

January 9, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICES

School Board Minutes

Ryan Braaten called the November 14, 2025 meeting to order at 7:05 am in the library at 201 3rd St East, Finley ND. Present were Lynn Carlson, Chris Grandalen, and Tyler Flaten. Amy Czapiewski arrived at 7:08. Also in attendance were Jeff Larson, Neil Race, Business Manager April Grandalen, Teacher Representative Sarah Scheitel and Brittany Johnson. The pledge of allegiance was done.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lynn Carlson moved to confirm the agenda. Chris Grandalen seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. Lynn Carlson moved to approve the consent agenda. Tyler Flaten seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

C O M M U N I C A T I O N S , DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS REPORTS

1. Audit/Finance Committee – Business Manger April Grandalen reported that the audit is almost complete.

2. Building/Grounds Committee – Ryan Braaten spoke with Eric Anderson about some concrete work by the kitchen door, old shop and the ag shop.

3. Activities Committee – The coop agreement was discussed, and the board is very thankful for being included.

4. Curriculum/Technology – No report.

5. Human Resources – Lynn Carlson and Amy Czapiewski need to meet with the negotiation team to get an extracurricular schedule worked out.

6. School Board Policy – No report.

7. President – Ryan Braaten spoke with Chad Aberle about the community, auditorium, housing, etc. and would like to have the whole board speak about various topics surrounding the community. Lynn Carlson spoke to Don Vigessa about coming and meeting with the board and teachers sometime in March. Ryan Braaten also met with Ben Gates and we were approved for funds for active shooter training.

8. Superintendent/Elementary Principal – Mr. Larson gave his Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report.

Mr. Larson reported that Power School will be going away and we will be switching to Infinite Campus, Fargo Glass & Paint came out and measured the doors, and there was a discussion about the playground equipment looking faded.

Mr. Larson also presented the data from state testing.

9. Secondary Principal/Athletic Director – Mr. Race gave his Secondary Principal/Athletic Director report.

Mr. Race reported on NDCEL fall conference, the sophomore class attending the North Valley Career Exp, National Honor Society ceremony, and ASVAB testing coming up.

Mr. Race also reported the football season has ended, regional volleyball is coming up, and the start dates for girls and boys' basketball.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Amy Czapiewski, Tyler Flaten, Lynn Carlson and April Grandalen attended the NDSBA conference and gave feedback on what they took away from it.

2. Each area of performance on the Superintendent Evaluation was discussed and a performance rating for each area was reached through a roll call vote.

a. GOAL AND VISION SETTING – Lynn Carlson moved to approve a satisfactory performance rating for the Goal and Vision setting area of performance. Chris Grandalen seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

b. BOARD RELATIONS – Chris Grandalen moved to approve a satisfactory performance rating for the Board Relations area of performance. Tyler Flaten seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

c. HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – Chris Grandalen moved to approve a satisfactory performance rating for the Human Resource Management area of performance. Lynn Carlson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

d. CURRICULUM AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES – Amy Czapiewski moved to approve a satisfactory performance rating for the Curriculum and Student Support Services area of performance. Tyler Flaten seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

e. COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Lynn Carlson moved to approve a satisfactory performance rating for the Community Relations area of performance. Tyler Flaten seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

f. OPERATIONS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – Lynn Carlson moved to approve a satisfactory performance rating for the Operations and Resource Management area of performance. Amy Czapiewski seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

3. The staff breakfast is set for December 19th at 8:00 in the library.

4. The board retreat was set tentatively for December 17th at 5:30 pm.

5. December's board meeting date has been changed to December 17th at 7:00 am.

MAGIC-WRIGHTER, INC.....34.95 BRAVERA BANK.....104.00 COLE PAPERS.....159.76 DPI.....595.03 MARITA ERMAN.....54.00 DEBRA FERRY.....90.00 FINLEY FARMERS GRAIN AND ELEV. CO.....1,144.97 FINLEY LUMBER & SUPPLY.....91.51 FLATEN AND JOHNSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT.....1,478.76 FS HOT LUNCH PROGRAM.....522.30 GLOBAL SAFETY NETWORK.....326.43 APRIL GRANDALEN.....29.46 GST MULTIDISTRICT EDUCATIONAL.....10,638.12 H A THOMPSON & SONS INC.....216,975.00 H A THOMPSON & SONS INC.....4,952.00 BRITTANY JOHNSON.....86.86 REGGIE LAFRAMBOISE.....137.00 MARCO.....1,696.18 MARCO.....1,375.40 MENARDS.....668.96 MLGC.....313.48 CHERYL PETERSON.....123.97 PLANBOOKEDU LLC.....480.00 RIEGER, BORGES, BENSON ELECTRIC.....2,928.00 SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION.....59.13 SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC.....32.30 SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA.....2,651.71 TOWN AND COUNTRY CO-OP.....1,176.28 VISA.....4,931.25 WIDMER ROEL PC.....550.00 WILDLIFE EXPLORERS 4-H CLUB25.00 NDUC GROUP ACCOUNT.....1,179.71 ALFRED PUBLISHING, LLC.....55.98 ARTIC BLAST OF GRAND FORKS, INC.....175.00 BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE.....603.00 CITY OF FINLEY WATERWORKS DEPT.....467.08 COCA-COLA BOTTLING HIGH COUNTRY.....286.00 COLE PAPERS.....1,450.60 APRIL GRANDALEN.....336.80 MARCO.....3,775.21 MCI.....54.40 NCS PEARSON INC.....790.00 CURTIS NESS.....10,827.30 NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.....65.00 OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY.....4,045.97 CHERYL PETERSON.....214.00 NEIL RACE.....341.00 RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK.....794.50 SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA ..5,845.76 VESTIS.....183.16 WIDMER ROEL PC.....5,000.00

Ryan Braaten adjourned the meeting at 9:43 am.

The next regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 AM on December 17th, 2025.

Ryan Braaten
School Board President

April Grandalen,
Business Manager
SCP January 9, 2026, IO#356044

School Board Minutes

Ryan Braaten called the December 17, 2025 meeting to order at 7:00 am in the library at 201 3rd St East, Finley ND. Present were Lynn Carlson, Chris Grandalen, Amy Czapiewski and Tyler Flaten via phone. Also in attendance were Jeff Larson, Neil Race, Business Manager April Grandalen, Teacher Representative Sarah Scheitel and Brittany Johnson. The pledge of allegiance was done.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lynn Carlson moved to confirm the agenda. Chris Grandalen seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. Amy Czapiewski moved to approve a satisfactory performance rating for the Curriculum and Student Support Services area of performance. Tyler Flaten seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

C O M M U N I C A T I O N S , DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS REPORTS

1. Audit/Finance Committee – Business Manger April Grandalen reported on the findings from the audit that were verbally given to her. Uncashed checks, budget excess, and credit card fraud policy were the three items discussed.

2. Building/Grounds Committee – Mr. Larson reported that the weight room equipment has been repaired, some toilets needing to be repaired, and Fargo Glass and Paint reported on the boiler room door.

3. Activities Committee – No report.

4. Curriculum/Technology – Mr. Larson reported the computers in the library that are used for elementary keyboarding need to be replaced as they are outdated and not supported. We are going to look at different options for those.

5. Human Resources – Lynn Carlson reported the committee met December 15th and reviewed the extra curricular schedule. The teachers will get a copy of the proposed schedule, and the final reading will be done at the next board meeting.

6. School Board Policy – There was a first reading of the following six policies at the December 12th committee meeting

a. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Descriptor Code: AAC)

b. Employing Board Members (Descriptor Code: BAA)

c. Board Conflict of Interest (Descriptor Code: BAB)

d. Education of Special Education Students/Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA (Descriptor Code: FDE)

e. Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure (Descriptor Code: HCBA)

f. Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (Descriptor Code: HCBA-E)

7. President – No report.

8. Superintendent/Elementary Principal – Mr. Larson gave his Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report.

Mr. Larson reported that the Pre-k through 6th grade music program went very well, the 5th and 6th graders sang at Bravera Bank for their open house, and the elementary raised \$1,100 for our helping hands project.

9. Secondary Principal/Athletic Director – Mr. Race gave his Secondary Principal/Athletic Director report.

Mr. Race reported that we are adding One Act play here at Finley Sharon next year with Mr. Boe and Ms. Scheitel as co-advisors, second round of STAR testing scheduled, FFA fruit sales, district leadership, and State FFA coming up.

Mr. Race also reported the football and volleyball teams earned the team scholar award, the volleyball team being crowned state champs, and winter sports numbers

OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
1. The staff breakfast will be on December 19th starting at 7:30

am.

2. The board retreat date was moved to January 6th, 2026, at 3:30 pm at the school.

3. Ryan Braaten and April Grandalen will be registered for the NDSBA winter summit.

MAGIC-WRIGHTER, INC.....34.95 BRAVERA BANK.....55.00 CITY OF FINLEY WATERWORKS DEPT.....449.36

COLE PAPERS.....653.47 FINLEY FARMERS GRAIN AND ELEV. CO.....911.58 FINLEY LUMBER & SUPPLY.....

.....2,528.67 FINLEY MOTORS, INC.....719.29 FS HOT LUNCH PROGRAM.....498.45

AMELIA GANYO.....200.00 APRIL GRANDALEN.....199.61

GST MULTIDISTRICT EDUCATIONAL.....10,638.12 H A THOMPSON & SONS INC

.....5,751.23 HARLOW'S BUS SALES, INC.....340.61

JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS, INC.....208.54

JOSTENS INC.....362.70 MARCO.....1,696.18

MARCO.....1,375.40 MAY-PORT CG PUBLIC SCHOOL

.....5,714.00 MENARDS.....149.65

MLGC.....308.48 ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.....70.00

NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.....67.00

CHERYL PETERSON.....59.99

MIRANDA SUCHOR.....228.12 SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA ..6,223.41

TOWN AND COUNTRY CO-OP.....

.....1,149.56 VERWEST CONTRACTING.....5,980.47

VISA.....11,107.65 ZANER BLOSER, INC.....2,468.13

BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE.....

.....603.00 LYNN CARLSON.....277.20

COCA-COLA BOTTLING HIGH COUNTRY.....289.50

COLE PAPERS.....934.97

AMY CZAPIEWSKI.....296.80

EVERSPRING SUITES - BISMARCK ND.....330.00

FFA.....256.00

APRIL GRANDALEN.....105.91

HARLOW'S BUS SALES, INC.....293.31

MARCO.....3,252.46

MCI.....55.06 MENARDS.....115.27

NDCEL.....125.00 NEW CENTURY PRESS.....708.37

OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY.....5,839.26

CHERYL PETERSON.....16.00

NEIL RACE.....50.00

RAMADA BISMARCK HOTEL

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VESTIS.....183.16

WIDMER ROEL PC.....8,156.41

Ryan Braaten adjourned the meeting at 8:06 am.

The next regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 AM on January 14th, 2026.

Ryan Braaten

School Board President

April Grandalen,

Business Manager

SCP January 9, 2026, IO#356045

Hope City Council

The Hope City Council met on Tuesday December 9, 2025 at 7:00 AM.

Present were Mayor Pat Brown and Council members Perry Brown, Jeff Schuety, Marvin Splettoesser, Mike Mora

Mayor Pat Brown called the regular City of Hope Monthly meeting to order

It was moved by Perry Brown and seconded by Jeff Schuety to approve the minutes of the November 2025 meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. Update on Trees (FEMA)

New Business

1. It was moved by Jeff Schuety and seconded by Perry Brown to approve \$150 Hope bucks to Mike Mora's House renovation. Motion passed.

2. Flood plain paperwork was discussed-tabled

3. It was moved Perry Brown and seconded by Jeff Schuety to approve cost of living raises of 3% to All approved Motion passed.

4. It was moved Jeff Schuety and seconded by Perry Brown to Christmas bonuses for city employees. All approved Motion passed.

5. Open forum- catalyst grant

discussion –Jeff Schuety Derby ring lot improvements

Past due accounts- send shut off notices

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.....11736.05

ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES