Wishek Public School Board Minutes

Wishek Public School District No. 19
Board Minutes
Monday, July 13, 2026,
Regular Meeting at 7:30 pm
ITV Room, Wishek Public School,
Wishek ND

1. The Monday, July 13, 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, Danielle Goebel and Neil Horner. Also, present were Superintendent Shawn Kuntz, Principal Renae Brandner, Business Manager Bethany Vilhauer, Phil Weldele-Athletic Director. Keith Sayler - Head of IT arrived at 7:45pm

2. Agenda Addition: g. New Business under fiscal year 26-27 Evaluation Software
Agenda Approval Motion made by Rocky Brown, seconded by Trina Schilling 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 June 22, 2026, canvass and regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Invoices: Motion made by Danielle Goebel, seconded by Trina Schilling 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.

6. Reports

(a) Technology Report: The DRN networking project is nearing completion, with two remaining access points to be installed and final configuration work to be completed within the Meraki dashboard. Six Promethean boards were purchased at a cost of $21,054 and have been received. Television mounts are still needed before installation can be completed. Staff and student computer purchases remain in progress. Discussion was also held regarding the district's transition from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus.

(b) Policy Report: None

(c) Transportation Report was presented by Shawn Kuntz: Recall work on the new bus is being addressed during the ND DOT inspection process.

(d) High School Principal report was presented by Renae Brandner: Stacy Schaffer's Group 31:8 organization and Olympian John Michael Lander have been contacted regarding potential student presentations. Eighteen backpacks are available for students through the Fill-a-Backpack program, along with personal hygiene supplies for students in need. An upcoming Data Day is scheduled for July 16, and an Open House is being considered prior to the start of school. Ann Bettenhausen will be confirming online course arrangements. CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) training has been completed, with 15 staff members participating, and a CPI team will be established. Junior high and high school registration is scheduled for August 3-5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(e) Athletic Director report was presented by Phil Weldele: Phil Weldele reported that fall practice schedules are being finalized in coordination with coaching staff. Coach certification requirements and other preseason preparations have been reviewed. The football team will participate in a scrimmage at St. Mary's on August 15, with Wishek serving as the home team. Planning continues for a combined JV and C-Squad volleyball tournament, with securing officials remaining a priority. Open coaching positions include junior high wrestling and two track positions. Colin Goettle has been hired as assistant football coach. District 6 scheduling platform is being discontinued and replaced by Arbiter. Some implementation issues remain, but scheduling information is expected to be available soon.

(f) Elementary Principal report was presented by Joshua Wiest: NA

(g) Superintendent Report was presented by Shawn Kuntz: Completed interviews for the assistant secretary position and the hiring of Rykan Salwei as a paraprofessional. No candidates for a long-term substitute position have come forward. Mr. Kuntz received a preliminary estimate from Fettig Lawn Service regarding football field improvements and discussed the current condition and maintenance needs of the field. Discussion was also held regarding football field lighting, with administration planning to obtain additional cost estimates. The district does not plan to pursue installation of a sprinkler system at this time. Air conditioning condenser will be replaced after issues developed with units installed in 2023. Work continues on the district's annual budget in preparation for the August board meeting. Working on a wellness and physical education equipment grant application due at the end of July. Preliminary taxable valuation information from McIntosh County indicates a 3.2% decrease in valuation, while Logan County information has not yet been received. District may levy the same dollar amount as the previous year despite changes in taxable valuation. Additional discussion was held regarding CPI training, Zeeland School District reorganization discussions, and wind tower taxable valuation.

(h) Business Manager Report was presented by Bethany Vilhauer: Bethany Vilhauer reported that she recently met with district auditor Daniel Julson regarding the audit process. Our auditor Dan Julson has offered to visit the district and assist with bank reconciliation questions and review outstanding reconciliation items to ensure financial records remain accurate and current. An update will be provided once a visit has been scheduled.
Free and reduced-price meal applications have been prepared for the upcoming school year and will be distributed once meal pricing information has been updated. Have registered the 2

cooks and myself for the Child Nutrition Program Back-to-School Workshop in Bismarck on August 6 to receive state and federal program updates.

Reviewed district's health insurance renewal from Blue Cross Blue Shield, which reflects a 15% premium increase. Alternative plan comparisons were provided to assist the board in evaluating future coverage options as grandfathered plans will be phased out as of 27-28 fiscal year.

Additionally, federal reimbursement requests for Title I and Title Transfer programs have been completed, with the district expected to receive $33,742.47 in funding. Year-end budget review and reconciliation work is ongoing to ensure all revenues, expenditures, and account balances are accurately reflected prior to the audit.

7. Old Business none

8. New Business

(a) Armory light project-we would be responsible for ¼ of this quote $8,700. Discussion held on project. Motion made by Trina Schilling, seconded by Neil Horner to approve the Armory light project as presented. Motion carried

(b) South parking lot project-Discussion held on project. Motion made by Trina Schilling, seconded by Rocky Brown to approve the south parking lot project as presented. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment of 2025-2026 Board of Education - adjournment

Motion made by Trina Schilling, seconded by Neil Horner to adjourn the 25-26 Board of Education meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

10. Organization of 2026-2027 Board of Education - The 26-27 Board of Education meeting was called to order by Superintendent Shawn Kuntz at 8:49 p.m.

A. Oath of Office - Completed by elected member Curtis Meidinger

B. Election of Officers

1. President - Danielle Goebel nominated Curtis Meidinger for Board President. The nomination was seconded by Rocky Brown. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Curtis Meidinger was elected Board President

2. Vice-President - Trina Schilling nominated Rocky Brown for Board Vice President. The nomination was seconded by Neil Horner. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Rocky Brown was elected Board Vice President.

11. Old Business

a. none

12. New Business

a. Consent Agenda:

i. Date of Monthly Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the Month

ii. Depositories: FCCU and Unison

iii. Authorized signatures: Shawn Kuntz, Bethany Vilhauer, President Curtis Meidinger, Vice President- Rocky Brown

iv. Special Education Unit representative: Shawn Kuntz

v. Special Education Unit Comprehensive General Plan approval: annual approval required by Special Ed. Unit.

Motion by Rocky Brown, seconded by Danielle Goebel to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

b. Committee Assignments

i. Technology committee: Rocky Brown and Danielle Goebel

ii. Classified staff committee: Not Assigned

iii. Certified staff committee: Curtis Meidinger and Danielle Goebel

iv. Administration committee: Curtis Meidinger and Neil Horner

v. Co-op committee: Curtis Meidinger and Danielle Goebel

vi. Transportation committee: Curtis Meidinger and Rocky Brown

vii. Strategic planning committee: Not assigned – to be added to future agenda

viii. Policy Committee: Curtis Meidinger and Trina Schilling

ix.. Building committee added: Rocky Brown and Curtis Meidinger

c. Board Compensation: The board discussed member compensation and agreed to maintain the current compensation rate with no increase.

d. The board discussed the school lunch program and reviewed meal pricing. Motion by Rocky Brown, seconded by Trina Schilling, to increase lunch prices as follows: Student Lunch – $4.50; Staff Lunch – $5.50; Adult Guest Lunch – $6.50. Motion carried.

Motion by Rocky Brown, seconded by Danielle Goebel, to increase breakfast prices as follows: Student Breakfast – $3.50; Staff Breakfast – $4.50; Adult Guest Breakfast – $5.50. Motion carried.

e. Sub pay rate (current $140 + free lunch): The board discussed substitute teacher compensation. Motion by Rocky Brown, seconded by Danielle Goebel, to increase substitute teacher pay from $140 per day plus a complimentary lunch to $175 per day plus a complimentary lunch. Motion carried.

f. Tax hearing date: The board reviewed the requirement to hold the annual budget review and approval meeting between September 7 and October 7. Administration recommended September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Trina Schilling, seconded by Neil Horner, to set the budget review and approval meeting for September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

g. Evaluation – The board discussed the transition from the Rocky Mountain evaluation platform, which is being discontinued. NDSBA is implementing a new evaluation system that utilizes a five-point rating scale. The cost of the new system includes a $350 implementation fee and $85 per board member, which is incorporated into NDSBA membership dues. Danielle Goebel and Trina Schilling volunteered to gather additional information regarding the new evaluation process and proceed with this new platform.

13. Next meeting date: The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 beginning at 7:30 pm.

14. Adjournment: Motion made by Neil Horner, seconded by Trina Schilling to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Curtis Meidinger, President

Bethany Vilhauer, Business Manager

Notice is hereby given that the Wishek Public School District Board will hold a Policy Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Regular School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 9th, 2026, in the ITV Room (Room 41) located on the elementary side of Wishek Public School.
(August 19, 2026)