

OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING
CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 18, 2026, 7 AM

Call to Order

President Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 7 am. Those present were President Heimbuch, Vice President Ryan Rosendahl, Board Members Drew Courtney, Brian Seyer, and Patti Kelly, Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson, Principals Greg Dobitz and Jordan Lynch. Representing OEA was teacher Cory Schall. Gavin Benson from ESG.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Brian Seyer moved to approve the agenda. Drew Courtney second. Motion passed.

Visitors via zoom were Sheila Nagel, Sue Deigaard from Elliot McMahnnon and Jared Carlson from Energy System Group.

Student Outcomes-Goals

Summative Report-Goal #2 Math. OPS will increase the percentage of students who are proficient or above in grades 3-8 and grade 10 math as measured by the North Dakota State A+ summative assessment from 51% in May 2025 to 70% in May 2030. The 2025-2026 school year represents the second year of implementation of the NDSA A+ state assessment. The results shared at this time are preliminary, as official state validated data has not yet been released. Based on current preliminary data, OPS exceeded the 2026 Math Proficiency goal of 53% surpassing the target by approximately 4%. OPS outperformed the state at every grade level, exceeding state proficiency rates by an average of approximately 15% points. Grade 8 had a 17-point decline in proficiency compared to a 12-point decline at the state level. OPS students in grade 8 continue to outperform the state by approximately 12% points. Patti Kelly moved to accept the summative report. Ryan Rosendahl second. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Brian Seyer moved to approve the consent agenda. Patti Kelly second. Roll

call vote taken. Motion passed 5-0. The Consent Agenda includes Approve July 7, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Receive June Financial Reports, Receive July Financial Reports, Approve

Board President Committee Appointments, Accept Monitoring Report for Guardrail #4-Community Relations, Receive updated 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget, Approve 2025-2026 Money Transfers, Approve 2025-2026 NDDPI Financial Report and the School District Annual

Financial Report for Publication, Accept updated Guardrail #2 Progress Measures, Approve Open Enrollment Application, Approve Resolution for Bank of North Dakota Loan, Approve Rescindment of Policy BCAB-Board Meeting Procedures, Approve 1st Reading of Amended

Policy BA-School Board Ethics, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy BC-Meetings of the Board, Approve 1st Reading and Adoption of Board Regulation BC-BR-Procedure for Seating New Board at the Annual Meeting, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy CAAB-Superintendent

Evaluation Procedure, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy CBAA-Administrative Regulations, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy CBAB-Administration in Policy Absence, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy CBAA-Administrative Regulations, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy CBAB Administration in Policy Absence, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy FAAC Enrollment of Suspended or Expelled Students, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy FDD-Education of Pregnant and Parenting Students, Approve 1st Reading of Amended Policy CAA-Purchasing, Approve Hiring Committee Choice for Construction Manager at Risk.

Reports

Reports include Business Managers Report, Superintendent's Report, SRCTC July Board Meeting Updates, SVSEU July Board Meeting Updates, July Time Trackers, and Committee Report.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action

Patti Kelly moved to open discussions for Facilities. Brian Seyer second. Gavin Benson presented the Energy Systems Group. The presentation included 3 scenarios that are available to address the HVAC needs in the Elementary wings, HS windows and sealing and ADA Bathrooms. The Board asked ESG to come back in September showing a spreadsheet with the cost of each area including a 2 and 4 pipe system. They asked to have that available before the meeting, so that they may review it in detail prior to the meeting.

No further action was taken.

Approve July Bills

Brian Seyer moved to discuss July bills. Drew Courtney second. There were discussions regarding the Boiler Insurance. Board Member Courtney was wondering if there is some kind of breakdown of the cost per location.

Future Meetings

Special Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7 AM (Tax Levy Hearing)

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 7:30 Am (Tax Levy Approved and 26-27 Budget finalized)

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 20, 2026 (Superintendent Evaluation #1)

Adjournment

There being no further business for the good of the order, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 am.

Monica Heimbuch, Board President

Shannon Jepson, Business Manager

Paid bills:

A & B BUSINESS INC	5,657.36
AMAZON	400.99
APPLE FINANCIAL	
SERVICES	55,681.25
AW DIESEL SERVICE INC	2,645.61
CENEX	29.99
COLE PAPERS INC	3,020.60
COMPANION	
CORPORATION	1,617.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	18.00
CRANE MERCHANDISING	
SYSTEMS INC	38.30
DAKOTA WATER	
SOLUTIONS	150.00
DICKEY COUNTY	

SHERIFF'S OFFICE	30.00
DICKEY RURAL	
NETWORKS	1,136.31
EDPUZZLE PRO TEACHER	12.50
ELLIOTT & MCMAHON	
LLC	2,000.00
EVERSPRING INN AND	
SUITES	779.70
EXPLORE LEARNING	5,035.50
FINAL SITE	2,205.00
FRONT PORCH INC.	3,231.90
GAME ONE	2,555.00
GERRELLS SPORTS	
CENTER INC	2,552.00
GRAINGER	5.44
HILL'S HARDWARE OAKES	37.94
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT	
PUBLISHING	9,184.82
HUDL	14,000.00
INSTRUCTIONAL	
EMPOWERMENT	1,649.00
IXL LEARNING	11,025.00
JAMF SOFTWARE LLC	4,686.00
JDG HOLDINGS, LLC	1,154.45
JENSEN, DJ	27.41
LOVES GAS STATION	80.49
METABALLIC HOOPS	
ACADEMY	1,500.00
ND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL	

BUSINESS MANAGERS	50.00
NDPHIT	415.00
NORTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY	
GENERAL	120.00
NORTH DAKOTA CENTER	
FOR DIST.	229.00
NORTH DAKOTA COUNCIL OF	
EDUCATIONAL LEADERS	300.00
NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL	
BOARDS ASN	9,409.00
NOVA FIRE PROTECTION	
INC	1,525.00
OAKES CITY OF	995.00
OAKES GOLF CLUB	432.00
OAKES TIMES-NORDMARK	
PUBLISHING	257.60
OAKES TRUCK AND TRAILER	
CENTER	834.22
OFFICE OF STATE TAX	
COMMISSIONER	1,122.00
OTTER TAIL POWER	6,126.32
PARTS SUPPLY	149.45
PBC GURU LLC	750.00
PETERSEN, EMILY	316.13
REGION VI MUSIC	400.00
RENAISSANCE LEARNING	
INC	22,749.80
RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN	

SPORTS	8,159.74
SEALTEAM701	2,700.00
SEESAW LEARNING, INC	2,475.00
SHEYENNE VALLEY SPECIAL	
EDUC UNIT	19,934.71
SOFTCHOICE	
CORPORATION	3,040.94
SPRINGMATH	
ACCELERATE	3,220.00
STEINS, INC	3,137.45
SUMMIT FIRE	
PROTECTION	700.00
TRAINING ROOM INC	74.31
UNITED STATES FOODS	745.10
UNIVERSITY OF MARY	238.50
VISTOS CARQUEST	64.54
WELLINGTON INITIATIVE	1,775.00
WESTERN AGENCY	66,688.00
WEXHEALTH	82.25
WORKFORCE SAFETY &	
INSURANCE	6,689.27
ZACKS REPAIR INC	154.08
ZANER-BLOSER INC.	10,102.40

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