Belcourt School District # 7 & 100-297 Grant School Minutes - July 14 & 16, 2026

100-297 High School Grant Regular Board Meeting (Tuesday, July 14, 2026) @ 12:45 p.m.

David Azure: Present
Elmer Davis: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Present
Craig Lunday: Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Present
OTHERS PRESENT: Levi Gourneau, Duane Poitra, Connie Baker, Travis LaRocque, Earl Demery, Danielle Sloan, Dallas Morin, Dennis DeCoteau and Scotty Vandal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: Teri LaFountain called the meeting to order at 12:56 p.m.

2. **Oath of Office** - Duane Poitra
3. **Selection of Board President - Duane Poitra**
MOTION to nominate Teri LaFountain as HS Grant Board President. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.
David Azure: Yes
Elmer Davis: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Craig Lunday: Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2
MOTION to Cease Nominations. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.
David Azure: Yes
Elmer Davis: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Craig Lunday: Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

4. **Selection of Vice President - Duane Poitra**
MOTION to appoint David Blake Azure as the 100-297 HS Grant Vice President. This motion, made by Dr. Wanda Parisien and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.
David Azure: Yes
Elmer Davis: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Craig Lunday: Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2
MOTION to cease nominations. This motion, made by Dr. Wanda Parisien and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.
David Azure: Yes
Elmer Davis: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Craig Lunday: Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
MOTION to adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.
David Azure: Yes
Elmer Davis: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Craig Lunday: Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

6. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**
MOTION to approve the consent agenda items 6.A to 6.G as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Wanda Parisien and seconded by David Azure, Carried.
David Azure: Yes
Elmer Davis: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Craig Lunday: Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2
6.A. Designation of TMHS 100-297 Grant Purchasing Agents 2026-2027 - Duane Poitra
6.B. Approval of SY2026-2027 TMHS 100-297 Grant IDEA B Application - Danielle Sloan
SY26-27 IDEA Part B Application 6_22_26
6.C. Approval of Minutes 06-15-26 @ 11:30
06-15-26 RB 297 Minutes 1130
6.D. Approval of the HS Grant Budget Revision in the amount of $802,655.00 - Earl Demery/Duane Poitra
HS Grant Budget Revision Summary
HS Grant Budget Revision 6.26.26
6.E. Business Manager Reports — Duane Poitra
FY26 HS Grant Budget for Board June 26
FY26 Monthly Board Report June 26
6.F. Approval of Accounts Payable - Earl Demery
Accounts Payable 100-297 Monthly Board Report - June 2026
6.G. TMHS Board Report - Brad LaRocque
July Board Report

7. **OLD BUSINESS**
7.A. None

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.A. **Appoint (1) Board Member to the HS SIT Committee - Duane Poitra**
MOTION to appoint Teri La-

Fountain to the HS SIT Committee. This motion, made by Dr. Wanda Parisien and seconded by David Azure, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Elmer Davis:	Absent
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Craig Lunday:	Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes

Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

8.B. **Designation of President and Business Manager as Authorized Signatures — Duane Poitra**

MOTION to approve Corporate Resolution Designating Teri LaFountain as President and Duane Poitra as Business Manager with the authority to act as BSD authorized signatories at the Dakota Bank of Rolla, ND. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Elmer Davis:	Absent
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Craig Lunday:	Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes

Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 p.m. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Elmer Davis:	Absent
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Craig Lunday:	Absent
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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100-297 High School Grant Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, July 16, 2026) @ 7:15 a.m.

David Azure:	Present
Elmer Davis:	Absent
Teri LaFountain:	Present
Craig Lunday:	Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Present

Others Present: Levi Gourneau, Duane Poitra, Connie Baker and Travis LaRocque

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: Teri LaFountain called the meeting to order at 7:11 a.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Elmer Davis:	Absent
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Craig Lunday:	Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes

Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

3. **OLD BUSINESS**: None

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.A. **Approval to Pay TMC for Dual Credit Tuition $58,642.61 — Cindy Keplin**

SY 25-26 Fall Dual Credit Invoice
SY 25-26 Spring Dual Credit Invoice

MOTION is to pay TMC in the amount of $58,642.61 utilizing ISEP Title IV Funds and ISEP 2024 C/O Funds as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Wanda Parisien and seconded by David Azure, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Elmer Davis:	Absent
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Craig Lunday:	Absent
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes

Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 a.m. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Elmer Davis:	Absent
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Craig Lunday:	Absent
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

Belcourt School District #7 Regular Board Meeting (Tuesday, July 14, 2026) @ Noon

David Azure:	Present
Dennis DeCoteau:	Present
Eric Dionne:	Present
Teri LaFountain:	Present
Dallas Morin:	Present
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Present
Scotty Vandal:	Present

OTHERS PRESENT: Levi Gourneau, Duane Poitra, Connie Baker, Earl Demery, Danielle Sloan, Travis LaRocque

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: Dr. Wanda Parisien called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. **OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Dave Azure and Scotty Vandal led the group in prayer/pledge.

3. **OATH of Office (Teri LaFountain, Dallas Morin and Dennis DeCoteau) — Duane Poitra**
Oath of Office School District Board Member:
1. Teri LaFountain
2. Dallas Morin
3. Dennis DeCoteau

I (NAME) do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of North Dakota; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of School Board Member of the Belcourt Public School District No.7 according to the best of my ability, so help me God.

4. **SELECTION of Board President — Duane Poitra**
15.1-09-27. Organization of school board - Election of president. At the annual meeting, school board members shall elect from among themselves a president to serve for one year.
MOTION to Nominate Dr. Wanda Laducer as the Board President. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by David Azure, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0
Teri LaFountain moved to cease the nominations. Seconded by Dave Azure.

5. **SELECTION of Vice President - Duane Poitra**
15.1-09-28. School board president — Duties. ..... A vice president may be elected by the board to serve in the absence of the president at any meeting. The floor was opened for nominations; when nomination were complete, someone would make a nomination to cease.
MOTION to appoint Dennis DeCoteau as the Vice President. This motion, made by Eric Dionne and seconded by Dallas Morin, Carried.

Vice President Nomination and Election
Dave Azure moved to nominate Teri LaFountain for the office of Vice President. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien.
Eric Dionne moved to nominate Dennis DeCoteau for the office of Vice President. The motion was seconded by Dallas Morin.
Dave Azure moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Eric Dionne. Motion carried unanimously. Yes: 7, No: 0
Duane Poitra announced that each board member would be called upon to cast their vote (for Dennis or Teri).
Roll Call Vote:
- Dennis DeCoteau – Dennis DeCoteau
- Dallas Morin – Dennis DeCoteau
- Dave Azure – Teri LaFountain
- Eric Dionne – Dennis DeCoteau
- Scotty Vandal – Dennis DeCoteau
- Dr. Wanda Parisien – Teri LaFountain
- Teri LaFountain – Teri LaFountain

Vote Tally:
- Dennis DeCoteau – 4 votes
- Teri LaFountain – 3 votes

Dennis DeCoteau was elected Vice President.

6. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**
Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.
A consent agenda is a bundle of items that is voted on, without discussion. It distinguishes between routine actions not requiring additional conversation and those matters of significant importance demanding each director's attention. A consent agenda requires administrators and directors to: Set the meeting agenda.
BCBA - Public Participation at Board Meeting Participation

7. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
MOTION to adopt the agenda with pulling item 8.X for discussion. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

8. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**
Unless removed from the consent

agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time. A consent agenda is a bundle of items that is voted on, without discussion. It distinguishes between routine actions not requiring additional conversation and those matters of significant importance demanding each director's attention. A consent agenda requires administrators and directors to: Set the meeting agenda.

MOTION to approve the consent agenda items 8. A to 8. AB (8.X will be moved for discussion). This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Eric Dionne, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

A. **Approval of the Indian Policies & Procedures Waiver from TMBCI for FY 2028 Impact Aid Application Year — Duane Poitra**

Impact Aid Indian Policies and Procedures Waiver Provision

An LEA is not required to comply with 222.94 (IPP requirements) with respect to students from a tribe because the tribe is satisfied with the programs and activities provided by the LEA. Tribal officials in such a situation may certify through a voluntary written statement that the LEA will not need to draft an IPP under section 222.91 (b).

222.91 (b)

An LEA is not required to comply with § 222.94 with respect to students from a tribe that has provided the LEA with a waiver that meets the requirements of this paragraph.

(1) A waiver must contain a voluntary written statement from an appropriate tribal official or tribal governing body that—

(i) The LEA need not comply with § 222.94 because the tribe is satisfied with the LEA's provision of educational services to the tribe's students; and

(ii) The tribe was provided a copy of the requirements in § 222.91 and § 222.94, and understands the requirements that are being waived.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa has a positive working relationship with the Belcourt School District. The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa is satisfied with the educational programs and services provided by the Belcourt School District. The Belcourt School District has provided the Turtle Mountain Tribe with a copy of 34 CFR 222.91-94 regulations pertaining to our rights under the Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) consultation process. We understand our rights and offer this letter as a Waiver of the Impact Aid Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) for the FY 2028 Impact Aid application year.

Attached is the statement from the TMBCI Education Liaisons that our tribe is satisfied with the programs and activities by the Belcourt School District #7 and will not need to draft an IPP under this provision.

Indian Policies & Procedures Waiver 2028

B. **Approval to Apply for Impact Aid & Join Impact Aid Associations — Duane Poitra**

The recommendation is to apply for Impact Aid and renew our memberships with the ND Impact Aid Association and the National Impact Aid Association.

C. **Approval of the Monthly Regular Board Meetings for 2026 to 2027 — Duane Poitra**

Regular Board Meetings scheduled for **<u>August 2026 through July 2027</u>** (2nd Tuesday of the Month)

August 11, 2026, at Noon
September 08, 2026, at Noon
October 13, 2026, at Noon
November 10, 2026 at Noon
December 08, 2026, at Noon
January 12, 2027, at Noon
February 09, 2027, at Noon
March 09, 2027, at Noon
April 13, 2027, at Noon
May 11, 2027, at Noon
June 08, 2027, at Noon
July 13, 2027, at Noon

D. **Approval of Insurance Premiums 2026-2027 — Duane Poitra**

In the packet is the Insurance Premiums Summary for the policies coming due for 2026-2027 SY:

• Auto Policy for Buses & Cars through ND Insurance Reserve Fund from 11-13-26 to <u>11-13-27</u> estimated at **$118,595**

• General Liability & School Board Errors & Omissions, Limits of $4,000,000 effective <u>11-13-26 through 11-13-2027</u>. Written with the ND Insurance Reserve Fund, based on last year's enrollment, employees, budget and activities, an estimated annual premium of **$17,334**

• Inland Marine, Computers & School Sign, written with ND Insurance Reserve Fund Special Perils with $250.00 Deductible on Computers & $1000.00 Deductible on Sign. Effective 05-03-26 to 05-03-27 estimated annual premium @ **$30,338**

• Administration Building, Event Center Building & Contents of New School Insured by EMC Insurance Company, effective 07-02-26 to 07-02-27. Annual Premium **$46,544**

• Accident Policy for Administration & Coaches, written with Health Special Risk, effective 07-01-26 to 07-01-27. Estimated Annual Premium@ **$1,500.00**

• Buildings & Contents insured by State Fire & Tornado/NDIRF, effective 07/1/2026 to 07/1/2027 as to the schedule, estimated annual premium @ **$3,138**

• Cyber Liability for Security & Privacy Exposure from Third Parties written by Arlington/Roe, effective 3/13/2026 to 3/13/2027 an estimated annual premium @ **$19,759.75**

The recommendation is to approve Insurance Premiums utilizing General Fund monies as presented.

2026 27 Ins Premiums

E. **Designation of Official Newspaper — Duane Poitra**

Currently, the Turtle Mountain Times is the Official Newspaper for the School.

Therefore, the recommendation is to approve Turtle Mountain Times as the Official Newspaper as presented.

F. **Certification of Transportation Report to ND DPI 2025-26 - Duane Poitra**

The recommendation is to certify the attached 2025-26 Transportation Report to the ND Department of Public Instruction. This report consists of 43 Routes that have provided: Total Annual Runs: 17,844; Total Rides: 520,880 and Total Miles: 701,739 provided for BSD#7 students.

2025 26 Transportation Report

G. **Approval of SY 2026-2027 TMHS IDEA B Application — Danielle Sloan**

In the attachment are the School Year 2026-2027 TMHS 100-297 Grant IDEA B Application for review and approval.

Estimated amount of 15% ISEP for SY 2024-2025 = $915,150.00

Estimated amount of Part B Carry Over for SY 2023-2024 = $750,000.00

Estimated amount of Part B Allocation for SY 2023-2024 = $1,500,000.00

Total TMCHS IDEA B Estimated Funding for SY 2023-2024 = $3,165,150.00

SY26-27 IDEA Part B Application 6-22-26

H. **Designate Official Depository - Duane Poitra**

The recommendation is to again designate DaCotah Bank of Rolla and Turtle Mountain State Bank of Belcourt as the official depositories.

I. **Approval of Designated Purchasing Agents 2026-2027 - Duane Poitra**

	District	100-297 HS Grant
1. Dr. Shane Martin, Supt/AD Director	Yes	Yes
2. Levi Gourneau, Assist. Supt/HR Director	Yes	Yes
3. Brad LaRocque, HS Principal	Yes	Yes
4. Kellie Hall, CTE Director	Yes	No
5.Gaillord Peltier, MS Principal	Yes	No
6. Shanna Davis-McCloud	Yes	No
7. Earl Demery, Financial Systems Director	Yes	Yes
8. Travis LaRocque, IT Director	Yes	No
9. Dana LaFountain, Food Service Coordinator	Yes	Yes
10. Ray Trottier, Jr. TMCS Bus Garage Supervisor	Yes	No
11. Debbe Poitra, Federal Programs Officer	Yes	No
12. Danielle Sloan, PSN/Special Ed. Director	Yes	Yes
13. Duane Poitra, Business Manager	Yes	Yes
14. Angelique Bennett, OIS Principal	Yes	No
15. Michele Delorme, Alternative School Director	Yes	No

J. **Designate Authorized Representative for Title I (Levi Gourneau) - Duane Poitra**

The recommendation is to authorize Levi Gourneau, Assistant Superintendent, as the Authorized Representative for Title I.

K. **Designate Authorized Representative for Title II A& D (Levi Gourneau) - Duane Poitra**

The recommendation is to designate Levi Gourneau as the Title II A & D authorized representative as presented.

L. **Designate Authorized Representative for Title IV (Levi Gourneau) — Duane Poitra**
The recommendation is to designate Levi Gourneau as the Title IV Authorized Representative as presented.

M. **Designate Authorized Representative for Title VI (Levi Gourneau) — Duane Poitra**
The recommendation is to designate Levi Gourneau as the Title VI authorized representative as presented.

N. **Designate Authorized Representative for ND Rural Low Income Grant (Levi Gourneau) - Duane Poitra**
The recommendation is to designate Levi Gourneau as the ND Rural Income Grant Authorized Representative as presented.

O. **Designate Authorized Representative for USDA Summer Lunch Program, Food Service, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Programs (Earl Demery) - Duane Poitra**
The recommendation is to designate the authorized representative for the USDA Summer Lunch/Food Service/Fruit & Vegetables Programs as Earl Demery as presented.

P. **Designate Authorized Representative for Title VII 874 Impact Aid & E-Rate (Duane Poitra) - Earl Demery**
The recommendation is to designate Duane Poitra as the Title VII 874 Impact Aid & E-Rate as presented.

Q. **Approval of a Plexi-pave Coated Surface to the EL Outdoor Basketball Court $28,587 - Duane Poitra**
The EL Outdoor Basketball Court located in the playground needs a protective acrylic-based coating & have basketball game lines affixed to the surfaced areas. The concrete basketball court surface will be prepared and conditioned to promote adhesion of the colored surface coating.

A quote was received from JB Surfaces in the amount of $28,587. The recommendation is to accept the quote received from JB Surfaces to prepare the existing surface, install the acrylic-based surface and install all game lines on the EL Playground Basketball Court in the amount of $28,587 using General Fund monies.
EL BB Court Surfacing quote JB Surfaces

R. **Approval of Minutes 06-15-26 @ 12:00**
06-15-26 RB BSD Minutes 1200

S. **Approval of Minutes 06-17-26**

@ 11:30
06-17-26 SB BSD Minutes 1130

T. **Superintendent/Athletic Director Report - Dr. Shane Martin**
What's Happening Around Campus 6.22.26
NDHSAA Executive Director Update 06.23.26

U. **TMCS Assistant Superintendent/HR Director Report — Levi Gourneau**

Positions Hired:
All employment offers are contingent upon the candidate's formal acceptance of the position, successful completion of the required background check, and board approval when applicable. ***All teacher hires require board approval.**

• TMCS, TMES, TMMS, TMHS, TTPP, PSN, OIS, and the Transportation Dept.
o No new hires

Positions Advertised/Unfilled/Pending
• Turtle Mountain Elementary School: all positions opened on 6/29/26; all positions closed on 7/9/26
o Paraprofessional — 24 applicants
o SPED Paraprofessional - 12 applicants
o Culture Teacher — 1 qualified applicant
• Turtle Mountain Middle School
o Math/ELA Teacher
⊡ Advertised for 4 10-day cycles
• Only 1 applicant
• Met with TMMS to discuss options
• Turtle Mountain High School
o In-House Advertisement for Guidance Coordinator
⊡ Posted 6/25/26
⊡ Closed 7/5/26

Resignations/Retirements:
Acceptance of Teacher Resignations:
Administration recommends that the Board accept the following teacher resignations:

Robert Poitra – MS Teacher, effective July 1, 2026
Danielle Poitra – MS Librarian, effective July 7, 2026
Classified Staff:
Joseph Fleetwood – HS Food Service Worker, effective July 1, 2026

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.

Jackie Poitra will absorb the duties of the Family Engagement/Communication Director. Mrs. Poitra is currently the Assistant Superintendent/Administrative Secretary. She will perform both roles.
We will have new reassignments that will take place later in July for the TM Alternative School. Those will be posted in my August board report.

Discussion/Information:
We continue to address budget cuts through attrition. When a staff member resigns or retires, we evaluate whether the position remains necessary by consulting the building principal, department administrator, HR, and the business office. District-wide positions are addressed by the Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent.

Each building principal manages their budget with quarterly guidance from the CFO. When a position is vacated, the principal may recommend absorbing those duties among existing staff. This can lead to a desk audit for the employee assuming the added responsibilities, but combining duties through attrition saves the district significant funds.

For example, the Family Engagement/Communications Director position was funded 75% through Title IV and 25% through General Funds. Mrs. Anna Ross previously held this role and resigned earlier this year. In conjunction, Title IV funding was reduced from approximately $400,000 to $200,000. Absorbing the full salary into the General Fund was not sustainable, so we

reached out to employees with prior Family Engagement experience. Mrs. Poitra agreed to take on the role after reviewing the responsibilities and expectations.

Absorbing these duties through attrition will save BSD #7 approximately $102,000 in salary and fringe.

UPDATED: 7/14/26
BP - TMMS resignation letter
DP - Resignation
JF - Resignation
TMCS Assistant Superintendent-HR Director - July Board Report 2026

V. **TMMS Principal Report - Gaillord Peltier**
The ELA data that I am sharing with you all, shows that our 6th grade students increased level 1 Novice from 17 students in 2025 to 29 students in 2026, Level 2 approaching proficiency went from 37 students in 2025 to 31 students in 2026, Level 3, proficiency increased from 16 students in 2025 to 18 students in 2026, Level 4 advanced stayed the same with 0 students. The 7th grade Level 1 novice went down from 18 students in 2025 to 14 students in 2026. That is what you want to see. Level 2 approaching proficiency went from 53 students in 2025 down to 51 students in 2026. Level 3 proficiency went up from 20 students in 2025 to 23 students in 2026. Level 4 advanced went from 0 students in 2025 to 5 students in 2026. The 8th grade Level 1 novice increased from 9 students in 2025 to 10 students in 2026. Level 2 approaching proficiency went down from 33 students in 2025 to 30 students in 2026. Level 3 proficiency increased from 28 students in 2025 to 35 students in 2026. Level 4 advanced decreased from 4 students in 2025 to 1 student in 2026. Our overall ELA proficiency scores stayed the same from 2025 to 2026, which was 33%.
The middle school's math data is as follows: 6th grade 2026 has 40 students in Level 1 novice area, 24 students in level 2 approaching proficiency, 20 students in Level 3 proficiency, and 9 students in advanced. 7th grade we had 30 students in Level 1 novice, 36 students in Level 2 approaching proficiency, 30 students in Level 3 proficiency, and 9 students in Level 4 advanced. The 8th grade had 38 students in level 1 novice, 24 students in

Level 2 approaching proficiency, 16 students in Level 3 proficiency and 12 students in Level 4 advanced. Our proficiency increased from 23% in 2025 to 33% in 2026, a great accomplishment for our students and teachers.

W. **Approval of High School Grant Budget Revision in the amount of $802,655.00 — Earl Demery/ Duane Poitra**

This budget revision reflects the final allocations received for the High School Grant for the current fiscal year. Attached are the budget detail sheets identifying the line items that require increases or decreases to align with the approved funding allocations.

The total net budget revision is $802,655.00. These adjustments will ensure that the High School Grant budget accurately reflects the final funding received and that expenditures are budgeted appropriately in accordance with the grant requirements.

HS Grant Budget Revision Summary

HS Grant Budget Revision 6.26.26

X. **Approval of Rental/Use of a District School Bus with Driver to Mikinok Enterprises — Duane Poitra**

Recommended Motion(s): MOTION to accept the requested use of a school bus and one driver for Mikinok Enterprises on August 5 and 6, 2026, with the recommendation for approval contingent upon the condition that the school bus shall not be used for transportation to or from any bar or establishment primarily serving alcohol. Mikinok Enterprises requested assistance with transportation during a visit by its board of directors for a visit to Mikinok Enterprises headquarters in Belcourt for a team building picnic and evening event on August 5th and 6th, 2026 (including transporting passengers to and from a local bar).

Because this use of the school falls outside the normal scope of school bus usage as viewed by the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund, the district's insurance agent advised that it should be the School Board that should formally sanction this use in order to maintain insurance coverage while the bus is being used for this purpose.

Mikinok Enterprises is 100% owned by the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota and headquartered on the Tribe's reservation in Belcourt, ND. The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa is a partner to the Belcourt School District #7 in delivering education to local students in grades PK-12. Attached is an itinerary for use for both days of the Mikinok Enterprises picnic.

Picnic Schedule 2026 - Bus Schedule

MOTION is to **DENY/REFUSE** this request at this time due to the scheduled stops allowing alcohol. This motion, made by Dennis DeCoteau and seconded by David Azure, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

Dennis DeCoteau asked this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. His concern is the alcohol involved with the tour scheduled. The schedule for the tour involved bar stops and a casino stop with a picnic where alcohol is allowed. Dennis motion is to deny this request. Other board members had the same concerns as Mr. DeCoteau. Eric Dionne noted he also had the same concerns expressed and is not comfortable with this event that includes alcohol.

Y. **Bid Award for the Football Field Parking Lot Project — Duane Poitra**

The Football Field Parking Lot Project consists of the demolition of existing asphalt and curb materials, updating of storm sewer to design specifications, site aggregate installation to grade, asphalt paving and seeding & mulching. The project was placed out for bid for the required 21 days with the bid opening taking place on July 7th.

The bid opening went as follows:

Recommended Motion(s): MOTION to reject the only bids received as submitted by Flickertail Paving and Supply, LLC for the Football Field Parking Lot Project, consisting of Contract 1 in the amount of $1,051,985.00 and Contract 2 in the amount of $499,920.00, based on the bid amounts exceeding the available budget; project will be re-bid in an alternate manner to stay within budget based on Houston Engineering Inc. direction.

Z. Approval to Dispose of FY2016-17 and FY2017-18 Accounts Payable Records — Earl Demery

I have attached the document showing which records need to be disposed of. I am requesting Board approval to dispose of records that have exceeded the required retention period in accordance with the applicable records retention schedule. These records are no longer required to be maintained and may be lawfully destroyed. Disposing of these records will improve organization and create additional storage space within the District's records storage area.

Disposal of old documents

AA. **Business Manager Reports - Duane Poitra**

FY26 HS Grant Budget for Board June 26

FY26 Monthly Board Report June 26

BB. **TMHS Principal Report - Brad LaRocque**

July Board Report

9. **ND BE LEGENDARY**

A. **Approval of Board Self-Guardrails — Laurie Elliott**

In the packet are the results from the last meeting where the board voted on the following guardrails:

1. The Board shall not perform or appear to perform any of the responsibilities delegated to the superintendent. **Received 6 votes**
2. The Board shall not violate any board-adopted policy or board operating procedure. **Received 8 votes**
3. During regularly scheduled board meetings per quarter, the Board will not spend less than 50% of its time focused on student outcomes. **Received 4 votes.**

4. The Board shall not go more than 4 months without completing a board self-inventory using the Students First Board Self-Inventory template. **Received 2 votes.**
5. The Board shall not direct staff on day-to-day operations. **Received 8 votes.**
6. If no extenuating circumstances exist, the board will not deviate from the agenda once it is posted 48 to 72 hours in advance. **Received 6 votes.**

The recommendation is to adopt: 1, 2, 5 and 6. If the board wants 5 board self-guardrails, then number 3 should be considered. The Board may adopt up to 5 goals.

The goals were chosen and voted on by the Board. Therefore, these 4 goals were the top choice. Also, the goals were reviewed by the Superintendent and Assistant where they concurred with the top 4.

Belcourt Be Legendary July Agenda Item

Belcourt Be Legendary July Agenda Item - Laurie Elliott

MOTION is to adopt #1, #2, #5 and #6 as the Board's Self-Guardrails as presented. This motion, made by Eric Dionne and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Designation of Board President and Business Manager as Authorized Signatures - Duane Poitra**

Approval is needed for the corporate resolution designating (NAME) President and Duane Poitra as Business Manager with the authority to act as BSD#7 authorized signatories at the DaCotah Bank of Rolla, ND and Turtle Mountain State Bank, Belcourt, ND.

MOTION to approve the corporate resolution designating Dr. Wanda Parisien, President and Duane Poitra as Business Manager with the authority to act as BSD#7 authorized signatories at the DaCotah Bank of Rolla, ND and Turtle Mountain State Bank, Belcourt, ND. This motion, made by Eric Dionne and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes

Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

B. Appoint (1) School Board Member to the 100-297 HS Grant Board — Duane Poitra

The Board needs to appoint one (1) School Board Member to the 100-297 HS Grant Board.

MOTION to appoint Dave Azure School Board Member to the 100-297 HS Grant Board. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Eric Dionne, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

C. Appoint (1) School Board Member to the TMHS SIT (School Improvement Team) Committee — Duane Poitra

The board shall appoint one (1) School Board member to the **School Improvement Team.**

MOTION to appoint Wanda Parisien to the School Improvement Team. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

D. Appoint (3) School Board Members to the Transportation Committee — Duane Poitra

The recommendation from the Superintendent is to appoint the following Board Members to the transportation committee:

- Scotty Vandal

- Eric Dionne
- Dallas Morin
- Dr. Shane Martin
- Levi Gourneau
- Duane Poitra
- Ray Trottier, Jr.
- Kevin Davis

MOTION to appoint (3) school board members (Scotty Vandal, Eric Dionne and Dallas Morin) to the Transportation Committee as presented. This motion, made by Dennis DeCoteau and seconded by David Azure, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

E. Appoint (3) School Board Members to the Budget Committee — Duane Poitra

Appoint (3) School Board Members for the Budget Committee as follows:

1. Dennis DeCoteau
2. Dave Azure
3. Eric Dionne

MOTION to appoint 3 board members (Dennis DeCoteau, Dave Azure and Eric Dionne) to the Budget Committee as presented. This motion, made by Scotty Vandal and seconded by Dennis DeCoteau, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

F. Appoint (3) School Board Members Construction/Facilities Committee — Duane Poitra

Appoint 3 school board members for the Construction/Facilities Committee as follows:

1. Teri LaFountain
2. Dave Azure
3. Dallas Morin

MOTION to appoint 3 board members (Teri LaFountain, Dave Azure and Dallas Morin) for the Construction/Facilities Committee as presented. This motion, made by Scotty Vandal and seconded by Eric Dionne, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

G. Appoint BSD#7 Policy Committee (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Dennis DeCoteau) - Levi Gourneau

The Policy Committee in the past (during the entire policy review) comprised of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent/HR and Board Member Dennis DeCoteau. The recommendation is to keep the committee with the top three above. If allowed, we would need to appoint the Board President. The policies, if revised, changed or added to, do come to the entire board for approval.

MOTION to appoint Dr. Shane Martin, Levi Gourneau and Dennis DeCoteau to the BSD Policy Committee. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

H. **Appoint (2) Board Members Turtle Mountain Area Career Technology Center Committee (TMACTC) — Duane Poitra**

The recommendation is for (2) Board Members to be appointed to the TMACTC Committee as follows:

1. Teri LaFountain
2. Dr. Wanda Parisien

MOTION is to appoint (2) Board Members (Teri LaFountain and Dr. Wanda Parisien) as presented. This motion, made by Eric Dionne and seconded by Dallas Morin, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

Discussion followed. Duane asked if there is a conflict of interest with Dr. Parisien, if employed by the TMC. After discussion it was deemed Dr. Parisien does not have a conflict, if in the future a possible conflict she will reconsider.

I. **Approval of Accounts Payable — Earl Demery**

The accounts payable for June 2026 are in the packet for review and approval. Vouchers totaled \$1941,803.32, HS Grant totaled \$213,114.33, and Payroll totaled \$3,880,561.92 for a total of \$5,035,479.57.

Check # 247752 - 248147 Checking Account #1

Check # 16135 - 16330 Checking Account #2 - Turtle Mountain State Bank

Check # N/A Checking Account #3

The recommendation is to approve June 2026 Accounts Payable for \$5,035,479.57 as presented.

Accounts Payable Monthly Board Report - June 2026

Apr 12 - May 4 Invoice

Apr 12 - May 4 Spreadsheet

May 5 - May 20 Invoice

May 5 - May 20 Spreadsheet

TM Sports Officials Invoice June 2026 2

TM Sports Officials Invoice June 2026 1

MOTION to approve the June 2026 accounts payable for \$5,035,479.57 as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Eric Dionne, Carried.

David Azure:	Abstain (With Conflict)
Dennis DeCoteau:	No
Eric Dionne:	Abstain (With Conflict)
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 4, No: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 2

***Dave Azure declared a conflict of interest and chose not to participate.**

Questions on Expenditures

Board members requested clarification regarding the following expenditures:

Classified Cleaning; Michael Lee Contracting and SaNoah LaRocque. Earl explained the purchases were made in compliance with policy and were allowable. Dennis asked if the purchases (of services) to each of these vendors exceeded \$25,000, and if so, why were they no put out on bids. Earl Explained. Dennis asked Earl if the Classified Cleaning purchases exceeded \$25,000 in aggregate? Duane stated "yes", the purchases exceed \$25,000 and explained the policy specifies \$25,000 per purchase requires school board approval, not year-long aggregate if services are purchased as needed; also stated that purchasing agents are responsible for managing their assigned budgets and ensuring all purchases comply with Board policy (including selection of vendor). Dennis questioned whether any of the vendors had exceeded the purchasing threshold that would require competitive bidding. Duane reviewed the applicable procurement policy, including the dollar thresholds for contractors, and confirmed that each purchase was made in accordance with Board policy. He also stated that the funding sources used for these expenditures had all been determined to be allowable. Dennis asked what service the Michael Lee Contracting provided? Duane further explained that Michael Lee Contracting provides gravel hauling services for the ongoing campus construction projects (there is no year-long contract, purchases made as needed). He noted that the company is locally owned and operated by Michael Lee (Jerry Martin). Dennis also asked whether payments to TM Sports Officials exceeded the $25,000 threshold. Duane responded that this arrangement had previously been reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, reviewed by auditors and authorized by the School Board. Dennis stated that he remains uncomfortable with the expenditures and believes they are excessive. He expressed that the Board's primary focus should be on student growth and academic achievement; however, these expenditures have raised concerns that he believes warrant further review.

Dr. Wanda commented that the District is located in a small community where many individuals are related to one another. She stated that family relationships alone should not disqualify qualified local individuals or businesses from being considered for work with the District. Dennis reiterated that he supports local businesses but recommended that the Board review Section H of the Board Policies related to Fiscal Management and Responsibilities to ensure the current policies remain appropriate. Dallas M. stated that he also supports utilizing local businesses whenever possible. Dennis asked what the amount spent on vendors within the last year. Duane will get the information requested to Dennis as requested.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**
MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 p.m. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Dallas Morin, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

Dr. Wanda Parisien
Board President
Belcourt School District #7

Duane Poitra
Business Manager
Belcourt School District #7

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Belcourt School District #7
Special Board Meeting
(Thursday, July 16, 2026)
@ 7:00 a.m.

David Azure:	Present
Dennis DeCoteau:	Present
Eric Dionne:	Present
Teri LaFountain:	Present
Dallas Morin:	Present
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Present
Scotty Vandal:	Present

Others Present: Levi Gourneau, Duane Poitra, Connie Baker, Travis LaRocque and Cindy Keplin

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: Dr. Wanda Parisien called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m.

2. **OPENING PRAYER**: Dave Azure and Scotty Vandal led the group in prayer.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
MOTION to adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

4. **OLD BUSINESS**: None

5. **NEW BUSINESS**
A. **Permission to Hire TMES Culture Teacher (Sonya Davis) — Levi Gourneau**
In the packet is the rating sheet for the ES Culture Teacher position. The recommendation is to hire Sonya Davis as the Culture Teacher as presented. TMES Culture Teacher - Rating Sheet - Special Board Meeting 7-16-26
MOTION to hire Mrs. Sonya Davis as the Turtle Mountain Community Elementary School Culture Teacher, utilizing Title VI funds, as presented. This motion, made by Dallas Morin and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes

Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

B. **Approval to Pay TMC for Dual Credit Tuition $58,642.61 — Cindy Keplin**

The recommendation is to approve the tuition payment to TMC of $58,642.61 for SY 25-26. Utilizing ISEP Title IV Funds and ISEP 2025 C/O Funds.

SY 25-26 Fall Dual Credit Invoice

SY 25-26 Spring Dual Credit Invoice

MOTION is to approve to payment to TMC for Dual Credit Tuition $58,642.61 Utilizing ISEP Title IV Funds and ISEP 2025 C/O Funds. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Eric Dionne, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:09. This motion, made by Dennis DeCoteau and seconded by Eric Dionne, Carried.

David Azure:	Yes
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

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