

NORTHERN CASS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education Meeting for Northern Cass Public School District No. 97 was held Monday, August 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Northern Cass Conference Room - Rural Hunter, ND.

Present: Liz Bjerke, Sean Jalbert, Penny Johnson, Wendi Johnson, Chris Murch, and Lori Steffes, Paige Carlson - Business Manager and Terry Baesler - Superintendent.

Absent: Todd Olson

Meeting called to order by President Murch and read the Board Norms.

Steffes moved to approve the agenda as amended. Jalbert seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Bjerke, Jalbert, P. Johnson, W. Johnson, Murch, Steffes).

Mr. Baesler presented the consent agenda. P. Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Steffes seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Bjerke, Jalbert, P. Johnson, W. Johnson, Murch, Steffes).

ACKNOWLEDGING GREATNESS

Mr. Baesler shared an update on Infinite Campus and acknowledged Carrie Petersen, Darin Eller, and Alicia Burnside for the additional time to complete the statewide implementation project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one in attendance.

Administrative report presented by Mr. Baesler. Reports are accessible on the Northern Cass School Board website.

TEACHING, LEARNING, AND LEARNER ACHIEVEMENT

None.

BOARD EDUCATION

Paige Carlson presented on budget options for consideration for the 2026-27 final budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reminders for Back-to-School events on Monday, August 17th - Staff Breakfast, and Tuesday, August 18th - Serving Meal to Families.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board member Jalbert presented the Building & Grounds committee report.

Board member P. Johnson presented the Teaching and Learning committee.

Board member Jalbert presented the Budget & Human Resources committee report.

P. Johnson moved to approve the first reading of policies presented with changes proposed by the NDSBA through quarterly updates without a second reading in accordance with policy BDA. Jalbert seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Bjerke, Jalbert, P. Johnson, W. Johnson, Murch, Steffes).

Steffes moved to reaffirm policies DDBE - Non-Certified Personal Leave and DEBB-BR - Power-Differentiated Relationships in the Workplace Procedure. P. Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion held. Motion passed (Yes: Bjerke, Jalbert, P. Johnson, W. Johnson, Murch, Steffes).

NEW BUSINESS

Steffes moved to approve the annual Business Manager report for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Jalbert seconded the motion. Motion passed (Yes: Bjerke, Jalbert, P. Johnson, W. Johnson, Murch, Steffes).

Jalbert moved to approve the preliminary budget for the 2026-27 school year and post on the school board website. W. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed (Yes: Bjerke, Jalbert, P. Johnson, W. Johnson, Murch, Steffes).

Steffes moved to approve a contract addendum for J. Young for the 2026-27 school year. W. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed (Yes: Bjerke, Jalbert, P. Johnson, W. Johnson, Murch, Steffes).

Jalbert moved to approve an open enrollment application for Level 1 from Hillsboro for the 2026-27 school year for a student who recently moved into the area. Murch seconded the motion. Discussion held. Motion passed (Yes: Bjerke, Jalbert, P. Johnson, W. Johnson, Murch, Steffes).

Steffes stepped out of the meeting at 6:15 PM and returned shortly after.

Bjerke moved to approve a tuition agreement application for Level 2 from West Fargo for the 2026-27 school year for a student with a parent employed by Northern Cass with no tuition charged. W. Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion held. Motion failed. (Yes: Bjerke, P. Johnson, W. Johnson; No: Jalbert, Murch, Steffes).

Jalbert moved to approve a tuition agreement application for Level 2 from West Fargo for the 2026-27 school year and charge the family

\$1,837 as set by the Tuition Calculation SFN 50014. Murch seconded the motion. Discussion held. Motion passed (Yes: Jalbert, P. Johnson, Murch, Steffes; No: Bjerke, W. Johnson).

Jalbert moved to approve an open enrollment application for Level 7 from West Fargo for the 2026-27 school year for a student who recently moved and was previously enrolled at Northern Cass. P. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed (Yes: Bjerke, Jalbert, P. Johnson, W. Johnson, Murch, Steffes).

Steffes moved to approve the General Fund bills as presented. P. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Bjerke, Jalbert, P. Johnson, W. Johnson, Murch, Steffes).

A & A Mobile Truck & Trailer Repair, \$19,099.00; Aldi, \$109.17; Amazon.com, \$12,605.01; Apple.com/US, \$7,408.00; Application Corporation, The, \$0.00;

Auto Value, \$2,576.37; Base44 - Subscription, \$100.00; Batteries + Bulbs, \$77.95; Boomerang For Gmail, \$53.94; Border States Industries, \$459.80;

Buffalo Wild Wings, \$229.46; Carlson, Paige, \$415.01; Cass County Electric Coop, \$11,008.00; Cass County Reporter, \$236.45; Cass Rural Water Users, \$365.41;

Cenex Fleet Fueling, \$142.93; Central Regional Education Association, \$300.00; Clifford Farmers Coop

Elevator, \$1,037.00; Cole Papers Inc, \$8,629.48; Costco Wholesale, \$318.16;

Cummins Inc., \$188.70; Curt's Lock & Key Service, Inc., \$210.00; Deans Distributing, \$4,050.51; Demco, \$164.93; Dons Car Wash, \$77.97;

Eventbrite, \$50.00; Fargo Rentall Inc., \$247.49; Flinn Scientific, Inc., \$404.58; Follett Content Solutions, \$384.17; Food Travel, \$382.06;

Gas, \$346.42; Harbor Freight Tools, \$180.99; Hirshfield's, \$581.76; Home Depot, \$189.99; Hope Glass, \$2,205.00;

Hotel Reservations Online, \$894.75; Hunter Insurance Agency, Inc, \$33,608.00; IBM Corporation, \$110.01; Intellistack-Formstack, \$699.95; Interstate Power Systems, \$3,985.50;

K12 Solutions Group, \$2,600.00; Kotaco Fuels, \$1,458.96; Learning A-Z, \$3,976.70; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc., \$99.55; Marco - 131411, \$66,630.30;

Marco Technologies, \$2,835.92; Marzano Resources, \$5,166.00; McGraw-Hill School Pub Co, \$13,594.37; Menard's, \$832.87; Midwest Bus Parts, Inc., \$4,857.87;

Midwest Pest Control LLC, \$240.00; Misc Expense, \$1,455.64; National Geographic, \$(87.00); ND Attorney General, \$80.00; NDCEL, \$1,555.00;

NetCenter Technologies, \$717.50; Northern Cass Activity Fund, \$8,138.71; Northwest Tire Inc, \$3,305.06; Online Dakota Information Network, \$379.19; Paul, Amy, \$66.12;

Performance Office Papers, \$9,697.70; Petersen, Carrie, \$403.25; Petro Serve Valley Dairy, \$60.00; Polar Communications, \$405.07; Pye-

Barker Fire & Safety, \$1,498.50;

Razor Tracking, Inc, \$162.50; Rice, Mason, \$75.01; Sanders Metal Products, Inc, \$320.20; School Specialty, \$108.79; Seesaw Learning, Inc., \$2,895.00;

Sign Badgers, \$8,267.29; TCI, \$2,560.00; Teacher's Discovery/TVE Div, \$87.96; Team Fitz Graphics, \$140.00; U.S. Postal Service, \$5,389.45;

Verizon Wireless, \$580.06; Vestis, \$315.92; Valvoline Instant Oil Change, \$309.18; Voyager Sopris Learning, \$532.00; Wal-Mart, \$312.94;

Walmart.com, \$125.96; Waste Management, \$1,708.62; Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, \$14,047.56; Zerr Berg Architects, \$1,950.00; Au-

gust Payroll, \$234,595.12;

IRS, \$53,189.10; MN Tax Commissioner, \$263.66; ND Tax Commissioner, \$0.00; ND TFFR, \$49,964.34; ND PERS, \$6,578.79;

MATC (403b's), \$7,162.47; Inspira-HSA, \$0.00; JP Morgan, \$34,867.33.

Jalbert moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Bjerke seconded the motion which passed.

Chris Murch,
President
Paige Carlson,
Business Manager
(October 7, 2026)