

PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Turtle Lake Special Meeting

City Hall
January 26, 2026
At 7:00 Pm
Agenda: Interview
applicants
for City Auditor
(Jan. 29, 2026)

Turtle Lake-Mercer December School Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2025

President Britton called the regular meeting of the Turtle Lake-Mercer School Board to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room on Monday, December 15, 2025.

Roll Call: Present: Britton, O'Shea, Ruffo, Sparrow

Absent: Ravnaas

Superintendent: Sheila Schlafmann

Principal: Kurt Zeibarth

Business Manager: Laura Fiedler

Guest: None

Consent Agenda: Consent agenda reviewed. Sparrow moved to approve the following consent agenda:

Minutes of the November 12, 2025 regular meeting

November Financial Reports

Payment December Bills as presented.

Ruffo seconded the motion. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Student Outcomes – Reviewed Insights Dashboard, how to access and what information is available.

Community Speakers: Comments on Current or Immediately Preceding Agenda Items – if any: None

2025-2026 Enrollment - December

Kindergarten 8

1st 10

2nd 8

3rd 16

4th 7

5 12

6th 21

7th 20

8th 17

9th 13

10th 23

11th 8

12th 9

Total 172

K-6th 82

7th-12th 90

PreK 4

Committee Meetings:

Building and Grounds – Will set meeting date for January. Weber stopped by to review electrical and will provide quote. Waiting to hear from Levy. Ag floor being refinished during Christmas break.

Administration Reports

Principal Report

On November 13th, 4 teachers from McClusky-Goodrich school visited our Kindergarten and 1st Grade Classrooms. They observed Mrs. Volochenco and Mrs. Swanson teaching the UFLI Curriculum to our students. They are looking for new supplemental curriculum resources to add and wanted to see firsthand the program as it is intended to be taught.

Students from TL-M School competed in the 9-10 and 11-12 Math Meet in Wilton on November 19th. Kamdyn Rittenbach placed 5th in the 9-10 division. Kaden Lelm placed 8th in the 11-12 division. Aiden Hanson placed 5th in the 11-12 division. The 11-12 team took second place and were one point behind the winner.

Congratulations to Lily Christensen and Sienna Britton for being selected as part of the ND JH Honor Choir festival!

Congratulations to Brooklyn Tomlinson on making the UND Treble Honor Choir.

FCCLA organized the Snowball Dance on December 6th. Many students from TL-M, Underwood, and McClusky-Goodrich schools attended the dance. The 5th and 6th grade students also had an opportunity to attend a dance before Snowball. A good time was had by all.

December 11th is TL-M Christmas Concert for students in grades K-12. K-6 will be at 6:00 PM followed by Band and Choir at 7:30 PM.

Members of the Special Education Staff attended training for PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System). This training will benefit future students with communication needs.

Students in Grades 4 and 8 will be completing the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) in January.

Superintendent/Activities Director Report

McLean County Auditor Certificate of Levy – packet

Impact Aid Program's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 application - working on it now

First District Health Unit Inspections

– November 6th, 2025

Kitchen – score of 100, in compliance

School – in compliance, no follow up required

Student Engagement Survey –

opens February 1st

All students in grades 3 – 12

Window closes February 28th

Family and Community Engagement

– 5th/6th Grade Snow Ball – 34 students in attendance.

2026-2027 School Calendar – review

E-rate – working to complete to update outdated switches, wiring, access points, and battery backups

AD Report

Congratulations to the CMC Volleyball team on their 7th place finish at the State Tournament.

JH GBB wrapped up with the JH Tournament in Turtle Lake on December 13th.

GBB – 7 girls out from TLM

BBB – 12 boys out from TLM

JH BBB started practice December 15th. John Jangula will be coaching.

Proposed addition to Article XIV, Section IX of the NDHSAA Constitution:

A student who has previously transferred from one high school to another high school may re-transfer to their original high school of eligibility and be immediately fully (varsity) eligible if the re-transfer is made at the beginning of the school year. This provision may be exercised one-time per student during grades 9-12. (March 2026)

Positive Reflection/Sharing:

Thank you for a wonderful first semester! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Discussion/Action:

Approve Audit Report by Rath & Maher, P.C. Audit completed for the 2024-25 school year. An audit report was given to the Board members for their review.

Ruffo moved to approve the 2024-25 Audit Report as presented, Sparrow seconded the motion.

Roll Call: O'Shea -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Britton-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.

Approve Open Enrollment

Ruffo moved to approve request for family with two students. O'Shea second the motion.

Roll Call: Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Britton-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.

Sparrow moved to approve request for family with one student. O'Shea second the motion.

Roll Call: Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Britton-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.

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Roll Call: O'Shea -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Britton-Yes.

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Motion Unanimously Carried.

School Board Statement of Interest

– All board members will complete and submit to Business Manager by January 31 deadline.

4-Day School Week Survey Data –

Reviewed answers and comments from 69 respondents.

Adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

December Bill Review: Britton and Sparrow

Next Regular School Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 21st, 2026

@ 7:00 PM

APPROVED BILLS:

GENERAL FUND

AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES

445.39; APPTEGY INC 5,402.25

CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER

4,017.48; CENTRAL MECHANICAL

INC 1,217.91; CENTRAL REGIONAL

EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 1,500.00;

CITY OF TURTLE LAKE 855.60; ECK-

ROTH MUSIC CO. 116.00; ENTZEL-

FIEDLER, LAURA 84.00; HARDWARE

HANK 161.16; HARLOWS BUS SALES,

INC 834.05; INFORMATION TECH-

NOLOGY DEPT 25.83; J.P. MORGAN

2,785.16; LEARN WELL 270.38; MAR-

CO 1,645.35; MCGRAW HILL SCHOOL

EDUCATION 2,902.92; MDU 1,308.16;

MELINDA NEFF 5.67; ND COUNCIL

EDUCATIONAL LEADERS 725.00; ND

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER CERTI-

FICATION PROGRAM 650.00; NOR-

DAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS 301.20;

NORTH DAKOTA SAFETY COUN-

CIL 1,807.20; OTTER TAIL POWER

2,971.69; PEPPER & SON INC, J.W.

320.00; PREBLE MEDICAL SERVICES

INC 300.00; REGION SPEECH-MUSIC-

DRAMA 100.00; SCHLAFMANN, SHEI-

LA 156.28; UNDERWOOD SCHOOL

CENTRAL MCLEAN COOP 19,649.10;

WAGON WHEEL LUMBER 169.78;

WEST RIVER TELEPHONE CO 322.31;

WEX HEALTH INC. 68.00; WYMAN,

KAILEE 257.64; Fund Total: 51,375.51

ACTIVITY FUND

COCA COLA REFRESHMENTS

USA, INC 140.00; DISTRICT II LEAD-

ERSHIP 340.00; ECKROTH MUSIC

CO. 157.00; ENTZEL-FIEDLER, LAURA

1,005.14; GROUP TRAVEL PLANNERS

8,600.00; J.P. MORGAN 2,398.40; JOS-

TENS INC 575.55; LIFETOUCH PUBLI-

SHING INC 835.25; MAIN STREET

MARKET 290.04; MASON SKACHEN-

KO 100.00; MIKE SKACHENKO 132.20;

SOUTH PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

1,855.74; TLM ACTIVITY BOOSTERS

614.00; US FOODS INC 326.32; WEST

MUSIC 100.89; WYMAN, KAILEE

329.44; Fund Total: 17,799.97

SPECIAL FUND

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS

44.55; BAKKEN AREA SKILLS CENTER

1,800.00; BEK COMMUNICATIONS INC

14.99; BJORN ANDERSON & UNIVER-

SITY OF NORTH DAKOTA 1,500.00;

COLE MAKEEFF & UNIVERSITY OF

NORTH DAKOTA 500.00; DOLLY-

WOOD FOUNDATION 7.40; IRIE IRWIN