

PUBLIC NOTICES

Finley-Sharon School Board Meeting Agenda Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:00 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

- A. Call to order
- B. Voluntary recitation of the pledge of allegiance
- C. Confirmation of agenda and any additions to the agenda
- D. Consent Agenda
- 1. Approval of Minutes
- 2. Consideration of Bills
- 3. Financial Reports
- E. Communications
- F. Committee Reports
- 1. Audit/Finance
- 2. Building/Grounds
- 3. Activities
- 4. Curriculum/Technology
- 5. Human Resources
- 6. Policy
- 7. President
- 8. Superintendent/Elementary Principal
- 9. Secondary Principal/Athletic Director
- G. Old Business
- 1. 2026 -2027 Calendar Options
- H. New Business
- 1. Superintendent Evaluation
- 2. Principal Position
- I. Public Comment
- J. Adjournment

Finley-Sharon Public School Board

Finley-Sharon Public School Board Regular Meeting met Wednesday, February 4th, 2026 at 7:02 am in the library at 201 3rd St East, Finley ND.

Ryan Braaten called the meeting to order. Present were Lynn Carlson, Chris Grandalen, and Amy Czapiewski. Also in attendance were Jeff Larson, Neil Race, Business Manager April Grandalen, Teacher Representative Hanna Millar, Brittany Johnson, and Miranda Suchor. 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 the consent agenda. Lynn Carlson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

COMUNICATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Neil Race read his retirement letter. After 40 years in education, he is retiring at the end of the school year. The board thanked him for his dedication and years of service at Finley Sharon School.

REPORTS

Audit/Finance Committee – The committee met on January 30 and went over the draft of the audit. There was a discussion held about the budget, our special education unit, and the CDs we currently have. Lynn Carlson moved to approve the audit draft. Chris Grandalen seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

Building/Grounds Committee – Mr. Larson reported on a mockup of the window decals.

Activities Committee – Mr. Race gave preliminary numbers for spring sports.

Curriculum/Technology – The committee met on January 28th and went over the current curriculum, electives, the grading system change, and switching the years that Alegria II and Geometry is offered.

Human Resources – No report. School Board Policy – No report. President – No report.

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

Mr. Larson reported the 101 day of school celebration was 101 dalmatian day, the book fair was in progress, and the Finley Sharon spelling bee winners from each class and the three winners to advance to the county spelling bee.

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

Mr. Race reported that on Mr. Boe bringing kids to the academic challenge at Central Cass, MLK

professional development day, Mrs. Suchor brought the 8th graders to Grafton to a Career Expo, Mr. Williams brought our 7 FBLA students to a Business Challenge in Valley City, and Ms. Scheitel and four junior high students participated in Math Counts in Hope.

Mr. Race also reported the girls' basketball has five games and boys' basketball has seven games left in regular season play then onto regionals for both teams.

OLD BUSINESS

2026-2027 calendar options are being tabled until the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Manager April Grandalen would like the superintendent evaluations returned to her by March 4.

The annual school board election will be held June 9, 2026 at the school with the polls being open from 11 am to 7 pm. There are two at large positions available. Both positions are three-year terms.

MAGIC-WRIGHTER, INC..... 34.95
CENTRAL CASS PUBLIC SCHOOL..... 50.00
BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE..... 603.00

CITY OF FINLEY WATERWORKS DEPT..... 427.68
COCA-COLA BOTTLING HIGH COUNTRY..... 430.00
COLE PAPERS..... 564.77

DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. 19,049.37
DPI..... 366.67
MARITA ERMAN..... 878.09

FINLEY FARMERS GRAIN AND ELEV. CO..... 4,482.20
FINLEY MOTORS, INC..... 1,068.49
FS HOT LUNCH PROGRAM. 368.95
GLOBAL SAFETY NETWORK. 63.27
GST MULTIDISTRICT EDUCATION.. 10,638.12

MARCO 1,646.18
MAY-PORT CG PUBLIC SCHOOL 251.00
MLGC..... 313.12
NDCEL..... 300.00

NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE. 142.00
CHERYL PETERSON 463.88
MIKE PETERSON 101.50
STEELE COUNTY PRESS 45.00
STEELE COUNTY TREASURER 1,165.15

HOLLY STROMSODT 1,598.90
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA .. 2,881.74
TOWN AND COUNTRY CO-OP..... 1,278.75
TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES 617.65
VALLEY CITY HIGH SCHOOL 225.00
VALLEY PLAINS EQUIPMENT..... 1,627.01

VESTIS 91.58
VISA 3,526.42
DPI..... 597.10
JEFF LARSON..... 51.33
MARCO 3,634.96
MCI..... 55.24

ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATIO..... 916.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS 367.71
OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 8,032.95
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA .. 3,494.24
VESTIS 91.58
WIDMER ROEL PC..... 3,650.00
VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY - ELC DAY..... 225.00

Ryan Braaten adjourned the meeting at 8:33 am.

The next regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 AM on March 11, 2026.

Ryan Braaten
School Board President

April Grandalen,
Business Manager
SCP March 6, 2026 IO#355960

Finley-Sharon Public School Board

Finley-Sharon Public School Board Regular Meeting was held Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 7 a.m. in the library at 201 3rd St East, Finley, ND.

Ryan Braaten called the meeting. Present were Lynn Carlson, Chris Grandalen, and Amy Czapiewski. Also in attendance were Jeff Larson, Neil Race, Business Manager April Grandalen, Teacher Representative Brianna Neva. The pledge of allegiance was done.

CONSENT AGENDA

Amy Czapiewski moved to con-

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

COMUNICATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Ryan Braaten read a thank you note from the FS staff for the Christmas treats.

REPORTS

1. Audit/Finance Committee – The committee needs to meet to review the draft of the audit.

2. Building/Grounds Committee – Mr. Larson reported that the windows and doors were measured for the decals and we will get a name of installation company.

3. Activities Committee – Mr. Race gave preliminary numbers for spring sports.

4. Curriculum/Technology – No report.

5. Human Resources – There was a discussion about the extra curricular pay schedule. The committee went back and forth how to make the compensation for each activity fair for all based on job duties of said activity. Lynn Carlson moved to approve the extra curricular pay schedule. Chris Grandalen seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

6. School Board Policy – There was a second 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)

Amy Czapiewski moved to rescind the previous 6 policies that applied and approve the second reading of the six policies (listed above) as recommended by the School Board Policy Committee. There were no changes made to any of the six policies after the first reading, which occurred at the December 17, 2025, regular school board meeting. Lynn Carlson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

7. President – Ryan Braaten talked to Ben Gates about the emergency drill funding which we approved for. The active shooter drills have been moved to FEMA so we have to wait until we hear back from them.

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

Mr. Larson reported that the 2nd semester is off to a great start, the new tractor bucket has been delivered, the roof inspection is scheduled for spring and the AR goal activity was sledding.

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

Mr. Race reported that we had 82% of high school students on the honor roll last quarter, MLK day agenda, Mrs. Suchor taking 8th graders to career fair in Grafton, and Mr. Williams will be bringing FBLA students to Valley City for competition.

Mr. Race also reported the girls and boys basketball teams have tons of games coming up in the next few months.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ryan Braaten and April Grandalen will be attending the NDSBA Winter Summit in Bismarck.

2. The emergency drills were discussed during our board retreat that was held January 6th, 2026. Another retreat will be scheduled for the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Larson passed around a

preliminary calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

2. The February board meeting is rescheduled to February 4th, 2026.

3. Lynn Carlson moved to approve the Pledge of Securities. Chris Grandalen seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

MAGIC-WRIGHTER, INC..... 34.95
HILLSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOL 280.00
ADMIN PARTNERS LLC..... 100.00
BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE 603.00
TRENNT CARLSON..... 58.95
CITY OF FINLEY WATERWORKS DEPT..... 425.88
COLE PAPERS..... 856.67
FINLEY FARMERS GRAIN AND ELEV. CO..... 961.49
FS HOT LUNCH PROGRAM. 381.80
APRIL GRANDALEN..... 178.17
GST MULTIDISTRICT EDUCATIONAL..... 10,638.12
H A THOMPSON & SONS INC 5,567.62
HILLSBORO BANNER 165.00
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS, INC..... 66.24
KMAV-FM & KMSR-AM..... 300.00
MARCO 1,646.18
MARCO 5,233.51
MAY-PORT CG PUBLIC SCHOOL 225.00
MCI..... 55.40
MENARDS..... 99.93
MINNTEX CITRUS, INC..... 8,952.30
MLGC..... 313.48
NELSON NURSERY INC..... 2,218.60
MIKE PETERSON 11.52
NEIL RACE..... 90.80
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA . 5,582.24
TOWN AND COUNTRY CO-OP..... 2,039.19
VALUATION NW 125.00
VISA 4,471.00
TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES..... 9,874.64
ARTIC BLAST OF GRAND FORKS, INC 175.00
STEPHANIE DALE 108.31
ECOLAB INC..... 116.25
BRITTANY JOHNSON 163.05
MARCO 5,401.36
MENARDS..... 162.90
MENARDS..... 52.94
NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE. 90.00
OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 7,074.95
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA . 1,227.25
VESTIS 183.16

Ryan Braaten adjourned the meeting at 8:22 am.

The next regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 AM on February 4th, 2026.

Ryan Braaten
School Board President

April Grandalen,
Business Manager
SCP March 6, 2026 IO#355961

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

The filing deadline for the Finley-Sharon School Board has been set for APRIL 6, 2026, BY 4 p.m. The School Board election will be held on June 9, 2026. Two truly at large positions are open. The open positions are a three-year term. The only requirement to fill the truly at-large positions are that the candidates must live in the Finley-Sharon School District. Interested parties can pick up filing forms at the Finley-Sharon School office during office hours.

SCP March 6, 13 IO#355964

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Finley is Monday, April 6, 2026 by 4:00 PM. The following city offices are up for election: Mayor (1) Position (4-year term) City Council Member (2) Positions (4- year terms) City Park Board Member (2) Positions (4-year terms) A Candidate for a city office must turn in a completed SFN 02704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to their City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either your City Auditor or can be obtained online at <http://www.nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn02704.pdf> and <http://www.nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn10172.pdf>.

SCP March 6, 13 IO#355964

Finley City Council

The Finley City Council met Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Present were Mayor Brian Tuite and Council Members, Merle Ferry, Chad Aberle, and Paul Kroeplin. Absent was Tori Archer. Also, present Steve Fiebiger, Wayne Beckman, Laurie Tuite, Randy & Cathy Good, George Braun, and Catherine Abrego.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. Park board report was given by Chad Aberle.

The Sheriff report was given by Wayne Beckman.

Randy and Cathy Good were present to discuss property interest of the city however, the property was not enough footage, majority of interest was not city property.

Water rate increase from Dakota Rural Water district was discussed and city will raise the facility rate change in April from \$5.00 to \$7.50 and water from \$7.00 per 1000 gallons to \$7.50 per 1000 gallons to make up for the increase to the city. It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Kroeplin to approve the increase as stated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Aberle, seconded by Kroeplin to approve Midwest Management to complete USDA Rural Development Report for USDA Loans. Motion carried.

Community Center was discussed, planning informative public meeting to be held at the former grocery store on the evening of Wednesday, April 8th, at 5:00, to focus on continued fund raiser. Burgers and Brats will be served as part of City Government Week.

It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Aberle to approve gaming permit to American Legion for raffle. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kroeplin, seconded by Aberle to set the date of the Equalization Meeting on Thursday, April 2nd, at 6PM with City Council meeting to follow. Motion carried.

Notice was given of yearly filing of Statement of Interest for council members must be filed with the city auditor each year regardless of running for an election or not. Subject to penalties for non-compliance.

Catherine Abrego was present to discuss interest in a Community Garden. City council thought that would be a very good thing to have as a community and she was given the go ahead to see if she can arrange to get one up and running and what kind of interest the citizens might have in doing this. Locations to check out were also discussed.

It was moved by Aberle, seconded by Ferry to approve the bills. Motion carried.

99206 BRAVERA 1,801.10
99205 Heartland Payment Systems..... 33.50
99204 STEELE COUNTY JDA500.00 34984 STEPHEN FIEBIGER 2,197.27
34985 Marci Johnson..... 1,080.01
34986 Advanced Business Methods..... 148.50
34987 BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE 2,646.50
34988 Colonial Life 153.52
34989 DAKOTA RURAL WATER DISTRICT 5,013.75
34990 FINLEY FARMERS ELEVATOR 13.62
34991 FINLEY MOTORS INC. 77.58
34992 Grand Forks Utility Billing... 26.00
34993 Midco 37.50
34994 OTTER TAIL POWER CO. 2,173.54
34995 STEELE COUNTY..... 1,800.00
34996 THOMAS R. MOE..... 150.00
34997 Verizon Business..... 38.26
35003 WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE..... 1,542.44
35004 Kat & Company..... 750.00
35005 BRAVERA 958.61
35006 FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516..... 3,749.86
35007 MLGC..... 451.47
35008 NODAK REC. INC..... 697.33
35009 North Star Electric 1,571.74
35010 ONE CALL CONCEPTS 16.50

35011 TOWN & COUNTRY COOP ... 3,156.61
35012 VESTIS..... 443.20
35013 Chad Aberle..... 161.61
35014 Tori Archer 161.61
35015 STEPHEN FIEBIGER 1,980.08
35016 Merle Ferry 161.61
35017 Marci Johnson..... 1,080.01
35018 PAUL KROEPLIN 161.61
35019 Brian Tuite..... 230.87
35021 LESLIE JOHNSON... 1,291.00
35022 STEPHEN FIEBIGER 1,291.00
35023 Marci Johnson..... 277.05
35024 TYLER MIDSTOKKE 1,817.10
35025 EFTPS 2,523.97
35045 FINLEY PARK BOARD 671.58
There being no other business, Kroeplin moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Next city council meeting was set for Monday March 3rd, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Finley City Hall.

Hope City Council

The Hope City Council met on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7 a.m.

Present were Mayor Pat Brown and Council members: Perry Brown, Jeff Schuety, Tim Johnson, Laurie Tuite

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

It was moved by Tim Johnson and seconded by Jeff Schuety to approve the minutes of the January 2026 meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. It was moved Tim Johnson and seconded by Jeff Schuety to approve the liquor license for the Hope Bar. All in favor, Motion passed.

2. It was moved Jeff Schuety and seconded by Tim Johnson to approve the liquor license for the American Legion. All in favor, Motion passed.

New Business

1. It was moved by Tim Johnson and seconded by Perry Brown to approve the new rates for the RV Park. Motion passed.

2. Broom discussed

3. Open forum- no comments

Past due accounts- send shut off notices

Pay Bills. Motion by Tim Johnson and seconded by Perry Brown to pay bills. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY 9252.20
STEELE COUNTY JDA..... 500.00
AFLAC 221.60
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE..... 2339.28
CHARLES YANEZ..... 1599.70
MARVIN SPLETTSTOESSER. 100.00
MARVIN SPLETTSTOESSER2050.34
DAKOTA RURAL WATER DISTRICT.. 4090.52
STEELE COUNTY TREASURER 24520.27
BEK..... 79.16
CORE & MAIN LP 3704.06
FARMERS UNION OIL COMPANY.... 181.78
GRAND FORKS UTILITY BILLING..... 26.00
MARC 934.36
MINNKOTA POWER COOP, INC..... 1633.50
ND ONE CALL, INC. 1.50
NEW CENTURY PRESS 63.09
STEELE COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPT. 1100.00
THOMAS R. MOE..... 150.00
TREVOR MCCULLOUGH..... 125.00
HOPE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION..... 5709.82
HOPE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION..... 3500.00
MARVIN SPLETTSTOESSER2050.34
CHARLES YANEZ..... 1599.70
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS..... 304.44

Adjourn meeting – Motion by Perry Brown and seconded by Tim Johnson adjourn the meeting. Motion passed

Pat Brown, Mayor
Charles Yanez, Auditor
SCP March 6, 2026 IO#355967

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEELE COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Court File No.: 46-2025-PR-00016
In the Matter of the Estate of Dennis Frank McVeigh, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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