

## Belcourt School District # 7 & 100-297 Grant School Minutes - June 15 & 17, 2026

### 100-297 HS Grant Regular Board Meeting (Monday, June 15, 2026) @ 11:30 a.m.

Elmer Davis: Absent  
Teri LaFountain: Present  
Craig Lunday: Absent  
Allan Malaterre: Present  
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Present

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Earl Demery, Kevin Brien, Connie Baker, Dr. Shane Martin, Duane Poitra, Levi Gourneau

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Teri LaFountain called the meeting to order at 11:36 am

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
**MOTION** to adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Allan Malaterre and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.

Elmer Davis: Absent  
Teri LaFountain: Yes  
Craig Lunday: Absent  
Allan Malaterre: Yes  
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes  
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

**3. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** to approve the 3.A to 3.E Consent Items as presented.

This motion, made by Allan Malaterre and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.

Elmer Davis: Absent  
Teri LaFountain: Yes

Craig Lunday: Absent  
Allan Malaterre: Yes  
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes  
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

**3.A. TMCS Superintendent - Dr. Shane Martin**

**3.B. Approval of Minutes 05-12-26**

**3.C. Business Manager Reports - Duane Potira**

**3.D. TMHS Board Report - Brad LaRocque**

**3.E. Approval of Accounts Payable - Earl Demery**

**3.F. Accounts Payable 100-297 Monthly Board Report - May 2026**

The recommendation is to approve May 2026 accounts payable for \$1,276,282.05 as presented. The accounts payable for May 2026 are in the packet for review and approval. HS Grant totaled \$144,204.91, HS Grant Payroll Expense totaled \$1,132,077.14, and the total HS Contract totaled \$1,276,282.05. Check # N/A Checking Account #3

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. This motion, made by Dr. Wanda Parisien and seconded by Allan Malaterre, Carried.

Elmer Davis: Absent  
Teri LaFountain: Yes  
Craig Lunday: Absent  
Allan Malaterre: Yes  
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes  
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

*Teri LaFountain,  
Board President  
Belcourt School District #7*

*Duane Poitra,  
Business Manager  
Belcourt School District #7*

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### Belcourt School District #7 Belcourt School District #7 (Monday, June 15, 2026)

David Azure: Present  
Eric Dionne: Present  
Teri LaFountain: Present  
Allan Malaterre: Present  
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Present  
Allen Schlenvogt: Present  
Scotty Vandal: Present

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Claudette Gourneau, Kevin Davis, Earl Demery, Kevin Brien, Con-

nie Baker, Duane Poitra, Dr. Shane Martin, Levi Gourneau.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Allan Malaterre called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

2. **OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Duane Poitra and Allen Schlenvogt led the group in prayer.

3. **OPEN MEETING COMMENTS (BCBA):** BCBA - Public Participation at Board Meeting Participation

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA MOTION** to adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by David Azure, Carried.

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|---------------------|-----|
| David Azure:        | Yes |
| Eric Dionne:        | Yes |
| Teri LaFountain:    | Yes |
| Allan Malaterre:    | Yes |
| Dr. Wanda Parisien: | Yes |
| Allen Schlenvogt:   | Yes |
| Scotty Vandal:      | Yes |
| Yes: 7, No: 0       |     |

5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** to approve the consent agenda items 5.A to 5.K as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Wanda Parisien and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.

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| David Azure:        | Yes |
| Eric Dionne:        | Yes |
| Teri LaFountain:    | Yes |
| Allan Malaterre:    | Yes |
| Dr. Wanda Parisien: | Yes |
| Allen Schlenvogt:   | Yes |
| Scotty Vandal:      | Yes |
| Yes: 7, No: 0       |     |

A. TMCS Superintendent/  
Athletic Director — Dr. Shane Martin

B. TMCS Assistant Superintendent/HR Director Board Report - Levi Gourneau

- **TMCS, TMCS, TMCMS, TMCHS, TTPP, PSN, OIS, and the Transportation Dept.**
  - o No New Hires

**Positions Advertised/Un-filled/Pending**

- **Turtle Mountain Elementary School:**
  - o **Performance Strategist**
  - o **School Psychologist**

Please be advised that due to continued Title budget cuts, the advertisements for the ES School Performance Strategist and School Psychologist positions at TMES, initially approved by the Business Office, have been pulled back. The Title budget cuts will be addressed by Earl Demery and Duane Poitra during this meeting. The duties associated with the Performance Strategist role will be relocated to an existing ES teacher to ensure continuity of service. We will not hire a Pre K-5th grade school psychologist at this time. All decisions were discussed with TMES School Administration. Further updates will follow as the budget situation evolves.

- **Turtle Mountain Middle School**

- o Math/ELA Teacher
- o Currently, it is advertised for a 3rd 10-day cycle.

- **Turtle Mountain High School**
  - o In-House Advertisement for Guidance Coordinator
  - o Will be advertised after further consultation with the HS Principal

**Resignations/Retirements**

- No resignations or retirements

**Reassignments**

As outlined in BSD Policy DFC, all reassignments are made in the best interest of the Belcourt School District and require approval from the staff member, their supervisor, the building principal, the TMCS Assistant Superintendent, and the TMCS Superintendent.

No new reassignments

We may have new reassignments to the Alternative School in July.

C. 2024–2026 Athletic Performance, Rehabilitation & Braves Engagement Progress Report -

Kayanna Trottier

D. Approval of Minutes 05-12-29 @ 1200

E. Approval of Minutes 05-12-26 @ 1230

F. Ojibwa Indian School Principal Board Report - Angelique Bennett

G. Approval of Tuition Agree-

ments - Duane Poitra

19 tuition agreements: 3-Grand Forks Public School, 1-DBR Minot Public School, 4-Devils Lake Public School, 1-Hazen Public School, 2-Grafton Public School, 1-Minot Public Schools, 3-PSJ Learnwell Education, 1-TGU School District, 3-West Fargo Public School as presented.

H. TMHS Board Report - Brad LaRocque

I. TMES Board Report - Shanna Davis - McCloud

J. Business Manager Reports - Duane Poitra  
FY26 HS Grant Budget for Board May 26  
FY26 Monthly Board Report May 26

K. Approve the Purchase per Bids for (2) New Route Buses - Duane Poitra

Mr. Ray Trottier reviewed the specifications of the submitted bus bids. The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Harlow's Bus Sales for two (2) 2027 route buses in the amount of \$161,995.00. These buses are estimated to be delivered in the first quarter of 2027. The funding source will be the General Fund for a grand total of \$323,990.00.

## 6. BE LEGENDARY

A. TMCS 2025-2026 Math Admin Report -- Claudette Gour-

neau

B. TMCS 2025-2026 ELA Admin Report - Claudette Gourneau

C. Board Self-Guardrails - Laurie Elliott – The board selected the top five guardrails to use in the future. Laurie will provide the board with the update as to which guardrails were selected.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Turtle Mountain Sports Official Association — Weston Poitra**

In the board packet is the TMSOA from Weston Poitra for your review.

Turtle Mountain Sports Officials Association Board Report  
Weston updated the board on his roles and responsibilities for the TMSOA. Weston highlighted why the District uses his services as follows:

Will not use paper checks in the future with the new Arbiter Sports Program — a seamless program, enter into contract with other schools and payment is immediate.

Each sports official will have an arbiter account for payments. 30% fee — Weston assumes 100 of the payment. He bills the school monthly.

200 subcontractors on board, it takes time to process.

Discussion followed. Allen S. being the Arbiter Program will be used this coming school year, can the 30% fee be reduce due to the online streamlining. Weston explained that the purpose of using the third-party payment process is to ensure officials and subcontractors are paid promptly. When Wanda asked what was meant by "pay upfront," Weston clarified that payment is made before the game. The goal is to process payments immediately so that if a game is canceled shortly before its scheduled start, any necessary changes to checks or payments can be made without delay.

Questions were asked about how the local college pays workers vs. the way it's currently being done

at TMCS. Weston further explained that employees of the college are paid through the regular payroll process, while subcontractors receive payment as independent contractors and are issued 1099 forms. He noted that subcontractors will not be charged to use the new payment program.

Weston also shared that he currently works with OIS and Dunseith Day School using this payment process.

Allan expressed concern that the 30% service fee is a significant cost, especially with anticipated reductions in Title Program fund-

ing in the near future.

Wanda asked about the length of the contract. Weston responded that the agreement is renewed annually.

#### **B. Provide an Update on Title I - Duane Poitra/Earl Demery**

In the board packet is an update on the Title Program budgets for the upcoming school year for your review.

Earl stated he attached a written update to the board that is in the board packet. Earl announced the tentative cuts in the title programs. This means cuts in employment for employee(s) positions funded by these monies. Duane stated that we do not subsidize the money.

There is a new team in place for the Title Programs: Earl, Shane, Paula K, and Symone Morin

Allan recommended an auditor in place to help with this issue on the shortfall in Title Programs.

Levi, we should know by November about the exact cuts.

Levi stated no one gets to carry over leave balances — being paid out — 5 years later. (pay when it's earned, not paid later at a higher amount).

Duane addressed the construction on campus which was planned and saved in the past — the

monies can only be used on construction projects.

Duane explained ALL the construction projects going on around campus.

Duane the new gym has not bid out yet.

#### **C. Approval of Accounts Payable - Earl Demery**

The accounts payable for May 2026 are in the packet for review and approval. Vouchers totaled \$1,625,085.69, HS Grant totaled \$144,204.91, and Payroll totaled \$2,306,720.84 for a total of \$4,076,011.44. Check # 247171 - 247751 Checking Account #1; Check # 16115 - 16134 Checking Account #2 - Turtle Mountain State Bank and Check # N/A and Checking Account #3. The recommendation is to approve May 2026 Accounts Payable for \$4,076,011.44 as presented. Accounts Payable Monthly Board Report - May 2026

Apr 12 - May 4 Invoice

Apr 12 - May 4 Spreadsheet

May 5 - May 20 Invoice

May 5 - May 20 Spreadsheet

**MOTION** to approve the May 2026 accounts payable for \$4,076,011.44 as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.

David Azure: Yes

Eric Dionne: Abstain  
(With Conflict)

Teri LaFountain: Yes

Allan Malaterre: Yes

Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes

Allen Schlenvogt: Yes

Scotty Vandal: Yes  
Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

#### **D. Canvass the June 2, 2026, School Board Election Results — Mike Day**

Unofficial tally as of June 2nd, 2026, the end of election day:

295 Teri LaFountain  
209 Dallas Morin  
200 Dennis C. DeCoteau  
193 Terry Pugs LaVallie

189 Allan Malaterre  
186 Carla Peltier  
171 Allen Schlenvogt  
125 Lee Delong Sr  
26 Jamie Herman

Publishing School Board Minutes. (As of election day) There were 659 ballots cast upon the question of publishing minutes in the official newspaper, of which 617 ballots were for publishing minutes in the official newspaper, of which 42 ballots were **against** publishing minutes in the official newspaper. The majority of all votes being cast were for publishing minutes in the official newspaper. Therefore, the question of publishing the minutes in the local newspaper is hereby unofficially declared to be carried. **Teri LaFountain and Dallas Morin**, having received the two highest number of votes, are hereby declared elected Members of the School Board for the term of three years, and **Dennis C. DeCoteau**, having received the third-



highest number of votes, is hereby declared elected Members of the School Board for the term of two years.

**MOTION** to approve the Final Canvass of the BSD#7 School Board Election for 2026 as Teri LaFountain and Dallas Morin having received the two highest number of votes are hereby declared elected Members of School Board for the term of three years and Dennis C. DeCoteau having received the third highest number of votes is hereby declared elected Member of School Board for the term of two years. ; and the question of publishing the minutes in the local newspaper is declared to be carried in favor of publishing the minutes in the local newspaper. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Eric Dionne, Carried.

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| David Azure:        | Yes |
| Eric Dionne:        | Yes |
| Teri LaFountain:    | Yes |
| Allan Malaterre:    | Yes |
| Dr. Wanda Parisien: | Yes |
| Allen Schlenvogt:   | Yes |
| Scotty Vandal:      | Yes |
| Yes: 7, No: 0       |     |

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by David Azure, Carried.

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| David Azure:        | Yes |
| Eric Dionne:        | Yes |
| Teri LaFountain:    | Yes |
| Allan Malaterre:    | Yes |
| Dr. Wanda Parisien: | Yes |
| Allen Schlenvogt:   | Yes |

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| Scotty Vandal: | Yes |
| Yes: 7, No: 0  |     |

Allan Malaterre  
Board President  
Belcourt School District #7

Duane Poitra  
Business Manager  
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## BSD #7 Special Board Meeting (Wednesday, June 17, 2026) @ 11:30 a.m.

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|--------------------|---------|
| Eric Dionne        | Present |
| Teri LaFountain    | Present |
| Allan Malaterre    | Present |
| Dr. Wanda Parisien | Present |
| Allen Schlenvogt   | Present |
| Scotty Vandal      | Present |
| David Azure        | Present |

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Shane Martin, Levi Gourneau, Connie Baker, Duane Poitra, Earl Demery, Kevin Brien, Dennis DeCoteau, Claudette Gourneau, Paula Keplin, Debbe Poitra, Kevin Davis

**CALL TO ORDER:** Allan Malaterre called the meeting to order at 11:36 pm

**OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Duane Poitra and Allen Schlenvogt led the group in prayer.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION** to adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by

Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

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|-----------------|-----|
| David Azure     | Yes |
| Eric Dionne     | Yes |
| Teri LaFountain | Yes |

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|--------------------|-----|
| Allan Malaterre    | Yes |
| Dr. Wanda Parisien | Yes |
| Allen Schlenvogt   | Yes |
| Scotty Vandal      | Yes |
| Yes: 7; No: 0      |     |

## 1. OLD BUSINESS

None

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

### Bid Award for the Bus Garage & High School Paving Project - Duane Poitra

The Belcourt School Bus Garage & High School Paving project consists of paving work at two different sites for the Belcourt School District #7. The first site is the new school bus garage site and the other is a site east of the High School. The project was placed out for bid for the required 21 days with the bid opening taking place on May 28th. The bids were divided into four separate bid items that allowed contractors to bid either concrete or asphalt at both sites of the project. Contractors could also bid concrete and asphalt if they chose to.

In the packet is the letter of recommendation and the bid tabulation provided by Jiran Architects & Planners, PC for the Bus Garage & High School Paving Project as well as the ND Department of Public In-

struction project approval.

The bid tabulation and bid recommendation have been prepared by Jiran Architects & Planners and are attached for review. The recommendation is to accept the lowest single prime asphalt bid submitted by Flickertail Paving & Supply, LLC in the amount of (\$290,550 Bus Garage) & (\$156,450 High School) for the combined total of \$447,000

Paving Prjct Recommendation  
Bid Tabulation DPI Approval

**MOTION** is to accept the lowest single prime asphalt bid submitted by Flickertail Paving & Supply, LLC in the amount of \$447,000 (combined total) for the Bus Garage and HS Paving project using General Fund monies. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Allen Schlenvogt, Carried.

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| David Azure     | Yes |
| Eric Dionne     | Yes |
| Teri LaFountain | Yes |

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| Allan Malaterre    | Yes |
| Dr. Wanda Parisien | Yes |
| Allen Schlenvogt   | Yes |
| Scotty Vandal      | Yes |

Yes: 7; No: 0

**Approval of the Consolidated Application for Title I, Title II, and Title IV (June 30th, 2026)**

— Earl Demery/Paula Keplin

Attached is the Consolidated Application for Title I, Title II, and Title IV.

**MOTION** to approve the Belcourt School District Consolidated Application for Title I, Title II and Title IV and to give approval to Levi Gourneau, authorized representative to submit this application. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Eric Dionne, Carried.

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|--------------------|-----|
| David Azure        | Yes |
| Eric Dionne        | Yes |
| Teri LaFountain    | Yes |
| Allan Malaterre    | Yes |
| Dr. Wanda Parisien | Yes |
| Allen Schlenvogt   | Yes |
| Scotty Vandal      | Yes |

Yes: 7; No: 0

**3. ADJOURMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| David Azure        | Yes |
| Eric Dionne        | Yes |
| Teri LaFountain    | Yes |
| Allan Malaterre    | Yes |
| Dr. Wanda Parisien | Yes |
| Allen Schlenvogt   | Yes |
| Scotty Vandal      | Yes |

Yes: 7; No: 0

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