

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Turtle Lake-Mercer March Meeting

Turtle Lake-Mercer PSD #72 Meeting  
March 9, 2026  
7:00 P.M. Board Room

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, March 9, 2026.

Roll Call:  
Present: Britton, O'Shea, Ravnaas, Ruffo, Sparrow  
Absent:  
Superintendent: Sheila Schlafmann  
Principal: Kurt Zeibarth  
Business Manager: Laura Fiedler  
Guest: Nicole Wardner  
Consent Agenda: Consent agenda reviewed. Ruffo moved to approve the following consent agenda:  
Minutes of the February 17th regular meeting

Financial Reports  
Payment Bills as presented.  
Ravnaas seconded the motion. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Student Outcomes – Student Engagement Survey Data was not available and will be presented at a later time.

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

2025-2026 Enrollment - March		
Kindergarten	8	1st 9
2nd	8	3rd 14
4th	7	5th 10
6th	20	7th 20
8th	17	9th 14
10th	22	11th 7
12th	9	Total 165
K-6th	76	7th-12th 89
PreK	4	

Committee Meetings:  
Building and Grounds – met February 19th, 2026 at 4:00 to discuss HVAC option

Transportation meeting – will set up for March

Administration Reports  
Principal Report

I attended the T4(Tools, Tech, Torque, and Trades) Summit with 8th Grade Students. This was a great opportunity that Mrs. Slavik arranged for the students to get hands-on experience with job opportunities that are available in North Dakota.

Thank you to Reagan Rust for visiting our Ag. Power System class. He is finishing his degree in Construction Management from MSUM and presented about the program to our students.

Career Management students conducted a mock career fair. Through their presentations, they became "experts" about a career of their interest.

Thank you to Caitlin Wacker, dental hygienist from Northland Health. She presented to K-3 students about healthy teeth habits.

Infinite Campus Update – We have access to our Trial Site in IC. There will be a lot to learn, but it seems as if there are some features that will be quite helpful in the future.

Wednesday, March 4th I am off to U-Mary to meet with upcoming education graduates.

Students in grades 4-7 received The Trouble with Heroes by Kate Messner as a one-book-one-school activity to kick off reading month. We will be hosting Donuts with Adults on March 18th from 7:45-8:10 as part of reading month. Mrs. Voth has planned various activities for the students throughout the month.

Superintendent/Activities Director Report

Gym mat donation is at about \$7,500 (Tru Community Bank and Topsy Turtle/New Salem Legion)

CMC Activities  
Girls' Basketball – District 8 Champs, Region 4 Champs, 2nd at State  
Boys' Basketball – District 8 Champs  
McLean County Music Festival – March 7th in Washburn  
40 5th – 8th graders performed  
41 of the 44 groups/solos earned a top rating of 1

TL-M Alumni FFA CDE – March 7th at TL-M  
392 students and advisors attended  
Just under 460 people including judges and volunteers

Large Group Music – March 11th in Washburn  
Senior Trip – March 25th – 28th  
TL-M FFA Banquet – Sunday, March 29th

9th – 12th grade Small Music Contest – April 9th  
Prom – Saturday, April 18th  
9th – 12th Grade Music Trip – April 21st – 25th

Spring Concerts –

High School - Tuesday, April 14th  
Elementary – Thursday, May 7th  
Positive Reflection/Sharing:

Great job to Mrs. Laib and students on a well-done FFA week. They had fun activities planned for each day, daily TL-M FFA trivia, a delicious breakfast, and great presentations for elementary classes. Nice job!

Discussion/Action:  
Review Pledge of Assets: Board reviewed the pledge of assets. Sparrow moved to approve the pledge of assets in the amounts of \$3,402,395.15 at Tru Community Bank and \$98,827.77 at Dakota West Credit Union. Ravnaas seconded the motion.

Roll Call: O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Open Enrollment Application  
Ruffo moved to approve one application as presented. O'Shea second the motion.

Roll Call: Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

2026-2027 PreK Fees  
Ravnaas moved to approve fees without an increase from previous year. Sparrow second the motion.

Roll Call: Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Staffing Updates – Interviewing two Ag Educators this week. All other contracts have been issued and are due March 16.

HVAC Project – Fargo company coming this week to assess needs.

Driver's Education  
Ruffo moved to cover tuition and fees for Abby Schumann to be a certified instructor with a 3-year teaching commitment. Repayment schedule if 3-years are not fulfilled: after 1 year repay school 66%, after 2 years repay 33%, after 3 years repay 0%. O'Shea seconded the motion.

Roll Call: O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Annual School Board Election-Call for the Annual School Board Election to be held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026. Two At-Large 3-Year terms and One At-Large 2-Year term are up for election. Deadline for filing is April 6th, 2026 by 4:00 P.M. to the Business Managers Office. Polls will be open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 P.M. CST. Polling place will be located in the Turtle Lake City Hall. Other item being voted on: the question of whether or not to publish the school board proceedings in the official newspaper of the district for the next two years.

Superintendent Spring Evaluation. Board reviewed the following results from the superintendent evaluation process.  
Goal and Vision Setting-Area 1  
Board President stated score average of 6.2  
Board President asked for discussion on Area 1. Each Board Member was given the opportunity to state their reasoning for their rating.  
Ruffo moved to approve the rating of Satisfactory in Area #1 Goal and Vision Setting; Sparrow seconded the motion.  
Roll Call: Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Board Relations-Area 2  
Board President stated score average of 37.0  
Board President asked for discussion on Area 2. Each Board Member was given the opportunity to state their reasoning for their rating.  
Sparrow moved to approve the rating of Satisfactory in Area #2 Board Relations; Ravnaas seconded the motion.  
Roll Call: Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Human Resource Management-Area 3  
Board President stated score average of 31.0  
Board President asked for discussion on Area 3. Each Board Member was given the opportunity to state their reasoning for their rating.  
Ruffo moved to approve the rating of Satisfactory in Area #3 Human Resource Management, Ravnaas seconded the motion.  
Roll Call: Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Curriculum and Student Support Services-Area 4  
Board President stated score average of 29.6  
Board President asked for discussion on Area 4. Each Board Member

was given the opportunity to state their reasoning for their rating.

Ravnaas moved to approve the rating of Satisfactory in Area #4 Curriculum and Student Support Services; Ruffo seconded the motion.

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

Motion Unanimously Carried.  
Community Relations-Area 5  
Board President stated score average of 15.8

Board President asked if there is any discussion on Area 5. Board Members were given the opportunity to state their reasoning for their ratings.

Ruffo moved to approve the rating of satisfactory in Area #5 Community Relations, Sparrow seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Operations and Resource Management-Area 6  
Board President stated score average of 40.6

Board President asked if there is any discussion on Area 6. Board Members were given the opportunity to state their reasoning for their ratings.

Sparrow moved to approve the rating of satisfactory in Area #6 Operation and Resource Management, Ravnaas seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Adjourned 8:12 PM.  
March Bill Review: Sparrow-Ruffo  
Next Board Meeting Scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED BILLS:

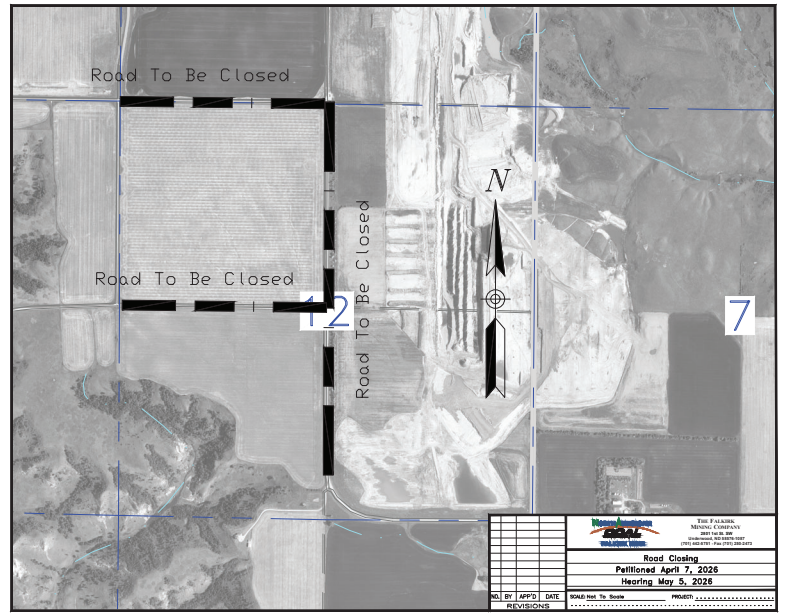
GENERAL FUND  
AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES 761.65, BOTTINEAU PUBLIC SCHOOL 50.00, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 127.00, CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER 3,021.05, CENTRAL DAKOTA LIBRARY NETWORK 51.99, CITY OF TURTLE LAKE 580.00, ENTZEL-FIEDLER, LAURA 261.00, HARDWARE HANK 296.35, HARLOWS BUS SALES, INC 453.69, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 25.83, J.P. MORGAN 2,326.88, LEVEY'S PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR, LLC 987.50, MARCO 1,645.35, MDU 4,306.84, MELINDA NEFF 196.92, MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL 185.39, ND WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANC 350.00, NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS 213.80, OTTER TAIL POWER 4,160.76, PEPPER & SON INC, J.W. 104.93, POPPLERS MUSIC INC 76.86, REGION VII MUSIC 70.00, SCHLAFMANN, SHEILA 150.80, SOUTH EAST EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE 2,073.45, WAGON WHEEL LUMBER 202.12, WASHBURN MUSIC BOOSTERS 580.00, WEST RIVER TELEPHONE CO 321.19, WEX HEALTH INC. 71.00, WYMAN, KAILEE 101.58, Fund Total: 23,753.93

FOOD SERVICE  
CAPITAL CITY RESTAURANT SUPPLY 59.48, MAIN STREET MARKET 85.88, ND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION 945.48, RHOADS, DEBRA 117.78, SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA, INC. 2,128.48, US FOODS INC 4,627.67, Fund Total: 7,964.77

ACTIVITY FUND  
AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES 534.79, BEULAH FFA 156.00, BOEHN, JESSICA 83.35, BOTT, KYLE 320.00, BRITTON, EMILY 80.00, COCA COLA REFRESHMENTS USA, INC 2,361.00, CONNER FIEDLER 60.00, CTSSO FISCAL OFFICE 80.00, D AND D ENTERPRISES 13,410.00, HAHN, JASON 150.00, HEIDLEBERGER, VANCY 80.00, J.P. MORGAN 2,919.47, KILL-DEER FFA ALUMNI 110.00, KINDRED FFA ALUMNI 80.00, LUNA, SHAYDEN 326.20, MAGIC CITY DISCOVERY CENTER 675.00, MAIN STREET MARKET 476.06, MIKE SKACHENKO 93.35, NDSU AG ED SOCIETY 147.00, PHILBRICK, HUNTER 163.50, RUFFO, JOSHUA 245.14, SCHWEIGERT, KENT 409.90, SIMMONS, TIMOTHY 326.20, US FOODS INC 453.94, VANDERWAL, AUSTIN 226.70, WORLDS FINEST CHOCOLATE 3,336.00, Fund Total: 27,303.60

SPECIAL FUND  
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 44.55, BEK COMMUNICATIONS INC 14.99, BEST BUY CREDIT SERVICES 469.45, DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION 6.96, RUGBY PUBLIC SCHOOL 10,002.00, SRT COMMUNICATIONS INC 69.90, TLM ACTIVITY FUND 156.00, VERIZON WIRELESS 211.43, Fund Total: 10,975.28

(April 30, 2026)



## Notice Of Hearing On Petition To Temporarily Close Certain Section Line Roads

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed by The Falkirk Mining Company, P.O. Box 1087, Underwood, North Dakota 58576, with the Board of McLean County

Commissioners requesting that the following section line roads be temporarily closed in order to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations:

a. The section line road between the SW4 of Section 1 and the NW4 of Section 12, Township 144 North, Range 84 West

b. The road located on the quarter line between the NW4 and SW4 of Section 12, Township 144 North, Range 84 West

c. The road located between the E2 and W2 of Section 12, Township 144 North, Range 84

After the completion of surface coal mining and reclamation operations, Falkirk will restore the closed sections

line roads to as good a condition as existed prior to the closing of such roads to the extent required by the Board of McLean County Commissioners.

A hearing on the Petition will be held by the Board of McLean County Commissioners in the McLean County Courthouse at Washburn, North Dakota, on the 5th day of May, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., CDT, for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence bearing upon the above request by Falkirk. Statements may be made orally or in writing at the time of the public hearing. The Petition, along with the map showing the effected section lines, is on file in the office of the McLean County Auditor and may be viewed by interested persons during regular office hours.

By order of the Board of McLean County Commissioners.  
Beth Knutson, County Auditor  
(April 23 & 30, 2026)

