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Hettinger School Board Proceedings

Hettinger Public School District Regular School Board Meeting April 16, 2025 - Board Room

Board Members Present: President Kortney Kindsfater, Patrick Kilzer, Rich Jahner, Jordan Christman, Allison Clausen Others Present:

Darin Sea-Superintendent mands, Elementary Principal Dave Erickson, Business Manager Jeremy Fordahl, Athletic Director Jon Kohler, Administrative Assistant Kira Henderson Call to Order

President Kindsfater called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance

Confirmation of Agenda Amendments included removing Finance Committee and Policy Committee reports. Motion by Kilzer to approve the

amended agenda; second by Jahner Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Motion by Christman to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting; second by Clausen. Motion carried unanimously. Consideration of Bills

Financial Report Motion by Clausen to postpone the April Financial Report; second by Christman. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports Secondary Superintendent / Principal Report

The 7-12 building hosted its first Elective Class Open House. Teachers created posters to advertise their elective courses and students had meaningful conversations with teachers about academic and career pathways. The event goals were met, and positive feedback was received.

Student Council elections were held during the event. Officers for 2025-2026: President - Casey Kindsfater, Vice President Liam Kennedy, Secretary Sam Salazar, Treasurer – Katie Buckmier.

The district successfully bid on Ford Explorers from the sheriff's department for \$4,450 each, intended for use in the Driver's Education program. Erickson Heating and Air has not yet installed the rooftop pool

fans but plans to do so soon. Ubl Design Group is still pend-

ing an on-site visit to assess the science lab project. State testing (ND A+) is proceeding well. Data from 2023-2024 revealed that math scores

for some students in specific programs were below standard. The Southwest Consortium must develop a corrective plan. The third grade will be split into two classrooms for 2025-2026. An internal teaching assignment will be made. The district will discontinue the Little Learners program but continue offering preschool.

A plan is in development to allow high school seniors to serve as paraprofessionals, offering work experience and additional student support.

A bid notice for sidewalk and retaining wall replacement on the building's published.

Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Seamands will teach summer school.

The school hosted a visiting author presentation in collaboration with the Adams County Library. Thanks were extended to the FACS class for providing snacks for over 200 attendees. A seasonal position will be ad-

vertised to assist with summer cleaning. Spring sports are ongoing with many scheduling changes due to weather. Details were dis-

cussed in the meeting. Reminder: All school events are posted on the RSchool calendar available on the district website. Elementary Principal Report

The Billings County Math Meet (grades 4-8) will be held in Fairfield. Coaches: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Fordahl, and Miss Burkhal-

The first annual Health Fair (grades 3-8) will be held in the Big Gym. West River Health Services and other presenters will participate. facilitated the Tara Bieber

Changing Program for grades 5-6. Elementary Student of

Month: Paxton Glines Grade 4 will visit the Capitol, Heritage Center, and attend the Dakota Zoo Conservation Day

in May Grade 6 will tour the Art Museum, Art Alley, and Gateway to

Science in Bismarck ND Studies Day was held in the classroom with retired teacher

Hank LaBore. Planning is underway for the 2025-2026 elementary schedule.

Kitchen staff served over 1.100 breakfasts and 4,100 lunches in March, totaling more than 5,000

Athletic Director Report Athletics

Baseball: Off to a strong start and currently tied for first in the region.

Golf: First varsity meet is scheduled. Strong participation in boys' golf.

Track: High school athletes competed; junior high have events have had some weather

Elementary Volleyball: Season wrapping up next week. Over 50 girls participated. Activities

Band: One student qualified for State at Region X competition. Choir: Two students qualified for State at Region X competition. Co-op Meeting: Annual winter sports co-op meeting scheduled for next week.

NDHSAA Update: K-8 schools may now participate in multiple co-ops in the same sport, providing more options for students.

Business Manager Report Outstanding checks from 2023 in the student activities account are being voided to assist in bank reconciliations

Journal Entries and transfers are being made to correct fund misallocations. The Pay Flex account at Daco-

tah Bank is being added to the SUI system to allow for proper reconciliation of FSA/HSA/DCA payments. Two candidates filed for the

upcoming school board election: Cynthia Kristy and Kortney Kindsfater. The formal ballot is being pre-

pared and due by early May. Precincts and polling places must be designated by early May.

Informal budget meetings have been held with departments to better understand expense justifications for upcoming budgets. Committee Reports Finance Committee: Removed

from agenda Co-op Committee: Met to review winter sports participation and discuss the current agreement. Policy Committee: Removed

from agenda. Building Committee: Met with the park board about new football field lighting and discussed potential relocation of the field. A committee will be formed to evaluate feasibility. Plans were also discussed to replace the flagpole during sidewalk construction.

Curriculum Committee: Discussed NDCDE's push for set enrollment periods for online classes. Reviewed the business program and approved a new zero-hour class for next year due to student interest.

Unfinished Business May 2024–April 2025 Financial Report: Motion by Clausen to postpone; second by Kilzer. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Teacher Negotiations: Teacher proposal presented. Further discussion will occur in executive

session Set Precinct and Polling Place: Motion by Christman to designate the entire Hettinger School District as one precinct with School Door C as the polling place; second by Jahner. Motion

carried unanimously. Summer Contracts: Motion by Jahner to postpone; second by Christman. Special meeting will be scheduled. Motion carried

unanimously. Teacher Appreciation Week: Scheduled for May 5-9. Clausen and Christman will plan activities for staff recognition.

Graduation: President Kindsfater will hand out diplomas this year, Kilzer will do so next year. **Executive Session**

Entered into executive session per NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9) to discuss teacher negotiations. Superintendent and Business Manager remained present. Motion by Kilzer; second by Christman. Motion car-

ried unanimously. Next Regular School Board Meeting

Scheduled for May 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Board Room. Adjournment

Motion by Jahner to adjourn; second by Christman. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM. Motion carried unanimously. Attest:

Kira Henderson, Administrative Assistant Kortney Kindsfater,

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NDSU Extension to host summer Pork **Quality Assurance** trainings

NDSU EXTENSION

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) is an education and certification program aimed at pig producers that addresses safety and management practices for livestock, workers and the environment. **Transport Quality** Assurance (TQA) is a certification program that trains individuals on how to handle, move and transport pigs, emphasizing the impact of these practices on animal well-being and pork quality.

North Dakota's state PQA trainer and TQA advisor is Taw Scaff, North Dakota State University Extension swine specialist.

Scaff is offering a series of PQA and TQA trainings in select locations across North Dakota this summer to allow participants the opportunity to renew

their PQA and TQA certification.

"PQA Version 6, the latest renewal certification, will kick off in June 2025," says Scaff. "Advisors will need recertification in Version 6 by August 31 to keep their PQA advisor status, regardless of Version 5 certification date."

To see a list of training locations and register, visit ndsu.ag/ pqatrainings.

Once registered, information from the National Pork Board and the North Dakota trainer regarding recertification instructions and directions will be emailed to producers.

Be sure to check and update your information on the Pork Checkoff website to receive announcements from the National Pork Board and the North Dakota trainer, advises

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Hettinger, ND 10th, June 2025

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The polls will be open from 9:00 am and will continue to be open until 7:00 pm of that day.

The following officials will be elected: School Board Member (1)- Rural for 3 years School Board Member (1) – City for 3 years

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