

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD
May 21, 2025**

A special meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was called to order at 12:07 p.m. May 21, 2025 with a quorum by D. LaVallie. Present: Deborah LaVallie, Dale Alberts, ReNa Lohnes, Shantel DuBois, Robert Charboneau Jr. Teams: Marcia McMahon. Others: Jeff Olson, Christina Anderson, Dan Willert.

A motion was made by S. DuBois. to approve the agenda, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Lohnes to approve 44 graduates, seconded by D. Alberts. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Lohnes to approve Policy BDA--Procedure for Adopting Board Policy, seconded by R. Charboneau Jr. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to approve the 2025-27 master contract, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Lohnes to adjourn at 12:23 p.m., seconded by R. Charboneau Jr. All in favor, the motion carried.

Christina Anderson
Business Manager

Deborah LaVallie
President

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD
June 4, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was called to order at 12:07 p.m. June 4, 2025 by D. LaVallie. A quorum was established. Present: Deborah LaVallie, Robert Charboneau Jr., Dale Alberts. Via Teams: ReNa Lohnes, Shantel DuBois, Marcia McMahon. Others: Jeff Olson, Christina Anderson.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to approve the agenda, seconded by D. Alberts. All in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion on Student Outcome Goals: Goal 3--Choice Ready -- Review of the dashboard Choice Ready data shows a decrease from last year, but looking ahead to next year, we have several students who are already Choice Ready. Things that are being changed for next year are having students access the dashboard more regularly and starting in 9th grade.

A motion was made by D. Alberts to approve the consent agenda: 05-07-2025 regular, 05-21-2025 special, approve bills, approve financial report.

GENERAL FUND	
ACT	\$1,323.00
Admin Partners	125.00
Amazon.com	155.75
Bakers Dozen	15.00
Bommersbach, Erin	
Patricia	308.00
Champion Media, LLC ..	192.68
DL Cars	467.61

Fort Totten Public School Dist. #30 ...	2,000,000.00
Stensli, Marte	140.00
Fund Total	2,002,727.04

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	
Amazon.com	\$51.98
Anderson's	233.91
BSN Corp. PE	6,195.00
Gate City Bank	820.00
King Pin	1,435.00
Perry, David	2,000.00
Presnell, Nathan	1,675.00
Thompson Public School	1,000.00
Fund Total	\$13,410.89

A motion was made by D. Alberts to reaffirm Policy HDD--Gifts and Bequests, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by D. Alberts to rescind Administrative Regulations--ACAA-AR, ACBC-AR, FFK-AR1, FFK-AR2, seconded by R. Charboneau Jr. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to rescind Fort Totten School District's board regulation GABDB-BR and that past practice govern district operations, covered by the former board regulation GABDB-BR until the board adopts new board regulation GABDB-BR, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by D. Alberts to rescind Fort Totten School District's listed exhibits: BBA-E, BBA-E2, BBA-E3, CAAB-E5, HCAA-E, KAB-E, seconded by R. Charboneau Jr. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to rescind Fort Totten School District's listed policies: AACA, ABCC, FGDD and that past practice govern district operations, covered by the former policies AACA, ABCC, FGDD, until the board adopts new policies AACA, ABCC, FGDD, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by D. Alberts to adopt Fort Totten School District's board regulation BA-BR, FDB-BR, FDH-BR1, FDH-BR2 on first reading and waive second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BD, seconded by R. Charboneau Jr. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to adopt Policies ABBA, ABEA, ACAA, ACBB, ACBC, ACBD, ACBE, ACBF, ACCA, ACDB, ACDBA, ACE, ACEB, ACEC, BAA, BAB, BBBA, BDA, CAAB, DCB, DDAA, DDAC, DDBD, DDC, DDCA, DDEA, DEAD, DEAE, DEAG, DEBA, DEBB, DEBC, DEBD, DEBE, DEBF, DEBG, DEBH, DEBJ, DED, DFAA, DGHA, DHA, DHAB, DIA, DIB, FACB, FC, FCCAA, FCAE, FCBA, FCBB, FCBD, FCC, FDA, FDB, FEBB, FFD, FG, FGA, FGCA, FGCB, FGCC, FGDC, GAAB, GAAC, GAAD, GAEE, GABAA, GABDA, GABDB, GACG, GCAE, GCC, HBAA, HCAA, HCAB, HCAE, HEAA, HEBB, HEBE, HEBD on first reading and waive second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to amend the listed board regulations AAC-BR2 and BA-BR2 on first reading and waive second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA, seconded by D. Alberts. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by D. Alberts to amend the listed Policies AAB, AAC, ABBE, ABCB, ABDA, ACBA, ACDA, ACCEA, BC, BCAA, BDD, DBAA, DBEA, DEAA, DI, DJA, FAAA, FCAF, FDE, FF, FFA, FFI, FFK, KAB-2, KACA, KACB on first reading and waive second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to reaffirm board regulation AAC-BR1 with the new AAC-BR1 for the updated adoption date of today, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by D. Alberts to reaffirm the listed Policies AAA, ABAC, ABCD, ABCE, ACAB, ACF,

BA, BDAB, DGGA, FFG, GAAA, IDC with the new Policies AAA, ABAC, ABCD, ABCE, ACAB, ACF, BA, BDAB, DGGA, FFG, GAAA, IDC updated adoption date of today, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to transfer \$2,000,000 to the building, seconded by R. Lohnes. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Lohnes to approve the instructional coaching contract with NESCC, seconded by D. Alberts. All in favor, the motion carried.

The board discussed the request from Minnewaukan Public School for approximately \$500,000 or we will be charged tuition for more than \$2,500,000. Possibilities were discussed about working with the tribe and Tate Topa to discuss getting state approval for cooperative education agreements.

At 12:48 p.m. R. Lohnes and S. DuBois left the meeting.

A motion was made by D. Alberts to approve moving to NDPHIT for employee insurance plan, seconded by R. Charboneau Jr. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to accept Marte Stensli's resignation, seconded by D. Alberts. All in favor, the motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will be July 2, 2025 at noon.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to adjourn at 12:56 p.m., seconded by D. LaVallie. Four in favor, one absent, the motion carried.

Christina Anderson
Business Manager

Deborah LaVallie
President

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD
June 23, 2025**

A special meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was called to order at 12:05 p.m. June 23, 2025 by D. LaVallie, who transferred it over to R. Charboneau Jr. A quorum was established. Present: Dale Alberts, Shantel DuBois, Robert Charboneau Jr. Via Teams: Deborah LaVallie, ReNa Lohnes, Marcia McMahon. Others: Jeff Olson, Christina Anderson, Dan Willert.

A motion was made by D. LaVallie to approve votes and election results with Dale Alberts receiving 29 votes, Robert Charboneau Jr. 25, as the winners, seconded by S. DuBois. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by D. LaVallie to approve a two-year contract with an annual \$2,538 salary increase each year for superintendent; \$2,538 increase and one-year contract for principal and business manager, seconded by D. Alberts. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by S. DuBois to adjourn at 12:08 p.m., seconded by D. Alberts. All in favor, the motion carried.

Christina Anderson
Business Manager

Deborah LaVallie
President

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
ESMOND CITY COUNCIL
February 11, 2026**

The city of Esmond held a regular city council meeting on Feb. 11, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the Esmond City Hall. Present were Mayor Ernest Suich; council members Roger Hill and Loren Preuss; and City Auditor Leigh Wolfe. Absent were council members David Wolfe and Shari Wolfe.

The minutes from the Jan. 14, 2026 regular city council meeting were read, and a motion was made by Roger Hill and seconded by Loren Preuss to approve them with no changes. The motion passed.

The agenda for February included city lots for sale, lift station operator position, past-due accounts review, mowing bids, funds from county levy, the 2026 city election and any other business that was not mentioned.

A motion was made by Loren Preuss and seconded by Roger Hill to pay all approved bills and the motion carried. The bills were as follows: Otter Tail Power Co. \$1,148.38 Waste Management 1,774.48 BC Farmers Press 49.14 Leigh Wolfe 1,847.00 Park Board 83.97 WSI 250.00

The city has two city lots up for sale by bids: Lots 5 and 6, Block 3 of Harrison's Addition; property is located directly west of the Catholic church. All buildings will be included with the sale of lots and will be posted in the newspaper, and bids are due by Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Acity position for lift station operator will be posted in the newspaper. Duties include monitoring and maintaining the lift station. Operator must perform routine onsite visits to lift station for inspection and receive/respond to daily text message alerts/reports from monitored equipment. No experience is required and the pay will be \$200 monthly. Résumé or letter of interest can be mailed to the city by April 1, 2026.

The city will begin receiving 20% of the 9.45 mills levied for the county road and bridge fund each month. The money will need to be spent on improvement of city streets and highways. In January the city received its first payment of \$766.38.

Any interested parties wanting to mow grass in the city lots should submit a bid for mowing by April 1, 2026. This notice will be in the local newspaper. For a second mowing position, the city council approved \$100 for mowing each unkempt city property with Roger Hill making the first motion and a second by Loren Preuss. The motion passed unanimously.

City Auditor Leigh Wolfe presented and discussed the details of the 2026 city election which will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 in conjunction with the county primary election. Open positions include three positions for city council members: one position for two-year unexpired term and two positions for term of four years; and three park board members, all for terms of four years. Interested candidates must file nomination papers by Monday, April 6, 2026, 4 p.m. in the office of city auditor. All forms are available from the city auditor or online at www.sos.nd.gov/elections/candidate/become-candidate/local-government. The official notice of this election will be posted in the newspaper.

Council member Loren Preuss made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Roger Hill and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. The motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Leigh Wolfe
City Auditor

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD
January 7, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was called to order at 12 p.m. on Jan. 7, 2026 with a quorum by D. Alberts. D. Alberts turned the meeting over to R. Charboneau Jr. to chair the meeting. Present: Deborah LaVallie (via Teams), Shantel DuBois, Robert Charboneau Jr., Dale Alberts, ReNa Lohnes. Absent: Marcia McMahon. Others: Jeff Olson, Christina Anderson.

A motion was made by S. DuBois to approve the agenda, seconded by R. Lohnes. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on adoption of updated board goals and progress measures for Goal 1--ELA and Goal 2 --Reading. Updates included revisions to Goal Progress Measures 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 and 2.2. Superintendent reviewed current interim data, explained projected targets through 2030, and emphasized alignment with ND A+ interim benchmarks and NAVVY standards-based competencies.

Staff Spotlight featured Kevin Cartwright for his support of the intervention team.

Student Spotlight highlighted progress in foundational reading skills at the 9th grade level.

Goal Progress Measure 1.1 -- The percentage of students in grades 9 and 10 ELA who are proficient (level 3) on the ND A+ Interim Assessment will increase from 0% in May 2025 to 25% in May 2030 (August 2026 goal: 5%). Goal Progress Measure 1.2 -- The percentage of students in grades 9 and 10 meeting competency on 1/3 or more of the Grade Level ELA Standards in NAVVY will increase from 15% in May 2025 to 30% in May 2030 (August 2026 goal: 5%).

A motion was made by S. DuBois to adopt the updated goals and progress measures for Goal 1 and Goal 2 as presented, seconded by R. Lohnes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by S. DuBois to approve the consent agenda: 12-03-2025 minutes, bills, financial report, cash receipts, tuition waivers for Devils Lake Public School, open enrollment, and annual election day for June 9, 2026, seconded by R. Lohnes. The motion carried.

GENERAL FUND	
Adobe	\$25.98
Aflac	3,791.67
Altru Clinic--LR	95.00
Amazon.com	4,824.26
Amity Institute, Ltd.	1,650.00
Anderson, Christina	1,133.12
BC Schoolmasters	461.00
Blick Art Materials	1,971.70
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	9,312.30
Certification Central	21,570.40
Dacotah Paper Co.	
C.F.P	2,558.55
Dakota Dust-Tex	2,685.10
DL Park Board	61.00
Digital Office Centre	1,004.36
Double Z Broadcasting ..	959.63
eGolfFax	60.98
Flinn Scientific, Inc.	130.31
Gerrells of DL PE	75.00
Good360	555.00
H. A. Thompson & Sons	1,970.00
Heart of America Medical Center	2,484.15
HMH Education Co.	676.25
Houghton Mifflin Co.	8,865.50
Innovative Office Solutions, LLC	199.79
Instructional Empowerment	2,500.00
IXL Learning	750.00
Kim Johnson	400.00
LearnWell	206.00
Leavers Foods	7.50
Lexia Voyager Sopris, Inc.	109.00
Loffler	303.21
Marcia Brenner Assoc.	3,500.00
Marco	1,966.08
McGraw-Hill	3,187.70
Mid-American Research Chemical	751.70
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	68.66
NCS Pearson, Inc.	627.90
ND Public Employees Retirement System	7,946.89
ND Teachers Fund for Retirement	9,528.68
ND's Gateway to Science	100.00
NDPHIT	96,483.34
NDSBA	375.00
NDSESDSC	175.00
ND Telephone Co.	837.56
Newby's Ace Hardware ..	155.34
Otter Tail Power Co.	548.81
Paul's C-Store & Gas	2,354.97
Perfection Learning	2,239.55
Presnell, Nathan	331.50
Quadiant Leasing	653.80
Quadiant Postage Fund Residence Inn--Bismarck	1,850.00
Scholastic Classroom Magazines	82.39
Sheri's Smile & Skills Therapy	1,458.69
Sleep Inn	99.00
Softchoice Corp.	2,306.92
Spirit Lake Utilities	275.00
Spirit Lake Utilities	1,488.00
Tate Topa Elem. School Time Management Systems, Inc.	522.41
Toxtests	491.25
Trac Phone	27.09
US Postal Service	305.00
Walmart	41.80
WEX Health, Inc.	386.89
Worthington Direct	7,100.95
Fund Total	220,887.13

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	
BSN Corp. PE	\$850.00
Gate City Bank	2,400.00
Fund Total	\$3,250.00

Board discussed participation in the ND Community Foundation. Superintendent provided an overview of the partnership opportunity and recommended formal application.

A motion was made by D. LaVallie to proceed with application to the ND Community Foundation as discussed, seconded by S. DuBois. The motion carried.

Next regular board meeting will be Feb. 4, 2026 at noon.

A motion was made by S. DuBois to adjourn at 12:47 p.m., seconded by R. Lohnes. The motion carried.

Christina Anderson
Business Manager

Robert Charboneau Jr.
Acting Chair

**MINUTES OF JOINT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TATE TOPA TRIBAL SCHOOL
FORT TOTTEN PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A joint school board meeting of Tate Topa Tribal School and Fort Totten Public School District was held Jan. 7, 2026. Present from Fort Totten Public School District: Shantel DuBois, Robert Charboneau Jr., Deborah LaVallie (via Teams), ReNa Lohnes (via Teams), Dale Alberts (via Teams). Present from Tate Topa Tribal School: Robert Greywater (board chair), Davey Davidson (St. Michael), Iris WalkingEagle (Crow Hill), Richard Cavanaugh Sr. (Tokio), Dale Alberts (Fort Totten, via Teams). Also present: Penny Morin, Tate Topa superintendent; Perry Kopp, Tate Topa business Manager; Jeff

Olson, Fort Totten Public School superintendent; Christina Anderson, Fort Totten Public School business manager; Erica Quale (via Teams); Marcia McMahon (via Teams).

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Robert Charboneau Jr. following the transfer of chair by Dale Alberts. All members introduced themselves and their roles. The meeting proceeded in a roundtable format with both boards participating equally in discussions.

Erica Quale presented an overview of the upcoming diagnostic review. She discussed the purpose and anticipated timeline, along with a breakdown of costs associated with the process. She noted how the review would support both schools in continuous improvement efforts by identifying strengths and opportunities for growth and aligning with state compliance requirements.

Christina Anderson provided a summary of collaborative work between both schools. She addressed ongoing partnerships, shared initiatives, and coordination around state and federal funding such as Title programs. She emphasized the importance of synchronizing service delivery and improving efficiency for students served by both systems.

Discussion was held regarding coordination of the 2026-27 school calendar. Although no draft calendar was presented, both boards reiterated the importance of working together to align key calendar dates such as breaks, assessment windows and professional development days. Both boards emphasized that aligning calendars strengthens communication, supports families and improves collaboration.

The Fort Totten Public School District shared an update on its building expansion project. Due to a space shortage and increasing student population, the district is seeking funds to expand classroom and gymnasium space. The Spirit Lake Tribal Council has approved the use of land for the expansion. However, with 99% of district land being nontaxable federal land, all construction funding must be secured independently. The classroom phase is projected at \$25 million and the gymnasium at \$15 million. The district has currently raised \$4 million toward the project. During the meeting, Fort Totten Public School requested that a new letter of support be issued by Tate Topa Tribal School with an updated date to reflect current progress and timelines.

Both boards affirmed the importance of continuing to work with Marcia McMahon as the joint board coach. They agreed her guidance has contributed significantly to the progress in alignment, collaboration and continuous improvement across both districts.

The next joint board meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2026 at 1 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Christina Anderson
Business Manager

Robert Charboneau Jr.
Acting Chair

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FORT TOTTEN SCHOOL BOARD
November 5, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Fort Totten School Board was called to order at 12:06 p.m. Nov. 5, 2025 with a quorum by D. Alberts. Present: Deborah LaVallie (via Teams), Shantel DuBois, Robert Charboneau Jr., Dale Alberts, ReNa Lohnes. Absent: Marcia McMahon. Others: Jeff Olson, Christina Anderson.

A motion was made by R. Charboneau Jr. to approve the agenda, seconded by S. DuBois. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on Goal 2: Mathematics. The board received the baseline data for the percentage of students in grade 10 mathematics on grade level or above. Interim benchmark data from the ND A+ Interim Math Assessment was reviewed. Discussion included identifying future measures and potential interventions.

A motion was made by S. DuBois to approve the consent agenda: 10-01-2025 regular minutes, bills, financial report, manual journal entries, cash receipts, employee Christmas Indians gear gift, and tuition waivers for Devils Lake Public School. Seconded by R. Lohnes. The motion carried.

GENERAL FUND	
Admin Partners	\$125.00
Altru Lake Region	190.00
Amazon	3,005.54
Bakers Dozen	36.00
BC Farmers Press	523.23
Bergstrom Electric, Inc.	404.11
Butler Machinery Co.	720.00
Certification Central	5,188.40
Creative Impressions	998.00
Dacotah Paper Co.	
C.F.P	4,774.58

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	2,948.00
Daktronics	130.00
Davidson, David	147.00
DL Cars	2,166.47
DL Service Repair	433.00
EdPuzzle	1,850.00
Everspring Suites	209.00
Far From Normal	252.98
First United Bank	83.35
Fuchs, Jeffrey	65.00
Joe & Bros. Mow for	
Dough	2,025.00
Mertens, Travis	287.00
NDCEL	1,340.00
NDSBA	4,106.25
Newby's Ace Hardware	762.91
Office & Technology	999.00
Paul's C-Store & Gas	4,014.13
Pearce & Durick	1,350.00
Perry, David	1,471.25
PowerSchool Group, LLC	1,471.25
Savvas Learning Co., LLC	6,344.58
Scholastic Classroom Magazines	1,703.24
School Nurse Supply	345.15
Softchoice Corp.	2,306.92
Spirit Lake Enrollment Dept.	15.00
Spirit Lake Utilities	744.00
Stein's, Inc.	362.03
Teacher Pay Teachers ..	5,000.00
Teacher Synergy	10,000.00
Thompson's Glass & Paint	300.00
Time Management Systems, Inc.	805.12
Voyager Sopris/ Cambium Learning	2,157.00
Fund Total	\$72,313.49

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	
Brown, Kent	\$510.00
BSN Corp. PE	4,434.91
Capital City Restaurant Supply	150.00
Carrington High School Dacotah Paper Co.	150.00
C.F.P	155.00
Deitz, Shelby	105.00
Elfman, Mark	105.00
Gate City Bank	3,900.00
Geller, Bridget	990.00
Gerrells of GF PE	3,214.00
Mertens, Robyn	255.00
Miller's Foods	251.64

Tentative 2026 season openings from ND Game & Fish

The ND Game and Fish Department annually provides its best estimate for opening dates to help hunters prepare for hunting seasons. Hunters should note the opening date for the regular waterfowl season is still under discussion.

Dates become official when approved by governor's proclamation.

Tentative opening dates for 2026 include:

Spring turkey -- April 11	
Dove -- September 1	
Deer and pronghorn bow, mountain lion -- September 4	
Sharptail, hun, ruffed grouse, squirrel -- September 12	
Youth deer -- September 18	
Youth waterfowl -- September 19	
Early resident waterfowl -- September 26	
Pronghorn gun -- October 2	
Youth pheasant -- October 3	
Regular waterfowl -- to be determined	
Pheasant, fall turkey -- October 10	
Mink, muskrat, weasel trapping -- October 24	
Deer gun -- November 6	
Deer muzzleloader -- November 27	