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## Legal Notices:

**SAWYER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 16**  
**SAWYER, NORTH DAKOTA**  
 Monday, February 9th, 2026

Special School Board Meeting was called to order by President Folden at 5:06 pm. Board members present were Seth Berman, Correen Jones, Barb Jandl and Mandy Vigness. Also present: Heather Ell, Superintendent, Ryan Stockie, Assistant Principal, and Patti Syverson, Business Manager, Stacy Weltkol, Admin. Assistant, Sheila Kolschefski, Tracy Helm-Sjoquist, and Mathew Sjoquist, teachers. Audience was recognized

School Board Retreat long-range plan presentation

- Current vision, Mission, and beliefs
- School Motto
- Enrollment Information projected through 2030
- Marketing our school
- Highly Qualified Staff
- Early Childhood Director – new position possible including a grant match
- Full time school counselor
- Office/Administration Staffing
- Professional Development Needs
- Committees
- Consortiums
- Minot Area Workforce Academy (MAWA) & Center for Distance Education
- Activities Director Report
- Curriculum
- Program Funding
- Maintenance / Updates / Improvements
- Project Funding Sources
- Facility Maintenance and Needs Assessment

A Building Walk through started at 6:47. Adjournment was at 7:55

Tim Folden, Board President  
 Patti Syverson, Business Manager  
 3/05/2026

**SAWYER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 16**  
**SAWYER, NORTH DAKOTA**  
 Monday, January 26, 2026

Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by President Folden at 5:03 pm. Board members present were Barb Jandl and Mandy Vigness. Also

present: Heather Ell, Superintendent, Ryan Stockie, Assistant Principal, and Patti Syverson, Business Manager.

M/S/C: Jandl/Vigness to approve the consent agenda.

1. Business Manager's Reports
2. Approval of December 17th Regular Minutes
3. Approval of Bills
  - a. Prepaid Bills \$8,437.31
  - b. Visa Bills \$8,714.11
  - c. Board Bills \$12,703.55
4. Approval of January 8th Special Meeting Minutes

MSC: Vigness/Jandl to approve the minutes from the January 8th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Policy DEAD – Staff use of Electronic Devices – 2nd Reading
- b. Policy BAB – Board Conflict of Interest – 2nd Reading
- c. Policy BAA – Employing Board Members – 2nd Reading

M/S/C: Jandl/Vigness to approve Policy DEAD – Staff use of Electronic Devices.

M/S/C: Vigness/Jandl to approve Policy BAB, Board Conflict of Interest.

M/S/C: Jandl/Vigness to approve Policy BAA – Employing Board Members.

**SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL REPORT:**

Enrollment Report

Total enrollment K-12: 94 students as of January 21st. Elementary = 42 students (does NOT include 10 Pre-K.); PK3= 2 PK= 8, K=8, 1=11, 2=6, 3=7, 4=7, 5=3. Middle School = 16 students: 6=7, 7=5, 8=4. High School = 26 students: 9=9, 10=10, 11=3, 12=4.

Special Education Strategist Case Load = 21; case manages 14. Speech/Language Caseload = 14 students; case manages 13.

Student Issues – The Deputy and the Drug Dog did a round through the school- everything went well.

Graduation Discussion - A policy for students on IEPs regarding graduation. Lunch Program Audit – DPI was happy with how our lunch program runs. Maintenance–weak spots in the roof, waiting for better weather to check those out.

School Safety–the bathrooms have been completed. The door to the Elementary boys' bathroom had to

be taken off due years of wear and tear. School Improvement plan, short and long-range planning. Testing and Prom dates. The 4-day school week was discussed. We have surveys out encouraging people to give their feedback.

Athletic Director Report: Nedrose Coop will be dissolved at the end of this season. We will need to get a new Coop in place in order to offer basketball next year. Ryan is working diligently on this problem. Volleyball program for girls in 4th through 6th is being planned, we would play other schools. Our students are very excited about this program. Libby Darnell will be our Coach.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Policy ABBA – North Dakota's Comprehensive Model School Policy for tobacco use 1st Reading.
- b. Policy ABBA-AR - Tobacco Free Violations 1st Reading.
- c. Policy GACE – Alternative methods of Credit for High School Graduation and Curriculum Requirement 1st Reading.
- d. North Dakota Transportation Project 4-052.

M/S/C: Vigness/Jandl to approve signing the North Dakota Transportation Project 4-052 to use our baseball field for storing dirt and equipment during the project.

Special meeting for School Board Planning Retreat will be February 9th at 5 p.m.

Calendar: Next Regular Board Meeting will be On Wednesday, February 18 at 5p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Tim Folden, President  
 Patti Syverson, Business Manager  
 3/05/2026

**NOTICE OF ELECTION SAWYER SCHOOL BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 2026, the annual School Board election will be held at Sawyer City Hall for the purpose of electing two members to the Sawyer School Board. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m. on that date.

Statement of Candidacy Applications may be obtained through the office at

Sawyer Public School during the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The deadline to submit applications is April 6th, before 4 p.m.

Patti Syverson,  
 Business Manager  
 Sawyer Public School  
 25 1st Ave SE  
 Sawyer, ND 58781  
 3/05/2026

**VELVA TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

Velva Township Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at Jim Hystad residence 7:00pm. Election will be held prior to meeting from 6:30-6:55pm. 1 Clerk, 2 board members-2 year term and 3 year term.

Tracy Ulland-Clerk/Treasurer  
 3/05-3/12/2026

**OLIVIA TOWNSHIP**

Olivia Township will hold it's annual meeting at the home of Darrin Kostenko on Tuesday March 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Linda Krumwiede, Clerk  
 3/05-3/12/2026

**ODIN TOWNSHIP**

The Odin Township Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 9:00 am at the clerk's home.

Nylenne Schiele, Odin Township Clerk  
 3/05-3/12/2026

**LAKE HESTER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING**

The Lake Hester Township Annual Meeting will be held at the Karlsruhe Fire Hall on Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Nancy Jundt, Clerk/Treasure  
 3/05-3/12/2026

**LAND TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING**

The Land Township annual meeting will be on March 17, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the home of the Clerk. (Meeting will be held one week later in case of weather cancellation) Election will be held for one supervisor for a 3-year term and clerk/treasurer for a 2-year term.

Pam Volochenko, Clerk  
 3/05-3/12/2026

**LAKE HESTER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE**

Lake Hester Township will meet the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00a.m at the Karlsruhe Fire Hall to discuss Township business. Meetings maybe canceled if there is no business to discuss at that time. Any questions call Norris Olson, Chairman at 626-1329.

Nancy Jundt , Clerk/ Treasure  
 3/05-3/12/2026

**COTTONWOOD LAKE**

Cottonwood Lake Township will have its annual meeting on March 9 at 2pm at the Roger and Sherry Myers' home.

2/26-3/05/2026

**NORTH PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP**

North Prairie Township will hold its annual meeting at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at the home of the township clerk, Mike Morey.

Mike Morey, Clerk  
 2/26-3/05/2026

**NOTICE OF LEASING STATE SCHOOL LANDS**

The Board of University and School Lands will Conduct Surface Lease Auctions in the following Counties:

Benson	Logan	Mountrail
Divide	McHenry	Oliver
Dunn	McIntosh	Pierce
Eddy	McKenzie	Rolette
Griggs	McLean	Slope
Williams		

Auctions will be held in person at location in the County Seat. Refer to the advertisement in the official county newspaper or the public lease auctions schedule posted on the Department of Trust Lands' website for auction dates, times, locations, & list of tracts offered. Auctioneer will read specific requirements at the auction.

The information contained in this advertisement may be revised prior to the auction upon further review by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information, visit <https://land.nd.gov> or call (701) 328-2800.

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### Women's Club Continued from Front Page

Prize baskets were assembled using items purchased from more than 28 local merchants and cottage industries. Club member Kristie Abrahamson helped build the baskets, which featured an impressive assortment of locally sourced items such as handmade and homemade items like quilts, scarves, caps, jellies, jams, baked goods and leatherwork projects. Baskets also featured live plants, fresh fruit, gift certificates, and more. Abrahamson noted that the

baskets offered a "win-win" for both participants and local merchants. "The variety and the quality was just awesome," she said, "the baskets were fun to build and even more fun to give away."

Baskets and their contents were funded by donations from local entities including the Velva Fire Department, The Aggie Foundation, the Velva Veterans and the Velva Woman's Club.

The Velva Woman's Club belongs to the General Federation

of Women's Clubs (GFWC), an international organization that works both locally and globally to create positive change. Guided by an unwavering dedication to community improvement through volunteer service, GFWC clubs like the Velva Woman's Club impact lives through actions both large and small. For more information about the Velva Woman's Club, please contact Emily Tescher Schmaltz at 701-721-3675 or any club member.



## Death Notice

Helen Thompson, 95, Reno, NV, formerly of Minot and Velva, died Friday, February 27, 2026, in a Reno, NV hospital.

Celebration of Helen's Life: 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Oak Valley Lutheran Church, Velva. Interment: Velva Community Cemetery, Velva. Visitation: Friday, March 13th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Thomas Family Funeral Home, Minot. (Thomas Family Funeral Home, Minot)

### Food Hub Continued from Front Page

Shawn mentioned that he grew up in Stanley, ND and his own father owned a grocery store there. Having seeing the many changes his father and the store went through throughout the years and the impact those decisions made on his family as well as the community they lived in has stuck with him as he has maneuvered through life. Not only impacting on the community he was living in at the time but also impacting where he is now. Having owned a grocery store in Velva for several years himself, he has a personal interest in this project, which is helping those small-

town grocery stores try to stay open longer. Unfortunately, it is harder for small rural community grocery stores to maintain a workable balance between keeping fresh products and keeping prices lower to compete with big box retailers.

This Velva Food Hub may be an answer to several smaller rural grocers within a 100-mile radius, and a way for them to be able to buy in bulk, keep prices lower, and still have a place to store the extra products while keeping it fresh if their own space doesn't allow.

**Velva area Voice**  
**NEWSPAPER DEADLINES**

Ad and article submissions are due in our office by  
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