Belcourt School District #7
(Monday, October 19, 2026)

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Levi Gourneau, Connie Baker, Travis LaRoque, Kevin Brien, Duane Poitra, Earl Demery, Cindy Keplin, Brad LaRocque, Kevin Davis, Jaylee Malaterre

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Wanda Parisien called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

2. **OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Dennis DeCoteau led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
MOTION to adopt the agenda as presented. 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:	Absent

Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

4. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**: No comments!

5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**
MOTION to approve the consent agenda items 5.A to 5.I as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain 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:	Absent

Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

A. Superintendent/Athletic Director — Dr. Shane Martin
B. Approval of FY27 School Budgets - Duane Poitra/Earl Demery
Attached is the FY27 Budget Summary for this school year. This budget has been reviewed by the Budget Committee.
C. Business Manager Reports — Duane Poitra
FY26 HS Grant Budget for Board Sept 26
FY27 Monthly Board Report September 26
D. Ojibwa Indian School Principal Board Report - Angelique Bennett
E. TMHS Board Report - Brad LaRocque
F. Approval of Electro Watchman Quote for HS Camera Additions $46,538.85 — Brad LaRocque
The recommended action is to approve the quote from Electro Watchman in the amount of $46,538.85 to install additional cameras in TMHS areas that currently lack coverage, relocate existing cameras to improve visibility, and extend camera coverage to new building areas. These improvements will strengthen campus safety and support more effective monitoring. Utilizing ISEP Carry-Over Equipment Funds.
G. Approval of Minutes 09-15-26 - Duane Poitra
H. Approval of Minutes 09-11-26 & 09-12-26 – Duane Poitra
I. Approval of Tuition Agreements - Duane Poitra
The recommendation is to approve the 5 tuition agreements: 2-DBR Minot Public School, 1-Anne Carlsen Center and 2-PSJ Learnwell Education, as presented.
October Tuition

6. **STUDENTSFIRST**
A. Board's Platform Information - Marty Bratrud: The board was informed that they are on track in all areas needing their attention. No questions were posed for Marty at this time.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**
A. Live Streaming of Meetings Discussion — Travis LaRocque
A survey will be conducted with the public/staff/students regarding live streaming of meetings. Travis will let the board know the results of the survey.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
A. Approval of HS Class of 2027 Graduation Date, Time and Location — Jaylee Malaterre/HS Representatives
A request to hold HS Graduation for the Class of 2027 on May 30th, 2027 at 1 p.m. at the HS FB Field. The recommendation is to approve the request to hold graduation on the date, time and location.
The Board asked that a survey be done by the students and parents to determine the date, time and location. Jaylee will bring this item back after the survey is conducted. No motion was made.

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

• TMCS, TTPP, PSN, OIS, and the Transportation Dept.
No new Hires!

• TMES
No new Hires!

• TMMS
8th Grade ELA Teacher – Ms. Mariah Marcellais
6th Grade Math Teacher – Ms. Jennifer Carlson

• TMHS
No new Hires!

Positions Advertised/Unfilled/Pending

• Turtle Mountain Middle School
o **Cyber Security Teacher Advertised**
⊡ Advertised for 2 10-day cycles
⊡ No qualified applicants
⊡ Considering alternative options

• Turtle Mountain High School
o **Math Teacher Advertised**
⊡ No qualified applicants
⊡ Meeting w/administration to discuss alternative options

Resignations/Retirements:
Torrie DeCoteau – TMHS SPED Teacher
Classified Staff Resignations (informational only): No Resignations

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 Reassignments**

MOTION to accept the resignation of Torrie DeCoteau as presented. 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:	Absent

Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

1. Permission to Hire 8th Grade ELA Teacher (Mariah Marcellais) - Levi Gourneau

MOTION to hire Mariah Marcellais as the MS 8th Grade ELA Teacher utilizing MS General Fund monies as presented. This motion, made by Dennis DeCoteau 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:	Absent

Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

2. Permission to Hire MS 6th Grade Math Teacher (Jennifer Carlson) - Levi Gourneau

MOTION to hire Ms. Jennifer Carlson as the Turtle Mountain Middle School 6th Grade Math Teacher utilizing the MS General funding, pending a successful background check. 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:	Absent

Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

C. Approval of Amendment for HCAA Purchasing Policy — Levi Gourneau

HCAA - Amended – Clean HCAA **- Amended - Redline**

MOTION to approve the amendment to Policy HCAA, Purchasing, as presented. Building-level administrators may approve purchases up to and including $10,000; the Superintendent may approve purchases over $10,000 up to and including $50,000; and purchases over $50,000 require Board approval. This motion, made by Dallas Morin 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:	Absent

Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

D. HCAA-AR Informal Bids or Proposals Process — Levi Gourneau

HCAA-AR, Informal Bids or Proposals Process

Policy HCAA refers to this regulation, but the District has never adopted it. HCAA-AR sets the bid and proposal process for purchases of $50,000 or less, including how bids are scored and when they can be rejected. When bids

are tied, it gives preference to vendors located within the District. Adoption should follow approval of the HCAA amendment.

HCAA-AR - Informal Bids or Proposals Process

MOTION to adopt Administrative Regulation HCAA-AR, Informal Bids or Proposals Process, as presented. 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:	Absent

Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

E. Approval of Accounts Payable - Earl Demery

The accounts payable for September 2026 are in the packet for review and approval. Vouchers totaled $2,230,823.56, HS Grant totaled $60,347.38, and Payroll totaled $2,542,151.23 for a total of $4,833,322.17.

Check # 248691 - 249077 Checking Account #1

Check # 16371 - 16400 Checking Account #2 - Turtle Mountain State Bank

Check # N/A Checking Account #3

The recommendation is to approve September 2026 Accounts Payable for $4,833,322.17 as presented.

MOTION to approve the September 2026 accounts payable for $4,833,322.17 as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Dallas Morin, Carried.

David Azure:	Abstain (With Conflict)
Dennis DeCoteau:	Yes
Eric Dionne:	Abstain (With Conflict)
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Dallas Morin:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Absent

Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 2

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 p.m. 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:	Absent

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Dr. Wanda Parisien
Board President
Belcourt School District #7

Duane Poitra
Business Manager
Belcourt School District #7