber. Conference committees are meeting and hopefully agreeing on either the House version or Senate version. I carried SB 2280 on the House floor relating to the prior authorization process in health insurance which was heard in our Industry, Business and Labor committee. This bill reforms the process used by insurance companies to approve or deny coverage for medical procedures. This bill establishes clear guidelines around the administration of the prior authorization process and standardizes timeline decisions: 72 hours for urgent cases and 7 days for non-urgent cases. The bill passed the House with a vote of 93-0 and in the Senate with a vote of 43-3. I also worked on HB 1318 relating to pesticide labeling that was heard in the House Agriculture committee. I carried the bill on the House floor and it passed 88-0, however it was amended in the Senate to clarify some language in the bill and returned to the House. The bill is to make sure that any pesticide used in North Dakota

displays a label consistent with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Opposition appeared from trial lawyers and environmental activists on this bill. However, the House passed the bill for final passage with a vote of 51-40. I also supported Senate Concurrent Resolution 4002 which urges Congress to enact legislation allowing a landowner to terminate a perpetual easement owned by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. If you would like to contact me at any time, please email me at dvollmer@ndlegis.gov or text at 701-550-0593. **Paul Thomas**
 The end of the 69th Legislative Assembly will likely occur in two weeks. Most all the bills have left their respective committees and are being acted upon on the floor. Most of the time spent by Legislators over the next two weeks will be in conference committees reconciling the differences between the House and Senate versions of each bill. Once the conference committee's reconcile bills, they still then must go back before each full chamber for another floor discussion and vote of approval or denial. School choice advocates have been working to advance a school voucher bill that would be set up

for children who wish to attend private schools. One bill is still in the Senate and one in the House. The original version of the bill in the Senate would have offered \$4,000 to every child who attends private school. In Senate Appropriations it was amended to provide a means test of the funds only being available to families whose income is 400% of the poverty level. This reduced the cost of the bill in half. When you read this article, it is likely that the Senate will have voted on this bill already with more changes made on the Senate floor. On the House side SB 2400 is still being debated. This bill includes voucher payments for both public and private students to enhance their educational outcomes. Property tax discussions continue to happen as well. Legislators continue to look at areas to reduce budgets to enhance the amount of property tax relief that can be provided. The Senate Finance and Tax committee has amended one of the remaining property tax bills to make some implementation fixes as well as to increase the amount of property tax relief to primary residence homeowners above earlier levels discussed. These changes will continue to happen over the next two weeks as the House and Senate continue to conference on property tax relief. I can be reached at 701-626-2777 or email at paulthomas@ndlegis.gov

Westhope School Board Minutes

Westhope Public School District #17 School Board Minutes of School Board Retreat Wednesday, March 5th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Westhope Board Room

- Call Meeting to Order
 President Tofield, called to order the Westhope Public School District #17 School Board Retreat Meeting at 6:32 p.m.
- Roll Call
 • Members Present: Liz Tofield, Katie Ogaard, Lyndsi Engstrom, Ben Cartwright, Tyler Thompson, Jason Huber, Matt Lauer
 • Members Absent: None
 • Also Present: Martin Bratrud - Superintendent, Barry Trottier - Business Manager
- Be Legendary Goals and Guardrails Review:
 A. Recommendation made by Superintendent Bratrud to change NDSA data to ND A +.
 a. General consensus received to present to full board at next meeting for approval.
 B. Discussion held on Superintendent Guardrail # 3 and progress measure for the cognitive domain of the engagement survey and the results from the last engagement survey.
 a. General consensus was to remove Superintendent Guardrail # 3 and add to the Superintendent evaluation for monitoring. This will be presented to the full board at the next meeting.
 4. Fiscal outlook for 2025 - 2026 and 2026 - 2027:
 A. Review and discussion of budget draft # 1 for 2025 - 2026 considering current legislative proceedings, mill levies and federal funding levels. Discussion also held on the impact to the 2026 - 2027 budget.
 5. Superintendent Search:
 A. We now have 3 candidates that have applied for the position.
 B. Discussion was held on timeline for meeting with the North Dakota School Board Association (NDSBA) to discuss applicants and then schedule interviews.
 C. Discussion was held regarding CREA contracted services meetings with the board members.
 D. The special meeting will be held on March 14th, 2025, at 7 AM in the board room with NDSBA.
 E. Interviews with candidate # 1 will be scheduled for the week of March 17th - 19th, 2025.
 6. Other business of the district:
 A. President Tofield mentioned that personal correspondence regarding current legislative actions is encouraged to be sent by all board members to our representatives.
 7. Adjourn:
 Hearing no further agenda items, President Tofield adjourned the meeting at 8:42p.m.
 Barry Trottier, Business Manager
 Liz Tofield, Board President

Activity Committee Minutes from March 6th, 2025 Board Room 7 AM

The Westhope School Board Activity Committee met March 6th, 2025.
 1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 AM
 Roll Call Conducted:
 a. Present: Garrett Wible, Katie Ogaard, Tyler Thompson, Jason Huber
 b. Absent: Jason Huber
 c. Also present: Barry Trottier - Business Manager, Martin Bratrud - Superintendent
 2. Additions to the agenda
 a. 25 - 26 Activities Handbook Amendments added as item # 6 to this agenda.
 3. Wall of Fame Project
 a. Presentation to the committee by Mr. Wible on an electronic version of the wall of fame.
 i. This has many options for teams'

pages and record board for showcasing all achievements in both activities and academics.
 ii. This has several different display options and sizes and can be either floor standing, or wall mounted.
 iii. No action will be taken on this until funding can be secured
 iv. Considering the 65" framed wall mount device.
 v. Discussion was held on the timeline if funding is secured.
 4. Coaches Salary Schedule
 a. Presentations by Mr. Wible on a proposed coach/advisor salary schedule based on a 1.5% and 2% increase that also includes the experience multiplier.
 b. Discussion was held on speech student percentages and possibly lowering that to 45% from 60%. This can be revisited if the new coach increases the student percentages and starts the season earlier.
 c. Discussion was held on potential changes to activity bus driving compensation.
 5. Cross Country COOP discussion
 a. Mr. Wible and Mr. Bratrud were approached on starting a COOP for this event.
 i. Presentation on potential cost of the program, travel and basic information on events, dates of season including regional and state events.
 ii. Discussion was held on researching this further and how to fit into the general fund budget and activities fund.
 1. General consensus was to gather more information and interest of athletes.
 6. 2025 - 2026 Activities Handbook Amendments:
 a. Attendance for Extra-Curricular activities was discussed.
 i. Currently reads must attend at least one half of the day to be amended to read "in attendance for the second half of the day". This would not affect those that have medical appointments scheduled.
 ii. Activity Suspension Guidelines were discussed.
 1. Recommended adding a student on suspension is not allowed to travel with the team if it requires the team to leave early from school.
 iii. The consequences area was reviewed and discussed.
 1. Recommended to add NDHSAA fan behavior expectations and consequences will be followed per NDHSAA requirements.
 iv. A general consensus was received to present to the policy committee for review and submission to the full board for approval.
 7. Katie Ogaard mentioned that Mr. Wible was recognized as the district 6 Activities Director of the year and thanked him for his commitment to our school district and students.
 Respectfully Submitted by:
 Barry Trottier, Business Manager
 Garrett Wible, Activities Director

Westhope Public School District #17 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 at 7:00 AM in the Board Room

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call:
 President Tofield, called to order the Westhope Public School District #17 Regular School Board Meeting at 7:00 A.M.
 • Members Present: Liz Tofield, Lyndsi Engstrom, Katie Ogaard, Ben Cartwright, Tyler Thompson, Matt Lauer
 • Members Absent: Jason Huber
 • Also Present: Martin Bratrud - Superintendent, Barry Trottier - Business Manager, Christy Lee - Principal, Garrett Wible - Activities Director, Kaley Mills, Marcia McMahon - via MS

Teams, William Young - Brady Martz Lead Auditor - VIA MS Teams, Kate Tolstad
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. 2023 - 2024 Brady Martz School Audit
 A. Presentation by Mr. William Young, Brady Martz and Associates, providing an overview of the audited financial statements, NET position of the district and review of the management letter as of June 30th, 2024.
 a. Moved by Katie Ogaard to approve the 2023 - 2024 Audit, Second By: Ben Cartwright. Motion carried 6 - 0.
 b. Mr. William Young left the meeting at 7:26 A.M.
 4. Student Outcome Goals:
 A. Goal Progress Monitoring: MOY ND A + Math
 a. Superintendent Bratrud provided a presentation on the Middle of Year (MOY) math data reports for the grades of 3 - 8 and 10. Discussin was held on the data reports.
 B. MOY STAR Math Data
 a. Superintendent Bratrud provided a presentation on the Middle Of Year (MOY) STAR math data reports for the grades of 3 - 8 and 10. Discussin was held on the data reports.
 C. Blue Box Comments
 a. Review of MOY data, recommendations and next steps.
 5. Public Participation, Agenda Related:
 a. None
 6. Consent Agenda
 A. Approve Minutes
 I. February 11th, 2025 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
 II. February 13th, 2025 Special School Board Meeting Minutes
 III. February 19th, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
 IV. February 24th, 2025 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
 V. February 26th, 2025 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes
 B. Approve Bills, Receive and Approve Financial Report
 C. Receive and Approve Superintendent GPM Report for MOY ND A + Math
 D. Receive and Approve WEA Signed Authorization to Negotiate from Membership
 I. Pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1 - 16-11 (1) (c). The School Board has investigated the petition filed by the Westhope Education Association requesting that the association be recognized as the representative organization for the negotiating unit and has determined that the Education Association does represent a majority of the teachers within that unit. The Board recognizes the Westhope Education Association as the representative organization for a minimum of one year from March 11th, 2025.
 E. Moved by Ben Cartwright to approve the consent agenda, second by Tyler Thompson. Motion carried 6 - 0.
 7. Reports (Information only, no discussion):
 A. Principal's Report
 B. Athletic Director's Report
 C. Business Manager's Report
 D. Counselor's Report
 E. Oil and Gas Revenue Statement
 8. Discussion and Possible Action:
 A. Regular School Board Meeting: April 16th, 2025 at 7 AM in Board Room
 B. Consider approval of Manual Journal Entries and Budget Revisions
 I. Moved by Lyndsi Engstrom to approve the Manual Journal Entries and Budget Revisions, second by Katie Ogaard. Motion carried 6 - 0.
 C. Consider School Board Resolution for Legislative Business
 I. General consensus received for the policy committee to draft letters on behalf of the Westhope School Board for the 69th legislative assembly in opposition to all

Education Savings Account and Voucher bills proposed this legislative session.
 D. Superintendent Search Discussion
 I. Update by President Tofield.
 II. Meeting scheduled for March 14th, 2025 at 7 AM with NDSBA to go over the rubric and final questions prior to interviews beginning.
 E. Color Fund Balance Sheet Report
 I. Review of where the district is financially.
 F. Superintendent Evaluation
 I. 7 Evaluations were received from the school board members and the following areas of the evaluation were reviewed.
 • Board Relations
 • Assessed as satisfactory, moved by Tyler Thompson to approve the rating, second by Katie Ogaard. Roll Call Vote: Matt Lauer - Yes, Liz Tofield - Yes, Ben Cartwright - Yes, Tyler Thompson - Yes, Katie Ogaard - Yes, Lyndsi Engstrom - Yes.
 • No comments provided for this area.
 • Human Resource Management
 • Assessed as satisfactory, moved by Ben Cartwright to approve the rating, second by Lyndsi Engstrom. Roll Call Vote: Matt Lauer - Yes, Katie Ogaard - Yes, Liz Tofield - Yes, Tyler Thompson - Yes, Ben Cartwright - Yes, Lyndsi Engstrom - Yes.
 • Comment A and B were added to the final evaluation, moved by Lyndsi Engstrom to approve the comments, second by Ben Cartwright. Roll Call Vote: Ben Cartwright - Yes, Katie Ogaard - Yes, Tyler Thompson - Yes, Matt Lauer - Yes, Lyndsi Engstrom - Yes, Liz Tofield - Yes.
 • Curriculum and Student Support Services
 • Assessed as satisfactory, moved by Katie Ogaard to approve the rating, second by Tyler Thompson. Roll Call Vote: Liz Tofield - Yes, Matt Lauer - Yes, Lyndsi Engstrom - Yes, Tyler Thompson - Yes, Katie Ogaard - Yes, Ben Cartwright - Yes.
 • Comment A, B and C were added to the final evaluation, moved by Lyndsi Engstrom to approve the comments, second by Katie Ogaard. Roll Call Vote: Ben Cartwright - Yes, Lyndsi Engstrom - Yes, Tyler Thompson - Yes, Matt Lauer - Yes, Liz Tofield - Yes.
 • Community Relations
 • This area was not evaluated for this cycle.
 • Operations and Resource Management
 • Assessed as satisfactory, moved by Tyler Thompson to approve the rating, second by Matt Lauer. Roll Call Vote: Ben Cartwright - Yes, Liz Tofield - Yes, Matt Lauer - Yes, Lyndsi Engstrom - Yes, Katie Ogaard - Yes, Tyler Thompson - Yes.
 • Comment A, B, C, and D were added to the final evaluation, moved by Katie Ogaard to approve the comments, second by Tyler Thompson. Roll Call Vote: Lyndsi Engstrom - Yes, Liz Tofield - Yes, Katie Ogaard - Yes, Tyler Thompson - Yes, Matt Lauer - Yes, Ben Cartwright - Yes.
 G. Discuss and Consider Approval of Revised Westhope School Board Be Legendary Goals and Guardrails.
 I. Discussion held on changes made to the goals and guardrails during the last retreat.
 II. Moved by Ben Cartwright to approve the changes made to the goals and guardrails, second by Tyler Thompson. Motion carried 6 - 0.
 9. Adjournment
 Hearing no further business to come before the School Board, President Tofield, adjourned the meeting at 8:30 A.M.
 Barry Trottier, Business Manager
 Elizabeth Tofield, President

Policy Committee Minutes from March 19th, 2025 Board Room 7 AM

The Westhope School Board Policy Committee met on March 19th, 2025.
 1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 AM
 Roll Call Conducted:
 A. Present: Liz Tofield, Lyndsi Engstrom, Tyler Thompson
 B. Absent: None
 C. Also present: Barry Trottier - Business Manager, Martin Bratrud - Superintendent
 2. Review of Westhope Board Procedural Manual
 A. No discussion will be held during this meeting.
 B. Updated provided by President Tofield and her meeting with Laurie Elliott from the questions that were generated at the last meeting.
 C. Next policy committee meeting will start with section 4.4 when meeting on this subject in the future.
 3. Legislative Letters
 A. Discussion held on School Board Association guidance related to House Bill 1540 and Senate Bill 2400.
 B. Discussed draft letters for the 69th Legislative Session related to House Bill 1540 and Senate Bill 2400; revisions made for submission.
 C. Mr. Bratrud left the meeting at 7:55 AM.
 4. Next Meeting: Not Scheduled.
 5. Adjourn:
 A. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 AM.
 Respectfully Submitted by:
 Barry Trottier, Business Manager
 Liz Tofield, Board President

Westhope Public School District #17 School Board Special Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 3rd, 2025 at 7:00 AM in the Board Room

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call:
 President Tofield, called to order the Westhope Public School District #17 Special School Board Meeting at 7:00 A.M.
 • Members Present: Liz Tofield, Lyndsi Engstrom, Katie Ogaard, Ben Cartwright, Jason Huber, Tyler Thompson (by phone)
 • Members Absent: Matt Lauer
 • Also Present: Barry Trottier - Business Manager, Martin Bratrud - Superintendent
 2. Consider Approval of Certified Staff Resignation:
 a. A letter was received from Mr. Jim Devilbiss informing the board of his immediate resignation from the Westhope Public School.
 b. Moved by Katie Ogaard to approve the immediate resignation of Jim Devilbiss as the math teacher at Westhope Public School effective April 2nd, 2025. Second by Ben Cartwright. Motion carried 6 - 0.
 3. Adjournment
 Hearing no further business to come before the School Board, President Tofield, adjourned the meeting at 7:01 A.M.
 Barry Trottier, Business Manager
 Elizabeth Tofield, President
 Westhope School District

Board Report - For Newspaper
 Vendor Name
 Vendor Description
 Amount
 Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND
 BLICK ART MATERIALS \$32.19
 BORDER AG - NEWBURG \$3,021.02
 BOTTINEAU LUMBER INC \$11.98
 BOTTINEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 \$50.00
 BRATRUD, MARTIN

\$352.57
 CENTRAL REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION \$75.00
 COLE PAPERS INC \$890.29
 COMPUTER STORE INC, THE \$50.00
 D & B BODY SHOP INC \$527.72
 DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS \$475.00
 DENNY'S PIZZA INN \$103.74
 ECKROTH MUSIC \$110.00
 ECOLAB PEST ELIM. DIV. \$184.94
 ELLIOTT AND MCMAHON, LLC \$1,000.00
 FARMERS UNION OIL CO \$5,285.74
 INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC \$149.39
 LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS \$125.94
 LEE, CHRISTY \$127.85
 MENARDS \$201.86
 NASCO EDUCATION \$737.62
 NEWBURG UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT \$29.36
 PEARCE DURICK PLLC \$213.75
 QUALITY INN BISMARCK \$99.00
 RUNNINGS SUPPLY, INC \$74.54
 SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE \$190.00
 SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC \$409.70
 SHAWNA'S PLACE \$124.25
 SOUTH EAST EDUCATION COOPERATIVE \$700.00
 STANDARD, THE \$924.89
 VESTIS \$781.03
 VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER \$1,416.68
 VISA \$7,507.29
 WESTHOPE HOT LUNCH \$82.18
 WIBLE, GARRETT \$600.00
 ZETTELL, KIMBERLY \$40.00
 Fund Total: \$26,705.52
 Checking Account Total: \$26,705.52
 Fund: 03 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
 BOTTINEAU LUMBER INC \$79.02
 FARMERS UNION OIL CO \$29.99
 MENARDS \$20.48
 ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY \$315.00
 Fund Total: \$444.49
 Checking Account Total: \$444.49
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 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION \$839.15
 SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA \$9,442.58
 Fund Total: \$10,756.35
 Checking Account Total: \$10,756.35
 Checking 6 Checking 6 Fund: 06 STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND \$11.98
 VISA \$1,246.99
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 Checking Account Total: \$1,246.99