

PUBLIC NOTICES

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF STATUTES AND ADOPTION OF NFPA 70 2026 EDITION NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE
TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to North Dakota Administrative Code Title 24.1 at:

1929 N Washington St #A-1
Bismarck, N.D.
Wed., February 25, 2026
8:30 a.m. CT

A copy of the proposed rules and amendments may be obtained by writing the North Dakota State Electrical Board, PO Box 7335, Bismarck, ND 58507 or by calling 701-328-9522. Written comments may be submitted to this address until March 9, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special assistance, please contact NDSEB at the above telephone number or address at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2026.

/s/ James Schmidt
Executive Dir. of NDSEB

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO NORTH DAKOTA GAMES OF CHANCE, ARTICLE 99-01.3 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota State Gaming Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 at The North Dakota State Capitol, Brynhild Haugland Room.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by emailing agogaming@nd.gov, writing the North Dakota Attorney General's Office Gaming Division at North Dakota Attorney General's Office Gaming Division, 600 E. Blvd Ave Dept. 125, Bismarck, ND 58505-0040 or calling 701-328-4848. Also, written comments may be submitted to the above email or physical address until March 7, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Attorney General's Office Gaming Division at the above telephone number or address at least 7 days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2026.
Aaron Hummel
Gaming Division Director,
Office of the Attorney General

ELLEDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 10, 2025

The Ellendale Public School Board met on December 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. with the following board members present: Michele Thorpe, Val Wagner, Kristi Gilbert, Jeff Goehring and Cresta Miller. Others present were Jeff Ringstad, Lana Norton, Cindy Rall, Allison Radermacher and Brian Vance.

Mrs. Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed visitors Pamela Cook and Jason Elliot. There were no communications. New Business 2. C. Action on Bus Bid, 2. D. Staff Appreciation and 2. E. OpenEd Discussion were added to the agenda. It was motioned by Miller, seconded by Wagner to approve the amended agenda. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The consent agenda included the minutes, financial reports and bills as presented. Miller reviewed the bills and the following bills were presented for payment:

November Payroll DD 386-389, 7297-7363 Ck#16153-16169 \$324,692.00

27684 Admin Partners 100.00 Annual Document Admin

27685 Avel Ecare 1,000.00 BHS Access Fee

27686 Avera 81.00 Drug Testing Administration

27687 Baymont Inn 99.00 Lodging

27688 John Beckius 123.00 Diesel Reimbursement

27689 Blumhardt Chevrolet 1,506.34 Service/Repairs

27690 Central Business Systems 429.39 Managed Print Services

27691 Cole Papers Inc 5,598.93 Custodial Supplies

27692 CREA 8,356.71 Nursing Tech Fee

27693 DPCU 897.35 HS/Elem Supplies

27694 Dickey County Leader 241.86 Publishing

27695 DRN 1,148.79 Hosted Service/Telephone

27696 Ellendale City Of 2,073.43 Utilities

27697 Ellendale Grocery 232.20 Supplies

27698 Ellendale True Value 83.60 Custodial Supplies

27699 EPS Activity Fund 465.00 Music Fees

27700 EPS School Lunch 33.98 SR/JR Legislative Breakfast

27701 Everspring Inn 660.00 Lodging

27702 Farmers Union Oil 1,029.28 LP/Heating Oil

27703 Fastspring 425.00 Visualpst

27704 Fire Safety First 686.46 Annual Maintenance

27705 Follett Software, LLC 1,150.08 Hosted Server

27706 Hampton Inn 330.00 Lodging

27707 Heartland Heating & Cooling Inc 604.30 Repair Water Heater

27708 J & M Elliott LLC 2,700.00 Owners Rep

27709 Jaymar 173.03 Check Order

27710 LEAF 448.00 Copier/Printer Lease

27711 Mackin 82.92 Library Books

27712 Mark's Plumbing 144.52 Cartridge/Clips

27713 Mertz Lumber 208.97 Supplies

27714 Colette Middlestead 2,189.99

Books/Coursework
27715 Mission Mechanical, Inc 759.00
Mini Split Remote
27716 Napa 325.36 Battery
27717 Lana Norton 200.00 Cell Phone Reimbursement
27718 Oakes Public School 66.81 KELOEE Concert Loss
27719 Olson's Pet Technicians 175.00 Monthly Fee
27720 Quadrant Finance 200.00 Postage
27721 Cynthia Rall 184.80 Mileage
27722 Jacob Russell 55.00 One Act Play Driving
27723 Sandford 105.00 DOT Physicals Admin.
27724 Valley Plains Equipment 215.18 Parts
27725 Verizon Wireless 443.15 Hot Spot Billing
20251201 TMS 44.10 Monthly Fee
20251202 MDU 5,773.96 Electricity
20251204 EPS 226.53 eFunds Fees
20251209 Cenex Fleetcard 3,939.59 Gas/Diesel
Total \$46,016.61

It was motioned by Wagner, seconded by Gilbert to approve the items on the consent agenda. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

EPS Spotlight:

- 5th grade students visited residents at the Benedictine Living Community where they did a craft project together.
- National Honor Society has conducted a Christmas Toy Drive to help students with needs across North and South Dakota.

- John B was selected to perform with the 2026 UND Honor Band.
- John B and Shaya S were selected for the UND Honor Mixed Choir.

- The EPS Cyber Madness Team of Owen B, Matthew M, E volte H, and Alex L took 7th at the state cybersecurity competition in Minot.
- Congratulations to Drew T and Ivan C for being named to the first team All-state team.

- Mrs. Blondo for leading music students at the KEELOEE festival as well as an outstanding Holiday Concert!
- Kayla Musick, Lorelei Hokana, and Kayleen Grom for preparing a very nice Cardinal Way breakfast on 11/19 and 11/20. It was very well attended both days.

- Congratulations to Aubrey M for being named to the All-Region Volleyball team.
- Mr. Ringstad was recognized for his contribution to local and regional NDSU Extension activities.

Ringstad placed minutes from the Curriculum and Facility/Transportation committee meeting in the shared folder. ND Insights Data for 2024-25 has been published. Staffing updates included a reassignment within Special Education and an upcoming transition at the MR Colony. With these changes, the district is interviewing to hire an additional paraprofessional. The board was also informed that a kitchen staff member will leave at Christmas break, and a replacement is being sought.

Jason Elliott provided a construction update.

Rall reported that teacher evaluations are nearing completion and the interim NDA+ will take place in late January. Se-

mester test preparations continue, with students applying for attendance-based test reductions, and next semester registration materials have been distributed. Teachers are expected to post grades by January 7th. Attendance trends show increased use of early outs, which appears beneficial, and the school is monitoring class-level data and chronic absences to provide timely support to students.

Radermacher reported on elementary enrollment and attendance for November remained strong. She gave a Behavioral Health services update. Winter testing will take place throughout early to mid-December, including STAR, NDA+ Interim 2, and DIBELS. Fall evaluations for teachers are expected to be completed by

December 15. Monthly Character Strong activities continued with themes from September through December, culminating in empathy-focused events this month. She shared upcoming events.

Vance reported on winter sports participation and coaching openings.

Wagner motioned, seconded by Miller to take the TIF contract off the table. Discussion was held. It was motioned by Goehring, seconded by Wagner to approve the TIF contract as presented. On a roll call vote, Thorpe-yes, Goehring-yes, Miller-no, Gilbert-no and Wagner-yes. Motion carried.

Gilbert motioned, seconded by Miller to approve an open enrollment application from the Frederick School District, an open enrollment application from the Oakes School District and a Tuition Agreement from the Oakes School District, all without transportation. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Wagner moved, seconded by Gilbert, to approve payment of invoice from Co-op Architecture for \$8,588.00 from the building fund, as well as the Olaf Anderson Construction invoice for \$219,438.00 using loan proceeds. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ringstad presented the bus bid received from I-State Truck Center and provided an overview of the current fleet and identified needs. Following discussion, a motion was made by Miller and seconded by Wagner to accept the bid of \$198,900, including the trade-in of the 2025 Thomas (#4) valued at \$85,000, to be deducted from the purchase price. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes. Motion carried.

Gilbert motioned, seconded by Miller to approve the holiday staff appreciation as budgeted. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Ringstad presented an overview on Open Ed, a program that partners with public schools to enroll and support K-8 students in virtual academies. The board reached consensus for him to proceed with the next steps in the process.

Next Regular School Board Meeting is Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Lana Norton, Business Manager

Formally Approved by the Board

(January 22, 2026)



The Meaning of the Cardinal

*By the way, I don't believe we have told you what **The Cardinal** means. Well, it means "of fundamental importance;" and it should mean that to each of you. Do you know what "spizzerinktum" means? Now, look it up.*

--The Cardinal, Vol. 1, #2, (December 6, 1926).

AREA EVENTS

- JAN. 22 (THURSDAY): BASKETBALL vs. LLM, Boys JV @ 6:00, Boys Varsity @ 7:30
- JAN. 24 (SATURDAY): ARCHERY vs. HANKINSON, CONTACT TRAVIS ANLIKER (701 535-0030) FOR MORE INFORMATION
- JAN. 24 (SATURDAY): EHS SNOWBALL DANCE @ 8:30
- JAN. 26 (MONDAY): BASKETBALL vs. MAPLE RIVER, Boys JV @ 6:00, Boys Varsity @ 7:30
- JAN. 27 (TUESDAY): BASKETBALL vs. KIDDER COUNTY, Girls JV @ 6:00, Girls Varsity @ 7:30

FORBES CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 10, 2025

CITY OF FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

The City Council met at 5:00 pm at Fullerton City Hall. Present: D. Hahn, B. Peterson, S. Peterson, J. Glynn, J. Carlson & J. Schoneman.

Minutes & Reports, SP moved, JG second to approve minutes and reports as presented, carried.

New Business

New water meters to be installed – get quote from Rapid Response

Account Updates: Edward Jones - \$100,000 6-9 month CD – PP moved, JG second motion carried

Liquor License was approved for Family Way – PP moved, JG second motion

carried

Bills, DH moved, PP second to pay bills as listed, carried:

MDU \$495.70 Waste Management \$873.32 James Valley S&G \$405.00 Dakota Improvement \$3237.12 Payroll \$10,000.00

SP moved, DH second to adjourn the meeting at 5:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Schoneman
City Auditor

(January 22, 2026)

OPENING FOR ELLENDALE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The City of Ellendale is looking to hire a Public Works Employee to oversee the following maintenance to keep the City in good working order and sound condition:

- Streets
- Alleys
- Water system
- Sewer system
- Landfill areas
- General maintenance of equipment
- Mowing
- Cutting and trimming trees
- Cemetery
- Perform a variety of manual labor duties which will include all maintenance, heavy equipment operations, snow removal and other duties as required.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with other employees, public officials and the public.
- The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 75 pounds or more.
- This job typically works 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday and will be required to be on call during scheduled evenings and weekends.
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States. No sponsorships

Benefits included: BCBS – Health, Vision, Dental, Retirement, Vacation, Sick Leave, On-Call pay, Overtime past 40 hrs, Garbage/Water discount if live in city limits

For further details, please contact Mayor Don Flaherty; Council Member Justin Meidinger or City Hall – 701-349-3252.

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