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Turtle Lake-Mercer School January Meeting

January 21, 2026

President Britton called the regular meeting of the Turtle Lake-Mercer School Board to order at 7:00 P.M in the Board Room on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Roll Call: Present: Britton, O'Shea, Ravnaas, Ruffo, Sparrow
Absent: none

Superintendent: Sheila Schlafmann
Principal: Kurt Zeibarth
Business Manager: Laura Fiedler
Guest: Mrs. Hunter Philbrick, Aiden Hanson, Kaden Lemm

Consent Agenda: Consent agenda reviewed. Ruffo moved to approve the following consent agenda:

Minutes of the December 15, 2025 regular meeting

December Financial Reports
Payment January Bills as presented.
Ravnaas seconded the motion. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Student Outcomes – Reviewed STAR and Dibels Data
Community Speakers: Comments on Current or Immediately Preceding Agenda Items – if any: None

Committee Meetings:
Building and Grounds – January 16th at 9:00 AM

Met with Jesse from Moore Engineering to discuss options for parking lot. Reviewed HVAC-AC estimates. Discussed gym mats.

Administration Reports
Principal Report
Congratulations to Burke Fiedler!

He is the first student to make it into the Million Word Club this year!

We are all set for NAEP Testing. 4th Grade Students will test on January 29th. 8th Grade Students will test on February 10th. NAEP Employees will be at TL-M School to administer the test. The following website is where NAEP results can be viewed by state: <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/> North Dakota scored well in comparison to the nation in 2024.

January 28th will be PreK Screening Day at TL-M School starting at 9:00 AM.

Semester 1 Report Cards have been mailed out. In grades 7-12, 60 students received Highest Honors with a GPA range of 3.7-4.0, 13 students received High Honors with a GPA range of 3.3-3.69, and 3 students received Honors with a GPA range of 3.0-3.29.

ND A+ Interim 2 is in the process of being completed by our students. STAR Reading and STAR Math Assessments are finished. Elementary Students are being assessed with DIBELS Assessments. Data from STAR and DIBELS will be shared during the January Board Meeting.

Superintendent/Activities Director Report

2027 Impact Aid Application 7002 was submitted

Student Engagement Survey – window opens February 1st

Grades 3 – 12

I will be attending the ND Association of Superintendents Mid-Winter Conference January 25-27th in Bismarck

4-Day Waiver is due July 1st

AD Report

Softball schedule is almost finalized.

JH Boys' Basketball – first game was 1/13/26 – 21 boys out

Girls' Districts start in Garrison on February 13th, 14th, and 16th

District Meeting is February 4th in Washburn

Boys' Districts start in Washburn on February 27th, March 2nd and 3rd

District Meeting is February 18th in Washburn

SWAD meeting in Hebron on January 28th

Positive Reflection/Sharing:

Congratulations to all of our semester 1 honor roll students, great work!

Discussion/Action:

Senior Trip – Aiden Hansen and Kaden Lemm presented plan and request for trip to Bozeman, MT March 25-28.

Ruffo moved to approve request as presented. Sparrow second the motion.

Roll Call: Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Britton-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.

Open Enrollment Application

2025-2026 Enrollment - January

Kindergar	8	1st	9
2nd	8	3rd	14
4th	7	5th	10
6th	20	7th	20
8th	17	9th	14
10th	22	11th	8
12th	9	Total	166
K-16th	76	7th-12th	90
PreK	4		

Sparrow moved to approve application. Ravnaas second the motion.

Roll Call: Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Britton-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.

Transportation Handbook Recommendation

O'Shea moved to amend transportation handbook to include:

"Transportation for a student open-enrolled to the TL-M District may be approved by the School Board on a case-by-case basis. Considerations may include, but are not limited to, bus and driver availability, the number of miles added beyond the current route, and the overall length of the bus route."

Ravnaas seconded the motion. Roll Call: O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Britton-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.

HVAC Project -tabled further discussion until more information is received.

Adjourned at 8:07.

January Bill Review: Ruffo and O'Shea

Next Regular School Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

APPROVED BILLS:

GENERAL FUND AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES 2,947.16; ANDERSON, JOI 450.00; BRITTON, RICHARD 84.00; CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER 2,701.46; CITY OF TURTLE LAKE 545.84; D&E SUPPLY CO 1,722.39; DEANS DISTRIBUTING 452.75; DRI 617.50; ENTZEL-FIEDLER, LAURA 450.00; FIEDLER, BYRON 450.00; HARDWARE HANK 84.06; HARTLEY'S SCHOOL BUSES 52.74; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 25.83; INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC 1,007.29; J.P. MORGAN 2,138.18; JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS 205.82; MAIN STREET MARKET 117.72; MARCO 1,645.35, MDU 3,233.49; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL 150.35; ND WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANC 178.60; NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS 347.60; OTTER TAIL POWER 3,042.00; RATH & MEHRER, P.C. 9,500.00; SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS 317.90; SCHLAFMANN, SHEILA 450.00; VALUATIONS NORTHWEST, INC 125.00; WAGON WHEEL LUMBER 122.00; WEIAND, ALICIA 207.20; WEST RIVER TELEPHONE CO 321.51; WESTERN LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY INC 169.66; WEX HEALTH INC. 71.00; ZIEBARTH, KURT 450.00; Fund Total: 34,384.40

FOOD SERVICE

CAPITAL CITY RESTAURANT SUPPLY 65.23

INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC 3,426.53; MAIN STREET MARKET 79.93; ND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

INSTRUCTION 602.07; RHOADS, DEBRA 102.12; SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA, INC. 1,609.39; TLM ACTIVITY FUND 41.48; US FOODS INC 4,250.58; Fund Total: 10,177.33

ACTIVITY FUND

AIDEN HANSON 150.00; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES 269.46; ANDERSON, ZELLA 200.00; CENTER-STANTON HIGH SCHOOL 75.00; COCA COLA REFRESHMENTS USA, INC 194.00; HAHN, JASON 350.00; HARRYS AUTO SERVICE 120.52; ARTHURS FLOWERS & GIFTS 117.00; J.P. MORGAN 3,030.98; KENSLEY RUFFO 80.00; MAIN STREET MARKET 1,064.45; MIKE SKACHENKO 132.20; ND BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION 65.00; NDACDA - ATTN: KRISTEN LYNCH 120.00; NORTH DAKOTA ALL STATE 170.00; PEITYN FIEDLER 80.00; SCHLAFMANN, CAMBREE 100.00; SCHLAFMANN, SHEILA 391.45; SKACHENKO, MASON 50.00; US FOODS INC 386.07; VANDERWAL, AUSTIN 734.00; VIVIAN SCHLAFMANN 180.00; VOTH, KELLY 108.61; Fund Total: 8,168.74

SPECIAL FUND

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 44.55; BEK COMMUNICATIONS INC 14.99; BEST BUY CREDIT SERVICES 677.24; DIVIDE COUNTY SCHOOL DIST #1 11,000.00; DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION 8.28; SRT COMMUNICATIONS INC 69.90; VERIZON WIRELESS 215.56; Fund Total: 12,030.52

(Feb. 26, 2026)

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Financial Statement - Year Ending 2025

	Beg. Balance	Revenue	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Expense	End. Balance
General	\$ (94,622.75)	\$ 214,497.52	\$ 125,000.00	\$	\$ 348,850.19	\$ (103,975.42)
Highway	\$ 38,586.49	\$ 19,621.53			\$ 31,056.91	\$ 27,151.11
Highway Legacy Fund	\$ 5,726.13	\$				\$ 5,726.13
Flex Funds	\$	\$ 6,981.31				\$ 6,981.31
Occupancy Tax	\$ 16,947.83	\$ 5,240.20			\$ 503.75	\$ 21,684.28
Restaurant/Lodging Tax	\$ 63,232.25	\$ 16,654.96			\$ 2,451.61	\$ 77,435.60
Prairie Dog Funds	\$	\$ 33,970.05				\$ 33,970.05
Water/Sewer/Garbage	\$ 209,220.41	\$ 268,058.85			\$ 249,860.68	\$ 227,418.58
Electrical	\$ 670,049.15	\$ 359,783.34		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 271,783.45	\$ 658,049.04
Campground	\$ 106,162.04	\$ 193,455.00		\$ 75,000.00	\$ 45,283.75	\$ 179,333.29
Water Treatment Facility	\$ 236,628.23	\$ 252,716.48			\$ 219,269.13	\$ 270,075.58
Campground CIP Fund	\$ 50,000.00					\$ 50,000.00
Electrical CIP Fund	\$ 750,000.00		\$ 50,000.00			\$ 800,000.00
Water CIP Fund	\$ 99,614.48	\$ 37,367.66				\$ 136,982.14
Total All Funds	\$ 2,151,544.26	\$ 1,408,346.90	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 1,169,059.47	\$ 2,390,831.69

(Feb. 26, 2026)