

WISHEK SCHOOL MINUTES

Wishek Public School Minutes

Wishek Public School District No. 19
Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, Regular
Meeting at 6:00 pm
ITV Room, Wishek Public School,
Wishek ND

1. The Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, meeting of the Wishek School Board was called to order by President Curtis Meidinger at 6:00 p.m. with members present: Curtis Meidinger, Rocky Brown, Trina Schilling, Danielle Goebel and Neil Horner. Also, present were Superintendent Shawn Kuntz, Principal Renae Brandner, Assistant Principal Charles Brandner, Business Manager Bethany Vilhauer, Stacey Herr, Chantel Mehlhaff, Brent Vetter, Jason Huber, Amber Goebel.

2. Agenda Addition: Under new business: g) Josh Wiest's contract, h) Special Ed
Agenda Approval Motion made by Rocky Brown, seconded by Danielle Goebel to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment: NA

4. Approve Minutes: Motion made by Trina Schilling, seconded by Neil Horner to approve the February 17, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Invoices: Motion made by Danielle Goebel, seconded by Rocky Brown to disregard individual reading of invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Rocky Brown, seconded by Neil Horner to approve invoices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND

ADV BUS METH.....	2,072.30
AFLAC.....	1,209.70
ALLARD TROPHY.....	102.50
ARBITER SPORTS.....	75.00
BETTENHAUSEN, A.....	936.99
BCBS.....	37,755.30
BRANDNER, R.....	45.00
CENEX FLEET FUEL.....	407.57
DFC.....	355.42
CITY OF WISHEK.....	667.86
COLEPAPERS.....	4,029.76
CRABTREE, C.....	520.00
CURTS.....	4,245.92
DALKE, B.....	345.00
DELTA DENTAL.....	1,593.66
FCCU.....	829.26
FRANTZ, B.....	30.00
GAME ONE.....	5,184.00
GERRELLS.....	653.96
GOEBEL, A.....	25.00
GOLDADE, L.....	40.00
H. A. THOMPSON.....	1,444.05
HAUGEN, D.....	145.00
HERR, A.....	40.00
HERR, B.....	15.00
HERR, P.....	165.00
HORNER, C.....	25.00
J. W. PEPPER.....	34.80

KAATZ, S.....	15.00
KLAI-CO.....	291.56
KOSIAK, J.....	420.00
KUNTZ, A.....	165.00
KUNTZ, S.....	1,083.33
LINDE GAS.....	517.35
MALASKI, B.....	225.00
MARC.....	560.44
MARTELL'S.....	39.98
MDU.....	20,190.69
MEIDINGER, M.....	55.00
MELLMER, E.....	15.00
MOLDENHAUER, A.....	20.00
NDCDE.....	1,095.00
PFEIFLE'S.....	705.35
RAILE, R.....	25.00
REL STAND VISION.....	488.64
RODRIGUEZ, J.....	30.00
SALWEI, S.....	25.00
SCHERBENSKE, K.....	60.00
SCHILLING, C.....	15.00
SCHLEPP, B.....	30.00
SCHNABEL, R.....	15.00
SCHOCKLEY, JJ.....	120.00
STAN'S.....	255.99
SWEETWATER MUSIC.....	512.00
TMS.....	156.58
TRUE VALUE.....	1,601.24
VETTER'S INC.....	152.50
VETTER, B.....	70.00
VETTER, K.....	120.00
VILHAUER, B.....	203.00
WIEST, J.....	165.00
WISHEK HOT LUNCH.....	650.00
WOLFF, J.....	25.00
Fund Total:.....	93,111.70

HOT LUNCH FUND

AFLAC.....	248.92
BCBS.....	1,155.20
DELTA DENTAL.....	227.67
GOEBEL, D.....	219.78
ND DPI.....	1,463.43
PETE'S DIST.....	1,727.00
REL STAND VISION.....	39.92
STAN'S.....	822.87
U.S. FOODS.....	3,808.32
Fund Total:.....	9,713.11

ACITIVITY FUND

4N6 FANATICS.COM.....	200.00
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC.....	600.00
BETTENHAUSEN, A.....	66.00
BETTENHAUSEN, A.....	345.74
BRANDNER, C.....	116.93
FCCU.....	4,717.37
HENDRICKSON, L.....	370.44
IMPACT AUDIO.....	275.00
MELLMER, EVAN.....	80.00
STAN'S.....	401.77
VALLEY CITY SCHOOL.....	52.00
ZEELAND SCHOOL.....	42.00
Fund Total:.....	7,267.25

6. Reports

Technology Report: None
Policy Report: None

Transportation Report was presented by Brent Vetter: The bus that hit a deer has been repaired and is back in ser-

vice. Bus 9 has a DEF issue; the check engine light came on. This bus was at A1 Ag last month for the same issue. Dougie will look into the possibility of deleting the DEF system. The bus will likely never be traded off, so deletion concerns related to resale are minimal. Brent is reviewing a quote to determine costs. Oil samples were taken on Buses 2 and 4; both came back good.

Principal report was presented by Renae Brandner: Pre-School Screenings were held today and this past Friday with Chantel Mehlhaff assisting. Fifteen students are currently signed up. Evaluations have begun. Junior ACT testing took place today. The test is not mandatory, but 14 students chose to participate. Colleges do still look at ACT scores for scholarships. Para interviews will be held Thursday. There are two applicants for two positions. A new schedule has been drafted for both high school and elementary; adjustments may still be necessary. Acalympics teams are preparing for competition on Tuesday, March 17th, in Linton. Junior High competes at 4:30 p.m., followed by Senior High. A question was raised regarding the reduced number of host schools. Juniors will decorate for prom on March 20. Prom will be held March 21. Kindergarten-5th grade dance party will be hosted by the library on Sunday, March 22. State Superintendent will visit on Friday, March 27 at 11:00 a.m. Board members are asked to attend the "Visit with Stakeholders" session at 12:40 p.m. Conference attendance was low. Peewee wrestling in Napoleon likely affected turnout. Discussion held regarding whether video conferences may improve attendance. High school attendance was especially low. Josh Wiest and Renae Brandner have begun developing Cognia surveys for staff and students.

Athletic Director report was presented by Charles Brandner: Coaching permits are due by April 1, and a few coaches still need to complete their submissions. The 9-man football scrimmage hosted by South Border in the fall will be held at St. Mary's this year due to ongoing construction at the Community Bowl. The event will again include six teams. Spring schedules have filled quickly, and participation numbers for spring sports will be presented at the next board meeting. Winter coach evaluations will be conducted in the near future. Dean of Students report was presented by Charles Brandner: Behavioral incidents have been minimal. However, several life-coaching situations required attention.

Superintendent Report was presented by Shawn Kuntz: Technology survey received 49 responses with 27 comments. Parent feedback indicates concerns

with elementary technology use. This is Year 2 of evaluating the 1:1 program for improvements. Administration will review technology usage in classrooms and implement procedures that maintain teacher discretion while increasing monitoring. Summer custodial help will be advertised due to a vacancy previously filled by Charles Brandner. Reminder: State Superintendent Levi Bachmeier will visit March 27. Board presence is encouraged. FFA: The committee and advisory board need to meet to discuss future program structure. Shawn will visit with the advisory board, Evan Mellmer, and board members. Communication plan discussions will continue with staff to gather additional input prior to any community presentation. Annabelle Moldenhauer has accepted the High School Secretary position. The Elementary Secretary position remains open after the other candidate declined.

Business Manager Report was presented by Bethany Vilhauer: A question was raised regarding whether the 2026 board seat was correctly designated as a Rural seat in the Candidate Filing Notice. Legal counsel through NDSBA confirmed that Wishek Public School District is not a reorganized district; therefore, it cannot designate "city" seats. Under NDCC 15.1-09-01(4), all school board members must be elected at-large, unless a reorganization plan states otherwise. NDCC 15.1-09-04 outlines when Rural seats are required. Wishek must maintain Rural seats, and the 2026 seat is one of these. Candidates must reside in the rural area, but voting is district-wide. Moving forward, all notices and materials will identify board seats as At-Large or Rural only. Updated terminology will be reflected in all public notices, filing materials, and ballots. A Colonial Life representative stopped in. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 to review comparisons between Aflac and Colonial Life. Several districts have reported positive experiences switching to Colonial Life. Buy American requirements and a Napoleon Homestead article were discussed.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

Superintendent evaluation - Discussion was held on modifying certain questions to align with evaluation needs. DPI will release a new Superintendent Evaluation tool. Board members shared perceptions regarding evaluation components.

Motion by Trina Schilling, second by Danielle Goebel, to approve the Superintendent Evaluation. Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation and retirement - Motion

made by Rocky Brown, seconded by Neil Horner, to approve Charles Brandner's resignation and Debbie Goebel's retirement as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A sincere thank you was expressed to Charles and Debbie for their service and dedication.

AD + transportation - Discussion focused on applicant scenarios, needed positions, and compensation options.

Motion by Neil Horner, second by Rocky Brown, to open the 4/7 AD + transportation position and salary as presented.

Classified negotiations - This is the year to review classified salaries and benefits. Discussion indicated staff preference for increased compensation over benefit adjustments. Motion by Trina Schilling, second by Rocky Brown, to increase the base pay by \$1.00 for all classified salary schedules. Motion carried unanimously.

Drivers education vehicle - Discussion on exploring options for upgrading the driver's education vehicle, per state recommendation. Committee will look at options such as a minivan or Chevy Traverse.

Co-op agenda review - The Board reviewed the co-op agenda, including transportation and mileage topics, financial updates, activity program planning, technology and streaming considerations, staffing items, and student participation guidelines.

Josh Wiest's Contract - Motion made by Rocky Brown, seconded by Danielle Goebel, to approve Josh Wiest's contract as presented.

Special Ed - The Special Education position is open and will be advertised immediately. Additional staffing needs and potential changes were discussed.

9. Next meeting date: The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment: Motion made by Rocky Brown, seconded by Neil Horner to adjourn the meeting.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Curtis Meidinger, President
Bethany Vilhauer, Business Manager
(April 15, 2026)

Meeting Notice

On Wednesday May 13, 2026, the Wishek Public School Board will be holding the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:00pm in the ITV room (Room 41) located on the Elementary side of the Wishek Public School.
(April 15, 2026)

This Week in North Dakota History

April 16, 1948 - A Red River flood crested at 41.6 feet at Grand Forks.

April 17, 1934 - Indictment returned by grand jury at Fargo, charging Governor William Langer with violating law prohibiting one federal employee from soliciting campaign funds from another.

April 18, 1950 - Water went over 40-foot level at Grand Forks, remaining there until April 29 in the first of two serious floods that year.

April 19, 1852 - The Swiss artist, Rudolph Kurz, began his homeward trip after nearly a year on the Upper Missouri portraying Indians, animals, traders and various fur trade articles. Kurz, who kept a detailed journal, spent most of his time at Fort Union, near the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers.

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