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**OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #41 REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 20, 2026 CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM 7 AM**

Adjournment  
There being no further business for the good of the order, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 AM.

Monica Heimbuch, President  
Shannon Jepsen, Business Manager

Bills Paid:  
A & B BUSINESS INC, 5,394.34  
AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE, 136.00  
AMAZON, 1,731.96  
ASHLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL, 175.00  
BERGAN, THOMAS, 507.00  
BISMARCK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, 924.00  
BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS INC, 1,084.84  
BSN SPORTS LLC, 115.00  
BUTCHER SHOP INC., THE, 45.00  
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD, 152.96  
CHOMPSHOP, 251.10  
CLIFF KEEN, 515.00  
COCA COLA BOTTLING HIGH COUNTRY, 1,194.00  
COLE PAPERS INC, 1,983.75  
COMPUTER EXPRESS, 74.99  
CRAM JAM, 39.00  
DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, 3,397.00  
DAKOTA IMPROVEMENT INC, 1,505.00  
DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS, 150.00  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTR., 556.77  
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS, 1,067.60  
DK HARDWARE SUPPLY LLC, 1,624.60  
DOWNIES PIANO TUNING & REPAIR, 185.00  
ECONOMY PROPANE, 270.00  
EDGEMONT PRECISION REBUILDERS INC, 152.86  
EDPUZZLE PRO TEACHER, 12.50  
ELDRIDGE PUBLISHING CO, 162.45  
ELLIOTT & MCMAHON LLC, 1,000.00  
EVERSPRING INN AND SUITES, 319.90  
FAULKTON AREA SCHOOLS, 150.00  
FAULKTON INN, 623.00  
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS, LLC, 617.42  
GIMKIT PRO, 59.88  
GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, 250.00  
GUBRUD, MARK, 286.00  
ITHREEG MEDIA, 100.00  
JAMESTOWN TOURNAMENTS, 200.00  
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS INC, 90.77  
JDG HOLDINGS, LLC, 2,718.77  
JENSEN, DJ, 40.00  
K&M ESTATES LLC dba?, 1,105.00  
THE GRAND THEATRE, KELLY, VICKIE, 68.60  
KEMPS LLC, 1,762.59  
KRIEGER, MARCHEL, 558.84  
LACROSSE MAIL & PRINT SOLUTIONS INC, 1,709.14  
LINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL, 250.00  
LIBSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 400.00  
LUKES, LANCE, 672.80  
MARSHALL, ROBERT, 166.90  
MILLERS FRESH FOODS, 179.33  
MUSLAND, ERIC, 325.36  
MY 4 SONS, 33.79  
MY NERDY TEACHER, 39.98  
NEER, SARAH, 125.66  
NIELSON, MATTHEW, 265.80  
NORTH DAKOTA ALL STATE, 232.02  
NORTH DAKOTA COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS, 1,200.00  
NORTH SARGENT PUBLIC SCHOOL, 100.00  
NUDELL, RON, 169.00  
OAKES CITY OF, 1,211.00  
OAKES TIMES-NORDMARK PUBLISHING, 339.58  
OAKES TRUCK AND TRAILER CENTER, 1,534.09  
OLD DUTCH FOODS INC, 46.80  
OLE AND LENAS PIZZERIA, 8,924.36  
OTC BRANDS, 45.00  
OTTER TAIL POWER, 8,347.01  
PARAGON VISUAL INC, 111.85  
PARTS SUPPLY, 171.81  
PERMA-BOUND, 186.21  
PIEHL, LANDON, 165.80  
PLUNKETTS PEST CONTROL INC, 239.43  
POPPLERS MUSIC STORE, 49.98  
PRASKAS HARDWARE INC, 27.47  
SHEYENNE VALLEY SPECIAL EDUC UNIT, 31,182.12  
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED INC, 1,971.00  
SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER TECH CTR., 75,815.00  
SUPER TEACHER WORKSHEETS, 24.95  
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA INC, 10,333.04  
TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS, 48.00  
TRACK WRESTLING, 26.00  
TRAINING ROOM INC, 854.33  
UNITED STATES FOODS, 6,417.31  
VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY, 50.00  
VESTIS, 396.87  
WEST SIDE AUTO BODY, 104.00  
WEXHEALTH, 89.25  
WORDWALL, 97.20  
YANISH, BRIAN, 431.60  
ZACKS REPAIR INC, 186.82

(Submitted to the Oakes Times 02/26/2026)

Call to Order  
President Monica Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7 AM. Those present were President Monica Heimbuch, Vice President Sheila Nagel, Board Members Brian Seyer, Ryan Rosendahl and Patti Kelly (via Zoom), Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepsen, Principals Greg Dobitz and Jordan Lynch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Confirmation and Approval of Agenda. Brian Seyer moved to approve the agenda. Ryan Rosendahl second. Motion passed 5-0.

Welcoming of Visitors, Public Comment, and Communications.  
Teacher Ryan Schneider was present.  
Student Outcomes-Goals  
Goal Progress Monitoring Report-Goal #1-ELA. This includes:  
GPM 1.1-Percentage of K-2 Learners at 65th Percentile on STAR Reading  
GPM 1.2-Percentage of 3-6 Learners at 65th Percentile  
GPM 1.3 Percentage of 7-10 Learners at 65th Percentile on STAR Reading

Superintendent Sell reported that GPM 1.1 and 1.2 are on track to meet these goals as there has been consistent growth. GPM 1.3 test scores dropped and are not currently on track to meet their goals. Superintendent Sell and Principal Lynch continue to meet and gather ideas on how to meet these goals. Sheila Nagel moved to accept Goal Progress Monitoring –Goal #1 ELA. Brian Seyer second. Motion passed 5-0.

Quarterly Board Self Evaluation Objective  
Last Quarter/This Quarter/Next Quarter  
Objective 1  
12/12/12  
Objective 2  
12/12/12  
Objective 3  
13/13/13  
Objective 4  
6/16/16  
Objective 5  
4/15/15  
Objective 6  
6/0/6  
Totals  
53/68/74

Ryan Rosendahl moved to approve quarterly board self-evaluation. Sheila Nagel second. Motion passed 5-0.  
Consent Agenda  
The Consent Agenda includes  
Approve December 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes,  
Receive December Financial Reports,  
Approve December Bills, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amended Policy AACA-Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Policy,  
Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amended Policy BAA-Employing Board Members, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of New Policy BAB-Board Conflict of Interest, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amended Policy FDE-Education of Special Education/Disabled Students, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of New Policy HCBA-Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure, Approve 1st Reading of Superintendent Recommended 2026-2027 School Year Calendar,  
Approve Revised Progress Monitoring Calendar, Accept Guardrail Progress Monitoring Report-Guardrail #1-Student Engagement, Approve 2026 OPS School Board Election Details, Approve 2025-2026 Teaching Contract for Brackin Awender, Approve Quarter 4 Time Tracker, Approve the Pledge of Assets. Sheila Nagel moved to approve consent agenda. Brian Seyer second. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports  
The following reports are for information only. Business Manager's report, Superintendent's Report, SRCTC December Board Meeting Minutes, SVSEU December Board Meeting Updates, December Time Tracker.  
Items for Future Discussion  
Board Member Kelly left the meeting. Approve Superintendent Recommended Project Development Agreement with ESG. Superintendent Sell made the recommendation on hiring ESG to complete a Building Infrastructure Support. No action was taken. The Board has instructed Superintendent Sell to have our attorney review contract.

Future Meetings  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7 AM @ SRCTC  
Special Meeting, Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7 AM (Survey Results-School Perceptions)  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 7 AM

## Letter to Oakes Community

Dear Oakes Community,  
The Oakes Public School Board has established three clear, measurable goals to guide our work over the next several years. These goals are centered on learner achievement, growth, and long-term readiness. They serve as our north star and help ensure that our decisions remain focused on what matters most, our learners.

### OPS Board Goals Goal #1 – English Language Arts (ELA)

Increase the percentage of learners in grades 3–8 and grade 10 scoring proficient or above on the North Dakota A+ (NDSA A+) state assessment from 50% in May 2025 → 70% by May 2030

### Goal #2 – Mathematics

Increase the percentage of learners in grades 3–8 and grade 10 scoring proficient or above on the NDSA A+ in math from 51% in May 2025 → 70% by May 2030

### Goal #3 – Choice Ready Graduates

Increase the percentage of learners graduating as Choice Ready (prepared for college, career, or military service) from 76% in Spring 2023 → 95% by Spring 2028

These are ambitious goals. They reflect our belief that Oakes learners are capable of high achievement when provided strong, instruction and timely support.

### What This Means for Instruction

The NDSA A+ assessment is aligned directly to North Dakota state standards. These standards define the essential knowledge, and skills learners are expected to master at each grade level. Our daily instruction is built around those expectations.

To monitor progress throughout the year, learners take STAR Reading and STAR Math benchmark assessments four times annually: Fall, Early Winter, Late Winter, and Spring. These assessments help us predict performance

on the state test and, more importantly, identify needs early.

We recently adjusted our STAR benchmark target to the 65th percentile, which research indicates is a stronger predictor of state proficiency. This allows us to more accurately identify learners who are on track and those who may require additional support.

### How We Respond

Assessment results guide action. Our staff regularly review data and develop plans to support learner growth. When additional support is needed, we provide targeted instruction through our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). Building teams collaborate to ensure interventions are timely, focused, and effective.

These Board goals also inform broader decisions related to: Instructional scheduling  
Curriculum and resource selection  
Intervention programming  
Professional development

This alignment ensures that our efforts are coordinated and purposeful.

### Our Commitment

These goals are not about chasing scores. They are about ensuring learners leave each grade prepared for the next and ultimately graduate ready for their chosen path.

Strong schools build strong communities. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, business owner, or community member, your support plays a role in learner success.

We remain committed to high expectations, continuous improvement, and clear communication as we work toward these goals together.

If you have questions about our goals or progress, please contact Mr. Jordan Lynch, High School Principal, or Mr. Greg Dobitz, Elementary Principal. We appreciate your partnership and welcome the opportunity to connect.

## CITY ELECTION

The Election for the City of Oakes will held Tuesday, June 9, 2026, in conjunction with the Dickey County Primary Election. Petitioners have until 4:00 PM April 6, 2026 to turn in their petitions to be placed on the City Election ballot.

City Offices to be filled at the June Election are:

- Mayor – four-year term
- Three City Council Persons—four year term each
- One City Council Person – two-year unexpired term
- Three Park Commissioners—four year term each

One Park Commissioner – two-year unexpired term

Individuals seeking to have their name on the ballot for any one of these offices may obtain a petition from the City Auditor at City Hall located at 124 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakes ND, Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM from now until April 6, 2026.

Signatures required from the residents of the City of Oakes to validate a candidate's petition:  
Mayor – Twenty-seven (27)  
Council— Twenty-one (21)  
Park— Seventeen (17)



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## Cooper's Corner

by Martha MacLeod



Judy's here  
Last Monday my sister Judy flew to the Fargo Airport from St. Louis, Missouri. She had a smooth flight and even arrived early. She said she sat next to two Korean ladies who were flying back to Korea.

Cooper stayed at Soggy Paws in Milnor while I drove to Fargo. That way he gets to play with his friends and exercise.

When we got back to Oakes in early afternoon the weather was beautiful. There was blue sky, sunshine and no wind so we decided to sit on the deck. We sat there soaking up the Vitamin D and visiting. We knew the forecast was for wind and clouds the next day.

Cooper was so tired from running around all morning he could hardly hold his head up. When we picked him up in Milnor he gave Judy a kiss and hopped into the back seat where he slept all the way home.

He couldn't get comfortable sitting outside on the deck so I opened the door and let him in. He was very quiet so I thought he was sleeping but when I opened the porch door to go in he was sitting at the kitchen door looking very drowsy. I went into the living room, sat down and he immediately hopped into my lap and fell asleep. The little guy is so attentive to me that he wouldn't come inside and fall asleep by himself. He's such a charming little fellow and always stays close to me.

Cooper wasn't the only one that was tired. Judy and I were tired too. We brought in her luggage and she said, "I'm too tired to unpack. I'll do that in the morning." I made omelette and toast for supper and we both went to bed. Of course, Cooper didn't settle down until we were both in bed with the lights out. He tried to sleep in the front room where he could keep an

eye on the door to Judy's room and on me but he was restless. So I gave a soft four note whistle and he came up on the bed and fell asleep by my feet.

Cooper is so faithful. The next morning he was up looking for Judy. She slept in because she was really exhausted from the day before. She got up at 3 o'clock to get ready and be at the airport for her six o'clock flight to Minneapolis where she changed planes for Fargo. Cooper went into her room but that didn't wake her up.

When Judy finally did wake up and came out to the living room Cooper went over to greet her. He jumped up into her lap and that made her very happy.

Tuesday evening Judy went out to a meeting. At 7 pm she went out the front door without saying goodbye to Cooper. He sat looking at the door expecting her to come in but when she didn't come back right away he let out a little cry. When she came back after the meeting he ran to the door and jumped for joy at seeing her. It was no small welcome. He stood there and jumped all around her legs as she took off her coat. She sat down in the living room and then Cooper was satisfied. All three of us together makes a pack. We're a little herd.

Cooper pulled a treat out of his bone basket and sat in the middle of the room gnawing on it as we chatted.

A good time was had by all.

## LIBRARY CORNER

REVIEWS SUBMITTED BY JEANINE PAHL

HOURS: MON, TUES & THURS 1:30-5:30PM, WED 1:30-7:30PM, FRI 1:30-3:30PM. PLEASE FOLLOW THE OAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY ON FACEBOOK FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.

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**Cross & Sampson by James Patterson.**  
(Alex Cross #35) Detective Sampson discovers a street explosion in DC and calls in federal agencies. Meanwhile in Chapel Hill, Alex Cross searches for his missing son, Damon, fearing he's been targeted. Despite crimes unfolding miles apart, Sampson and Cross work together to uncover the truth.

### Made it out Alive by Allison Brennan.

Three newlywed couples vanish from a luxury Florida resort and soon turn up dead. With only the location and the victims' similarities to go on, the FBI Mobile Response Team sets a trap using Detective Kara Quinn, who looks just like the killer's targets. Kara and Agent Matt Costa pose as honeymooners and catch the suspect but after the arrest, they go missing themselves. The team discovers they never checked out of their hotel. Kidnapped by a second, hidden accomplice, Kara and Matt are trapped in a deadly escape-room setup. They must find a way out before time runs out.

### Cottage at Bella Beach by Kate Wentworth.

Emma Sinclair's husband leaves her at 53, taking all their money. Lost and unsure what to do, she turns to her three lifelong friends. Then a lawyer contacts her: Emma's estranged mother has died and left her a cottage in a town called Bella Beach—one Emma has never heard of. To claim it, she must go there in person. It feels like the perfect chance to rethink her life.

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We continue to have a generous collection of Large Print books from NDSL. Stop by and look!

Bookworm Discovery Class - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the library. (Year round)

Lego Lovers - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00. (September-May)

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 1:30 to 5:30, Wednesday 1:30 to 7:30, Friday 1:30 to 3:30.

During the Winter months the Oakes Public Library board has decided to follow the plan of the Oakes Public School. Snow days at the school will also mean a snow day for the library.

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### CITY CORNER WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

**Landfill Closed for the Winter**  
From Oakes: The Disposal Site/Compost Pile is located 2 miles west on County Rd 3 - then 3/4 of a mile south on 108th Ave  
Waste will now be disposed of in large metal containers; trees and branches must be separated as they are no longer allowed in compost area. Recyclable metal items should be separated from other waste.  
Contact City Hall at 742-2137 for more info



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