

Minutes Of The New Town School District No. 1

NEW TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES JULY 17, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Young Bird, BJ Brady (via phone), Doug Bratvold, DJ Driver, and Marietta Heart

Present: 5

OTHERS PRESENT: Marc Bluestone, Jeff Thake, Nancy Reimer, and Preston Danks

Agenda A Old Business

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 12:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by Marietta Heart, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Doug Bratvold: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

3. Community Input

There is none at this time.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2026 special meetings. This motion, made by DJ Driver and seconded by Doug Bratvold, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Doug Bratvold: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

5. Open Enrollment/Tuition Agreements

There are none at this time.

6. Financial Reports and Bill Sets

Motion to approve the financial report and bill sets. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by Doug Bratvold, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Doug Bratvold: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

7. Approval of Teacher Contract(s) for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the teaching contract for Danna Arquisola for \$69,500 with a MS+32 and 16 years' experience. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by Marietta Heart, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Doug Bratvold: Yea; DJ

Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

8. Approval of Lane Change Request

Motion to approve the lane change request for Amber Riley from BS+40 to MS+0. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Doug Bratvold: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

9. Report on Unfilled Vacancies

Mr. Bluestone gave the report on unfilled positions.

10. Approval of Classified Staff Benefits for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the classified benefits for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by Marietta Heart, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Doug Bratvold: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

11. Approval of the 2026-2027 Parent Student Handbook

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Parent Student Handbook. This motion, made by DJ Driver and seconded by Doug Bratvold, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Doug Bratvold: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

12. Consent Agenda

13. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by DJ Driver, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Doug Bratvold: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

14. Football Complex Approval

Motion to approve the football complex plans. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by DJ Driver, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Doug Bratvold: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

15. Motion to Officially Close the 2025-2026 School Year

Motion to officially close the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by BJ Brady,

carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Doug Bratvold: Yea; DJ

Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

Recess called at 1:11 p.m.

Mr. Bratvold left and Mr. Danks assumed the position as a new board member.

PRESENT: Pete Young Bird, BJ Brady (via phone), Preston Danks, DJ Driver, and Marietta Heart

Present: 5

OTHERS PRESENT: Marc Bluestone, Jeff Thake, Nancy Reimer

Agenda B

New Business

1. Call to Order

Meeting called back to order at 1:23 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by DJ Driver, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

3. Seating of Newly Elected Board Members: Pete Young Bird and Clayton Preston Danks

4. President Relinquishes Gavel

5. Nominations for President for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion for Pete Young Bird as the School Board President for the 2026-2027 School Year. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

6. New President Takes the Gavel

7. Nominations for Vice President for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion for Marietta Heart as the School Board Vice President for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by DJ Driver and seconded by Preston Danks, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

8. Designate Cornerstone Bank as

the Official Depository

Motion to approve the Cornerstone Bank as the NTPS official depository. This motion, made by DJ Driver and seconded by Preston Danks, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

9. Designate the Official Newspaper

Motion to name the Mountrail County Promoter as the official district newspaper. This motion, made by Preston Danks and seconded by Marietta Heart, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

10. Establish Rates for Meals and Activities for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the rates for activities and meals for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by DJ Driver, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

11. Designate Mr. Bluestone as Authorized District Representative for all Federal, State, and Other Agencies

Motion to designate Mr. Bluestone as Authorized District Representative for all Federal, State, and Other Agencies. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by Preston Danks, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

12. Designate the Superintendent, Business Manager, and Board President to Obtain Legal Services as Needed

Motion to designate the Superintendent, Business Manager, and Board President to Obtain Legal Services as needed. This motion, made by DJ Driver and seconded by Marietta Heart, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

13. Designate Individual(s) for Investments for the District

Motion to designate the Business Manager and Superintendent with the authority for making investments on behalf of the district. This motion, made by Preston Danks and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

14. School Board Committees for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the committees for

the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

15. Preliminary School District Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the Preliminary General Fund District Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by DJ Driver, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

Motion to approve the Non-General Fund Budget for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by Preston Danks, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

16. Superintendent Report

Marc Bluestone gave the Superintendent Report.

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by DJ Driver and seconded by Marietta Heart, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.
Pete Young Bird,
President

Nancy Reimer,
Business Manager

NEW TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

DISTRICT #1

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 4, 2026

PRESENT: Pete Young Bird, BJ Brady, Preston Danks, DJ Driver (via phone) and Marietta Heart (via phone)

Present: 5

OTHERS PRESENT: Marc Bluestone, Jeff Thake, and Nancy Reimer

1. Call Meeting to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by BJ Brady and seconded by Preston Danks, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

3. Establish Rates for Adult Meals for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the adult meal rates to \$3.50 for breakfast and \$5.50 for lunch for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Preston Danks and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

4. Approve or Reject Activity Bus Barn Project Bids

Motion to approve the bid for the activity bus barn from First Dakota Enterprises for \$1,243,000 and the alternate is an additional \$7,150. This motion, made by Preston Danks and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

5. Approval of Bill Set

Motion to approve the bill set. This motion, made by DJ Driver and seconded by Preston Danks, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

6. Approval of Teacher Contracts

Motion to approve the contracts of Amber Riley with a MS+0 and 5 years' experience for \$61,125 and Joan Catahan with a BS+24 and 9 years' experience for \$59,700. This motion, made by Preston Danks and seconded by DJ Driver, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by BJ Brady and seconded by Preston Danks, carried.

BJ Brady: Yea; Preston Danks: Yea; DJ Driver: Yea; Marietta Heart: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Pete Young Bird,
President

Nancy Reimer,
Business Manager

GENERAL FUND: AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC 225.87; APPT-EGY 8,560.63; BLUESTONE, MARC 3,459.85; CASTANEDA, ANGELINE 2,361.90; CITY OF NEW TOWN 2,995.22; COAST TO COAST COMPUTER PRODUCTS, INC 1,023.99; COLSTRIP ELECTRIC, INC. 6,185.25; COMMERCIAL LIGHTING 1,047.05; CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE

38,217.33; DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC. 421.09; DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY 101.64; DRIVER, DELVIN 635.00; ECKROTH MUSIC 4,732.00; ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION INC. 282.00; ESPECIAL NEEDS, LLC 257.50; ETSYS-TEMS, INC. 3,692.64; FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS INC 3,745.00; G & P COMMERCIAL SALES 9,651.45; GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER, INC. 1,501.00; HARLOW'S BUS SALES, INC. - BISMARCK 24,176.51; INTERNATIONAL TEACHER EXCHANGE SERVICES LLC 11,900.00; JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP 9,254.72; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC 541.32; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL 1,338.61; MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER 364.56; MOUNTRAIL-WILLIAMS ELECTRIC 17,076.89; NAPA AUTO PARTS 142.94; NATIONAL INDIAN IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSN 2,700.00; ND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS 516.00; NEW TOWN JACK & JILL 27.33; PERFORMANCE OFFICE PAPERS 12,160.00; PITNEY

BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL 176.52; REALLY GOOD STUFF, INC. 539.45; REIMER, NANCY 472.50; RESERVATION TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE 3,306.27; SARMIEN-TO IMMIGRATION LAW FIRM 2,500.00; SATERMO HARDWARE 232.93; SCHOCK'S SAFE & LOCK, INC. 1,705.00; SCHOOL LIFE 145.42; SCHOOL MATE 132.15; SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLY, INC. 33.35; SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC 302.13; SMART COMPUTERS & CONSULTING 3,225.00; SORGE, GREGORY 50.40; SUCCESS FOR ALL FOUNDATION, INC. 10,494.00; THAKE, JEFFREY 100.00; TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 3,736.94; UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE 4,347.62; VERIZON 70.82; VESTIS 1,910.33; VISA 9,213.93; WESTERN EDUCATIONAL REGIONAL CENTER 3,900.00; WM CORPORATE SERVICES, INC 2,185.30; FUND TOTAL: 218,075.35
CAPITOL PROJECTS FUND:
COLSTRIPELECTRIC, INC. 6,132.96;
DAKOTA SOUND SYSTEMS, INC.

6,185.00; EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS 129,954.24; H. A. THOMPSON & SONS, INC 9,267.00; TECTA AMERICA 15,198.00; FUND TOTAL: 166,737.20

HOT LUNCH FUND: VESTIS 1,693.46; VISA 70.00; FUND TOTAL: 1,763.46

TRUST AND AGENCY AND RENTAL FUND: CITY OF NEW TOWN 2,586.93; FOUR BEARS COMMUNITY BOARD 1,235.40; FOUR BEARS COMMUNITY CENTER 281.70; JEWELL, KELLEY 1,410.00; MINOT PLUMBING & HEATING 693.82; MOUNTRAIL-WILLIAMS ELECTRIC 3,583.11; RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE 1,393.00; SATERMO HARDWARE 552.53; UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE 1,427.39; WM CORPORATE SERVICES, INC 638.72; FUND TOTAL: 13,802.60; CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTAL: 400,378.61