

Wishek Public School District No. 19  
Board Minutes  
Monday, June 22, 2026,  
Regular Meeting at 7:30 pm  
ITV Room, Wishek Public School,  
Wishek ND

1. The Monday, June 22, 2026, meeting of the Wishek School Board was called to order by President Curtis Meidinger at 7:30 p.m. with members present: Curtis Meidinger, Rocky Brown, Trina Schilling via phone, Danielle Goebel. Also, present were Superintendent Shawn Kuntz, Principal Renae Brandner, Assistant Principal Josh Wiest, Business Manager Bethany Vilhauer, Transportation Coordinator Brent Vetter, Special Education Teacher Stacey Herr, Special Education Teacher Chantel Mehlhaff.

2. Agenda Addition: Resignation at j) under New Business  
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 Danielle Goebel to approve the May 13, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

| Vendor Name.....    | Amount    |
|---------------------|-----------|
| GENERAL FUND        |           |
| ACT .....           | 10,000.00 |
| ACTIVITY FUND ..... | 5,000.00  |
| ADV BUS METH .....  | 2,222.93  |
| AFLAC .....         | 1,209.70  |
| AKERS, L .....      | 492.99    |
| BADER, S.....       | 298.44    |
| BAYMONT INN.....    | 1,150.00  |
| BEK .....           | 662.33    |
| BIG SCREEN .....    | 79.55     |
| BCBS.....           | 69,133.20 |
| BRANDNER, R.....    | 276.46    |

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| CAPITAL SCALE CO .....   | 146.50     |
| DFC .....                | 753.64     |
| CREA.....                | 100.00     |
| CITY OF WISHEK .....     | 630.41     |
| COLEPAPERS CO .....      | 2,009.04   |
| CURTS SERVICE.....       | 7,855.40   |
| D & B ENGRAVING.....     | 156.00     |
| DALKE, B .....           | 60.00      |
| DELTA DENTAL .....       | 1,593.66   |
| E & H COMM.....          | 699.54     |
| EDUTECH .....            | 40.00      |
| EMERGENT 3 .....         | 2,500.00   |
| ETSYSTEMS, INC.....      | 80.00      |
| FCCU.....                | 5,044.00   |
| FP MAIL.....             | 500.00     |
| GLAESMAN, K.....         | 150.00     |
| GOEBEL, J.....           | 260.00     |
| HAZEN SCHOOL.....        | 200.00     |
| HUBER, V.....            | 69.52      |
| KOSIAK, J.....           | 310.00     |
| KUNTZ, S .....           | 1,083.37   |
| LAMOURE SCHOOL.....      | 500.00     |
| LINDE GAS .....          | 502.65     |
| MCGRAW HILL .....        | 2,906.75   |
| MDU .....                | 11,917.78  |
| MECA SPORTWEAR .....     | 169.95     |
| ND BCI .....             | 80.00      |
| NDCDE.....               | 916.00     |
| ND DEPT OF HS.....       | 50.00      |
| NDCEL .....              | 3,590.00   |
| NDHSAA.....              | 50.00      |
| NDSBA .....              | 156.00     |
| OAKES SCHOOL.....        | 300.00     |
| PFEIFLE'S.....           | 105.95     |
| PRAIRIE HEATING.....     | 1,137.50   |
| PREBLE .....             | 115.00     |
| RELEVANT SPEAKERS .....  | 1,750.00   |
| REL STAND VISION.....    | 244.32     |
| SALWEI, S.....           | 50.00      |
| SAYLER, K .....          | 50.00      |
| SAYLER, S .....          | 150.00     |
| SCHOOL PRIDE LTD.....    | 211.50     |
| S CENT PRAIR SPECED..... | 16,739.08  |
| STATE CHEMICAL .....     | 342.62     |
| Teacher Innov .....      | 72.00      |
| TMS.....                 | 167.81     |
| TRUE VALUE.....          | 930.85     |
| U.S. FOODS .....         | 37.78      |
| UNDERWOOD SCHOOL .....   | 140.00     |
| US POSTMASTER.....       | 280.00     |
| VETTER, K.....           | 126.74     |
| WELK, J.....             | 150.00     |
| WIEST, C .....           | 1,360.00   |
| BASEBALL BOOST.....      | 50.00      |
| HOT LUNCH FUND.....      | 464.75     |
| GENERAL FUND .....       | 1,548.00   |
| Fund Total:.....         | 162,129.71 |

HOT LUNCH FUND

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| AFLAC .....           | 248.92   |
| BADER, C.....         | 33.13    |
| BCBS.....             | 2,310.40 |
| DELTA DENTAL .....    | 227.67   |
| PARKER, A.....        | 13.10    |
| PETE'S DIST .....     | 731.10   |
| PIATZ, L.....         | 46.75    |
| REL STAND VISION..... | 19.96    |
| STAN'S .....          | 533.81   |
| U.S. FOODS .....      | 1,430.10 |
| WALTH, A .....        | 41.00    |
| Fund Total: .....     | 5,635.94 |

ACTIVITY FUND

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| BETTENHAUSEN, A .....  | 144.48    |
| D & B ENGRAVING .....  | 594.00    |
| FCCU.....              | 692.95    |
| HOT STUFF PIZZA .....  | 349.21    |
| LIVESTOCKJUDGING ..... | 300.00    |
| MCTWIST .....          | 108.00    |
| ND FFA ASSOC .....     | 3,800.00  |
| SCHOOL PRIDE .....     | 4,715.00  |
| S JUST PHOTO.....      | 1,750.00  |
| Fund Total: .....      | 12,453.64 |

6. Reports

(a) Technology Report: DRN networking project is near completion. Two more access points need to be installed and some work to be done in the Meraki dashboard. Six promethean boards have been ordered at a cost of \$21,054.00. Still working on computer orders for select staff and students.

(b) Policy Report: - Reviewed handbook section on National competition and reimbursements.

CURRENT VERSION: Students participating in a school sanctioned extracurricular activity and who qualify the right to compete at the national or international level will receive up to 100% of their expenses paid by the school general fund. An advisor/coach may also attend and receive up to 75% and chaperone will receive up to 50% of expenses paid by the school general fund. Students attending a national conference or competition who have not earned the right to compete from a previous district, regional, or state event will not receive funding from the school, but will be allowed to attend on an every other

year basis with expenses paid by the student(s) or organization.

DRAFT VERSION: Students participating in a school sanctioned extra-curricular activity and who qualify the right to compete at the national or international level will receive \$750.00 for their expenses paid by the school general fund. An advisor/coach may also attend and receive 100% of travel and room expenses. Additional advisor/coach will be reimbursed for food at state rate for the days of the event. Students attending a national conference or competition who have not earned the right to compete from a previous district, regional, or state event will not receive funding from the school, but will be allowed to attend on an every other year basis with expenses paid by the student(s) or organization. Discussion held on how the decision was made to do \$750.00 and the decision was based on inflation and what is a comfortable number to go with. Discussion held on how schools around ND cover the costs for their state qualified students as well as meal reimbursement. Motion by Rocky Brown, second by Trina Schilling to approve the draft as presented for National competition. Motion carried.

(c) Transportation Report was presented by Brent Vetter: The Subaru required repairs, including tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) sensors and struts, which have been addressed. Driver's education students continue to gain hands-on experience identifying maintenance needs. A discussion was held on the potential reduction of the bus fleet. The mini bus continues to be a valuable asset. Options are being explored with Harlow's Bus Sales for a potential trade-in or valuation of an existing bus. The Zeeland auction of buses and surplus materials was also discussed. Bus #3 is under recall and will undergo a Department of Transportation (DOT) inspection next week.

(d) Principal report was presented by Renae Brandner: All schoolwide Title I documentation is complete. Cognia accreditation requirements for both elementary and high school have been finalized, with a mid-year review pending.

The suspension and expulsion report has been completed. It was noted that some districts do not consistently report suspensions, as the data is used for informational purposes only and does not impact funding. Additional topics

included reporting requirements, coaching and parent meetings, state assessments, and implementation of human trafficking awareness requirements for grades 6, 10, and 12. Technology integration, including expanded use of Microsoft products, was also discussed. Certification to administer student medication has been obtained.

(e) Athletic Director report was presented by Shawn Kuntz: Sam Graber was hired for Assistant Girls Basketball. Positions needing to be filled: Assistant football (applicant/candidate received last week. Interview will scheduled soon), JH Wrestling, Track (2 positions)

(f) Assistant Principal report: NA

(g) Superintendent Report was presented by Shawn Kuntz: Open positions include assistant secretary, paraprofessionals, and a long-term substitute. Damage to a bus barn window from thrown rocks was reported to insurance and law enforcement. Repair estimates will be obtained, with the intent for the responsible party to cover costs. The elementary entrance rock wall is deteriorating and shows signs of repeated past repairs. After discussion and inspection, a building committee will be formed to explore demolition and a potential re-designed, covered entryway. Federal program allocations have not yet been finalized. Estimated amounts include: Title I – \$71,915; Title II – \$18,391; Title IV – \$10,000. With no reading strategist planned, funds may be redirected to other areas such as technology or supplies. Spring enrollment and calendar reports have been submitted.

(h) Business Manager Report was presented by Bethany Vilhauer: The State of North Dakota is exploring a potential transition to North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) health insurance coverage in future years: a statewide survey is

being completed to assist with planning. Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) has indicated it will phase out grandfathered plans starting in fiscal year 2027–2028, likely requiring selection of a new health insurance plan. Fiscal year 2025–2026 payroll has been fully expended, with overall spending at approximately 94% of budget. Savings are attributed to staffing changes. A detailed review of expenditures is underway to address coding accuracy and ensure clean reporting for fiscal year 2026–2027. One unpaid student account remains outstanding; a final notice will be issued prior to referral to a collection agency. Infinite Campus payment module implementation begins next week, covering hot lunch, activity passes, and student fees. Required tracking forms have been completed, and online payment setup will begin.

7. Old Business

(a) NA

8. New Business

a) Business Manager evaluation-Motion by Rocky Brown, second by Danielle Goebel to approve the Business Manager evaluation. Motion carried.

b) Business Manager negotiations-Skipped to 8. c will move this to 8. K). Discussion held. Motion made by Rocky Brown, seconded Danielle Goebel to approve negotiations as presented. Motion carried.

c) 4-year-old program approval-action item. Need annually to continue in Best In Class program. Motion by Trina Schilling, seconded by Danielle Goebel to approve the 4-year old program. Motion carried.

d) Contract approval-Motion made by Rocky Brown, seconded by Danielle Goebel to approve the contract of Hanna Ebel for Preschool teacher. Motion carried.

e) Canvass election results - School Board Election Canvass: Business Manager Bethany Vilhauer presented the official canvass of the June 9, 2026, school board election. One (1) Rural School Board seat was up for election.

One (1) candidate filed for the position: Curtis Meidinger (incumbent). A total of 207 ballots were cast. Of those, 194 votes were recorded in the school board race, resulting in a difference of 13 ballots where no vote was cast in that contest. Absentee Ballot Processing Summary: A total of 195 absentee ballot applications were received. Of

those, 192 absentee ballots were issued to qualified applicants. Three (3) applications were received too close to Election Day to allow sufficient time for ballots to be mailed and returned prior to the close of polls. Those individuals were contacted on Election Day and notified that a ballot could not be issued via mail due to time constraints. A total of 112 absentee ballots were returned, including three (3) ballots identified as defective and set aside for canvassing board determination. Additional absentee ballots were received after the close of polls on June 9, 2026. These ballots were received after the statutory deadline and were not opened or counted. The ballots were preserved with election materials for the record.

School Board Election Results: Curtis Meidinger – 172, Jeremy Herr-3, Mark Schnabel-3, Ross Martell-2, Nathan Wolf-3, Tim Rath-2 votes, Jennifer Stock-2 votes. All other individuals listed received one vote each: David Just, James Horner, Megan Rath, Jason Becker, Eric Ebel, Paul Platz, Vince Meidinger, Michael Bechtle. Curtis Meidinger, having received the highest number of votes, is declared elected.

Write-In Ballot Determination: One ballot contained a write-in candidate with-

out the corresponding oval marked. The board determined that voter intent was clear. Motion by Danielle Goebel, seconded by Rocky Brown, to count the write-in vote based on clear voter intent. Motion carried.

Public Measure Results: YES – 197, NO – 8, No Vote Cast – 2. The measure passed by majority vote.

Defective Absentee Ballots

Motion by Rocky Brown, seconded by Danielle Goebel, to reject Absentee Ballot #1 due to failure to meet affidavit requirements. Motion carried.

Motion by Rocky Brown, seconded by Trina Schilling, to reject Absentee Ballot #2 due to incomplete affidavit. Motion carried.

Motion by Danielle Goebel, seconded by Trina Schilling, to reject Absentee Ballot #3 due to failure to meet application and voter verification requirements. Motion carried.

Certification of Election Results: Motion by Trina Schilling, seconded by Danielle Goebel, to approve the canvass of votes and certify the results of the June 9, 2026 school board election as presented. Motion carried.

f) Handbook review (National reimbursement)- Completed in 6.b) under policy report.

g) 2025-2026 Expense/revenue review- Discussion held on remaining expenses. Motion made by Rocky Brown, seconded by Trina Schilling to move \$30,000 to Hot Lunch program and \$50,000 from our General Fund to our Building fund. Motion carried unanimously.

h) Consolidated pre-application ap-

proval- Annual approval of consolidated application. Motion made by Danielle Goebel, seconded Rocky Brown to approve the Consolidated application as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

i) Open enrollment approved by Motion made by Trina Schilling, seconded by Danielle Goebel to approve the open enrollment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

j) Resignation – Motion made by Trina Schilling, seconded by Rocky Brown to accept Gianna Caruso's resignation as presented. Motion carried. Discussion held on opening this position up again for next fiscal year and potential scenarios. Motion made by Rocky Brown, seconded by Danielle Goebel to approve a \$5 increase of pay for the upcoming para position. Motion carried unanimously.

k) See 8.b)

9. Next meeting date: The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2026 beginning at 7:30 pm.

10. Adjournment: Motion made by Danielle Goebel, seconded by Rocky Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Curtis Meidinger, President  
Bethany Vilhauer, Business Manager  
(July 22, 2026)