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OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CAREER TECHNOLOGY CENTER FEBRUARY 17, 2026, 7 AM

Call to Order
 President Monica Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7:01 AM. Those present were President Monica Heimbuch, Vice President Sheila Nagel, Board Members Ryan Rosendahl, Brian Seyer and Patti Kelly. Also in attendance was Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson, Principal Jordan Lynch, IT Director Larry Engel, CTE Directors Dan Spellerberg and Randal Brockman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Confirmation and Approval of the Agenda. Sheila Nagel moved to approve the agenda. Patti Kelly second. Motion passed.

Welcoming of Visitors, Public Comment and Communications. Guests included Math Teacher Ryan Schneider and ESG representative Gavin Benson.

Daniel Spellerberg and Randal Brockman gave a presentation of the activities at the SRCTC.

Student Outcomes-Goals
 Goal Progress Monitoring Report-Goal #2 Math. GPM 2.1-Percentage of K-2 Learners at 65th Percentile on STAR Math, GPM 2.2-Percentage of 3-6 Learners at 65th Percentile on STAR Math, and GPM 2.3-Percentage of 7-10 Learners at 65th Percentile on STAR Math.

Superintendent Sell reported on the GPM. It is expected that all three areas should be on track to meet these goals. Patti Kelly moved to accept Goal Progress Monitoring Report-Goal #2 Math. Ryan Rosendahl second. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda
 Sheila Nagel Moved to Accept the Consent Agenda, Brian Seyer second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0. Consent Agenda includes: Approve January 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Receive January Financial Reports, Approve January Bills, Accept Guardrail Progress Monitoring Report Guardrail #3-Communication, Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Superintendent Recommended 2026-2027 School Year Calendar, Accept Vickie Kelly's Resignation Effective at the Conclusion of the 2025-2026 School Year, Approve 2026-2027 Teacher Contracts, Approve High School Unit Instructional Time Waiver, Approve 2025-2026 Non-Tuition Agreement, Approve 2026-2027 Open Enrollment Applications, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy ACCA-Sexual Offenders on School Property, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Board Regulation ACCA-BR-Criteria for Granting Parent Sexual Offenders' Privileges to Enter School Property, Approve 1st Reading of New Policy ACEB-Hazing, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy BDAB-Savings Clause, Approve 1st Reading of New Policy BDBB-Retaining an Attorney, Approve 1st Reading of New Policy FAAD-Tuition Agreement (Education of Non-Resident Students), Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy HBAA-Federal Fiscal Compliance, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy HCAA-Purchasing, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy DHBAA-Tuition Repayment Program, Approve 2026-2027 Certified Non-Teaching Contracts.

Reports (Information Only)
 This includes Business Manager Report, Superintendent's Report, SRCTC January Board Meeting Minutes, SVSEU January Board Meeting Updates, January Time Tracker.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action
 Gavin Benson presented Information regarding ESG.
 Ryan Rosendahl moved Approve Superintendent Recommended Project Development Agreement with ESG. Brian Seyer

second. Roll call passed 5-0.
 President Heimbuch reported on the superintendent evaluation. Superintendent Sell scored the following: Category 1 Goal and Vision Setting 7.6/8, Category 2 27.4/28, Category 3 3.8/4, Category 4 7.2/8. Superintendent scored Satisfactory in all 4 areas. Sheila Nagel moved to Approve the Evaluation. Patti Kelly second. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Future Meetings
 Special Meeting Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 7 am Survey Results-School Perceptions
 Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 7 am
 Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 7 am

Adjournment
 There being no further business for the good of the order, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 am.

Bills Paid:

A & B BUSINESS INC,	10,652.30
ADMIN PARTNERS,	100.00
AMAZON,	446.92
APPLE COMPUTER,	7,790.00
BENNETT, TOM,	167.86
BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE,	500.00
BKFLORAL LLC,	16.00
CARLBLOM, SCOTT,	464.57
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD,	337.96
CENEX,	21.16
CENTRAL CASS PUBLIC SCHOOL,	400.00
COCA COLA BOTTLING HIGH COUNTRY,	1,418.00
COLE PAPERS INC,	5,707.56
COLFAX EXPRESS,	44.21
CORNER C-STORE,	434.18
CRANE MERCHANDISING SYSTEMS INC,	53.70
CSR LLC,	1,000.00
DAKOTA IMPROVEMENT INC,	2,812.50
DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS,	150.00
DAKTRONICS,	730.00
DECKER EQUIPMENT/ SCHOOL FIX,	482.37
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTR.,	30.58
DICKEY COUNTY TREASURER,	17,518.83
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS,	1,053.88
DK HARDWARE SUPPLY LLC,	(14.90)
DONS MOTEL,	504.00
ECKROTH MUSIC COMPANY,	34.80
ECONOMY PROPANE,	405.00
EDPUZZLE PRO TEACHER,	12.50
ELLIOTT & MCMAHON LLC,	1,000.00
FIALA, HEATHER,	202.00
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS, LLC,	107.23
GACKLE, JOSH,	240.04
GRAINGER,	8.80
HENDERSON, CASEY,	219.42
HOISINGTON, KYLE,	406.80
HOISINGTON, TONY,	299.00
HOME DEPOT, THE,	73.57
HUMANN, TYLER,	331.10
ITHREEG MEDIA,	125.00
JDG HOLDINGS, LLC,	3,799.49
KASOWSKI, ROGER,	290.50
KEMPS LLC,	1,740.80
KINGPINZ SOCIAL, KNOLL, ROSS,	118.08
257.15	
KRIEGER, MARCHEL,	283.69
KUSTOM MACHINE INC,	21.25
LASCH, LARRY,	273.97
LEAS, MITCHELL,	125.80
LISBON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,	425.00
LITTLE DUKES,	122.78
LUKES, LANCE,	409.90
LYONS, GABE,	306.28
MATHCOUNTS FOUNDATION,	450.00
MEARS, NICHOLAS,	204.10
MEIKLEJOHN, JARED,	165.80
MENARDS,	136.40
MILLERS FRESH FOODS,	59.29
MOOD MEDIA,	983.60
MUSLAND, ERIC,	160.00
NATIONAL BRAILLE PRESS,	120.00
NAVIGATE 360 LLC,	1,677.40
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,	20.00

NELSON, LEAH,	229.00
NEW SALEM ALMONT HIGH SCHOOL,	200.00
NIELSEN, BRANDEN,	306.28
NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION,	3,000.00
NORTH DAKOTA SAFETY COUNCIL,	94.00
NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASN,	450.00
NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY,	1,000.00
NOVEL EFFECT INC,	37.49
OAKES CITY OF,	1,208.50
OAKES EDUCATION ASSOCIATION,	320.00
OAKES TIMES-NORDMARK PUBLISHING,	226.32
OAKES TRUCK AND TRAILER CENTER,	8,924.30
OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER,	1,381.00
OLD DUTCH FOODS INC,	91.80
OTIS ELEVATOR,	1,431.00
OTTER TAIL POWER,	13,384.64
PARAGON VISUAL INC,	1,875.60
PARTS SUPPLY,	757.37
PERMA-BOUND,	82.41
PIEHL, DEVIN,	164.82
PIEHL, LANDON,	575.60
POPPLERS MUSIC STORE,	67.65
PRASKAS HARDWARE INC,	71.02
PRTRUCKING,	3,900.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC,	762.85
QUIZZ INC,	144.00
RICHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL,	47.00
ROBERTS, BECCA,	84.29
RONAN, MITCHEL,	167.95
RUMBLE ON THE RED,	500.00
SCHLECHT, JACOB,	193.60
SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS LLC,	3,300.00
SDSU,	1,000.00
SEESAW LEARNING, INC,	1,350.00
SHYENNE VALLEY SPECIAL EDUC UNIT,	21,719.92
SMITH & STREGE LTD,	62.00
SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER TECH CTR.,	1,500.00
STATE SUPPLY,	3,536.03
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(Submitted to the Oakes Times 03/26/2026)

OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2026 CONCESSION STANDS

President Monica Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those present were Board President Monica Heimbuch,

Vice President Sheila Nagel, Board Members Brian Seyer and Patti Kelly, Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson. Representing ICON was Travis Jordan and Kyle Kvamme

Also present were Roxanne Miller, Robert Miller, Becca Roberts, Bryce Meehl, Kelli Gebhardt, Tony Gebhardt, Drew Courtney and Larry Engel.

Superintendent Anna Sell explained the purpose of the meeting and made introductions. Travis Jordan and Kyle Kvamme explained the facilities survey that has been sent out. They answered questions as they arose.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm. (Submitted to the Oakes Times 03/26/2026)

OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL MEETING CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM FEBRUARY 24, 2026 7 AM

Call to Order
 President Monica Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7:02 AM. Those in attendance were President Monica Heimbuch, Vice President Sheila Nagel, Board Members Brian Seyer, Ryan Rosendahl, Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson, Principal Jordan Lynch, Transportation Director Dave Ehrlin and Teacher Ryan Schneider. Also in attendance was committee member Leroy Meehl. Representing School Perception was Scott Girard and Daren Sievers.

Teacher Resignation
 Sheila Nagel moved to accept the resignation of Jaidyn Hill at the end of the current school year. Brian Seyer second. Motion passed 4-0 with Kelly absent.

Facilities Survey Results Presentation
 Daren Sievers with School Perception presented the results of the survey.

Adjournment
 There being no further business for the good of the order, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 AM. (Submitted to the Oakes Times 03/26/2026)

OAKES SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 2, 2026, 7 AM

President Monica Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7:01 AM. Those in attendance were President Monica Heimbuch, Vice President Sheila Nagel, Brian Seyer, Ryan Rosendahl, JH Math teacher, Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson, and High School Principal Jordan Lynch.

Brain Seyer moved to accept the resignation of Cassidy Sanderson, JH Math teacher and Cybersecurity teacher. Sheila Nagel second. Motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business on the agenda, Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 AM (Submitted to the Oakes Times 03/26/2026)

Cooper's Corner

by Martha MacLeod



Up or down?
 Does everyone think their dog is the cutest? Is it a matter of "cuteness is in the eye of the beholder." To me, of course, Cooper is the cutest. I can look at him and admire his ears and little turned up nose. I really enjoy when he opens his mouth and I see his tiny little teeth. From the backside he is also pretty cute. He waddles when he walks and his white fluffy tail sitting on his rump swings back and forth. And his feet have the cutest little paws with toes. His fur is soft and smooth. He is patient and has good manners.

Cooper was born with good manners with the exception of two things. If he looks out the window and sees a rabbit he barks. The rabbit freezes and so Cooper continues to bark. If he sees a cat he goes ballistic. He is grrring, barking and panting and runs to the door to be let outside. It's all part of being a dog. When my sister Judy is here she gets up and lets him outside. When he's finished barking she lets him in. Judy is staying until after Easter. What will I do when she's gone?

Lately as we sit in the living room visiting Cooper likes to lay on the floor chewing on something. He drags an old hoof out of his bone basket. When I gave it to him it was filled with peanut butter flavored dog treat. Now it's empty and he likes to gnaw on it.

He also likes to play fetch in the living room. He has a squeaky toy that looks like a duck. He bites down on it making a squawking noise and then I throw it. He is so proud of himself when we play this game.

Cooper likes to eat at five o'clock. Sometimes it's a little later. He likes to watch me fry a

little hamburger and mix it with his kibble. Then I put it down by his water bowl. But, he doesn't eat it right away. He waits to see what we are eating. He hopes to get to lick the plate after I eat. It's his appetizer. Then he eats his own food. My brother Bill's dogs get their food in a bowl and gobble it down. Cooper is not a gobbler. He is a very careful and quiet eater.

Cooper is a fourteen pound Shih Tzu soon to be three years old. He is quick to follow directions that I give him. If I say, "Look out the window," he runs to his wing backed chair in the front room and looks out the window. It is his look out post. If I say, "Look out the kitchen window," he will do that too.

When we're outside and he runs after a squirrel that climbs into a tree he looks all over at the bottom of the tree trunk but doesn't look up to see the squirrel. The other day we were sitting on the deck and a large flock of geese flew overhead. They were quite low and we could hear them honking. I wanted Cooper to see them so I said, "Look up!" He ran to the fence and looked into the north yard and the street. Judy commented, "Cooper will never be a bird dog." And so it is.

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The Night We Met by Abby Jimenez.
 One small choice can change everything.

For Larissa, it was picking a ride home after a concert. She didn't know Chris would become the perfect friend sharing books, co-parenting a wild Yorkie, and making life finally feel easy. But that night she chose his best friend, and he became her boyfriend. Now Chris is quietly in love, knowing that acting on it would hurt someone he cares about. How can something so right be completely impossible?

Born Survivors by Wendy Holden.

Eastern Europe, 1944: Three pregnant women Rachel, Priska, and Anka are torn from their husbands and sent to Auschwitz. Each hides her pregnancy from Josef Mengele while enduring starvation, brutal labor, and constant fear. With their families murdered, they fight to protect the only thing they have left: their unborn children. In April 1945, as the Allies advance, the women are forced onto a horrific seventeen-day train journey to Mauthausen. Priska gives birth on the train, Rachel during the journey, and Anka at the camp gates. All expect to die until the gas chamber runs out of Zyklon-B and the SS flee. Against all odds, the three mothers and their newborns survive. On the 70th anniversary of Mauthausen's liberation, Wendy Holden tells this extraordinary true story of courage, hope, and survival.

One Big Family by Susan Mallery.

Julie Parker loves her kids, but she's not upset when they suggest skipping a big Christmas. Her son, Nick, is off on a delayed honeymoon, and her daughter, Dana, is recovering from yet another breakup. Julie is secretly thrilled to spend the holiday alone with Heath, the much younger man she's been quietly dating. But plans crumble when Nick and Dana suddenly ask for a family Christmas at their cabin to honor their late father. Julie agrees, even though she knows introducing Heath and admitting she's been hiding him won't be easy. As more unexpected guests arrive, including Blair's estranged mother and Heath's kids, secrets come out and chaos grows. Over this funny, complicated holiday, Julie learns that more really can be merrier and that family can grow in wonderful ways when everyone lets go of old hurts and opens their hearts.

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