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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN SECTION LINE ROADS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed by The Falkirk Mining Company, P.O. Box 1087, Underwood, North Dakota 58576, with the Board of McLean County Commissioners requesting that the following section line roads be temporarily closed in order to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations:

a. The section line road between the SW4 of Section 1 and the NW4 of Section 12, Township 144 North, Range 84 West

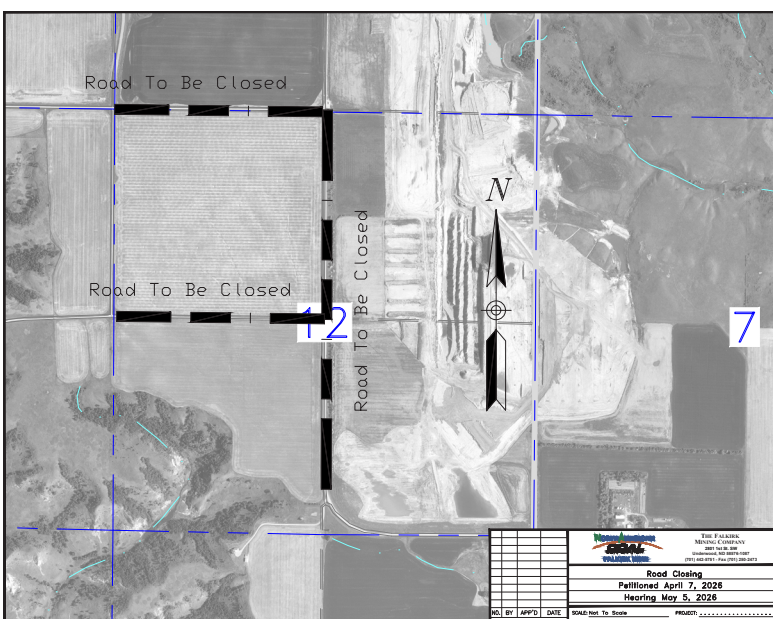
b. The road located on the quarter line between the NW4 and SW4 of Section 12, Township 144 North, Range 84 West

c. The road located between the E2 and W2 of Section 12, Township 144 North, Range 84

After the completion of surface coal mining and reclamation operations, Falkirk will restore the closed sections line roads to as good a condition as existed prior to the closing of such roads to the extent required by the Board of McLean County Commissioners.

A hearing on the Petition will be held by the Board of McLean County Commissioners in the McLean County Courthouse at Washburn, North Dakota, on the 5th day of May, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., CDT, for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence bearing upon the above request by Falkirk. Statements may be made orally or in writing at the time of the public hearing. The Petition, along with the map showing the effected section lines, is on file in the office of the McLean County Auditor and may be viewed by interested persons during regular office hours.

By order of the Board of McLean County Commissioners.
 Beth Knutson, County Auditor



(04-23-26, 04-30-26)

Washburn School District #4 Washburn, ND 58577 March 24, 2026

A special meeting of the Washburn School Board was scheduled at 7:00 pm on March 24, 2026. Members present were Rick Tweeten, Sandi Erber, Aaron Solomonson, Stacey Scheresky, Jada Holznagel and Brooklyn Shaan. Luke Retterath was absent. Superintendent, Penny Veit-Hetletved and Business Manager, Kendra Casavant also attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Personnel Contracts were offered to the following teachers for the 26-27 school year:

Dante Caseldo to teach Math in the amount of \$67,557.00.

Kacy Hardt to teach Math in the amount of \$49,357.00.

Kylie Grumbo to teach Special Education in the amount of \$54,057.00.

Mandy Grossman to teach Title I in the amount of \$49,357.00.

Mariah Trangsrud to teach Elementary in the amount of \$49,357.00.

Scheresky/Holznagel motioned to approve these new contracts. Motion carried.

The Business Manager contract for Kendra Casavant was amended to add the language "Full Family Health policy or Value of", with a salary increase of 3.25%

Superintendent contract for Penny Veit-Hetletved added cell phone compensation, \$600 annually, with a salary increase of 3.25%

Elementary Principal's contract for Christina Reynolds was updated to be the consistent with the high school principal. Payout of unused leave was added to the contract, with a salary increase of 3.25%

High School Principal contract for Beau Eriksson will reflect a 3.75% increase.

All contracts will be for a one-year term to align with the teacher negotiations.

Solomonson/Holznagel motioned to approve the contracts for the Administration and Business Manager as presented. Motion carried.

Community Feedback: A letter of retirement from Laura Tweeten was presented.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Attest: Kendra Casavant, Business Manager Rick Tweeten, Chairman
 (04-23-26)

Wilton Public School

03/30/2026 Special Committee Meeting, 12:00pm

Negotiations Committee Meeting
 In attendance: School Board Members Jessica Oswald and Kylee Schuh, Superintendent Andrew Jordan, and Business Manager Jenna Kirchmeier

The committee discussed compensating Mr. Thompson at a rate of \$20 per hour when filling in as an administrator in the absence of all administrators. Superintendent Jordan would provide approval via email when Mr. Thompson is needed in this role.

Additional discussion about having Mr. Thompson teach the Cyber Security course in person, as it was offered online this year. The committee expressed interest in encouraging this option while still allowing students the choice to take the course online if preferred. It was noted that not all students learn effectively in an online format, and Cyber Security is a state-required course. If Mr. Thompson were to teach the Cyber Security course, the committee discussed

Mr. Thompson will continue his role with Great Western Network. He has needed to leave the building approximately three to four days this year. This arrangement results in an estimated savings of \$4,000, as associated fees are waived.

Superintendent Jordan provided some suggestions, and the committee recommends Option 3.

The committee noted that it typically aims to align administrative increases with a similar percentage to teacher salary increases; however, it also acknowledged that the job duties are not directly comparable. The committee's recommendation to the board for the upcoming meeting is a 3% salary increase.

The committee also discussed compensatory time and additional duty considerations, including requests for more personal days or comp time (e.g., work completed while traveling), as well as compensation when a principal is required to substitute in the classroom.

In defining compensatory time, the committee discussed allowing a maximum of one day per quarter, which must be used within that same quarter. Eligible activities would include school-related functions and co-curricular responsibilities but would not include volunteer activities.

The committee emphasized the need to establish clear guidelines for compensatory time to be included in contracts. All comp time hours would require prior approval from Superintendent Jordan, who would then communicate the approved time to the Business Manager.

12:40pm adjourned.
 Board President Business Manager
 (04-26-26)

Wilton Public School 3/25/2026 Negotiations Committee Meeting 5:00pm

In attendance: School Board Members Jessica Oswald and Kylee Schuh, Superintendent Andrew Jordan, Business Manager Jenna Kirchmeier

Technology Coordinator: Brett Thompson is currently employed under the support staff contract and is in the process of completing his administration degree. He has expressed interest in utilizing this degree in a formal capacity. At times when administration is out of the building, Mr. Thompson has filled in as an administrator and would like to continue serving in this role.

The committee discussed the possibility of establishing an administrative designee hourly contract. Under this arrangement, Superintendent Jordan would provide approval when Mr. Thompson is needed to serve in the administrative designee role.

Additionally, the committee discussed the option of Mr. Thompson teaching the Cyber Security class as an alternative to paying for students to complete the course online.

President Oswald also reminded the committee that the board has previously approved allowing Mr. Thompson to leave as needed to fulfill his responsibilities with the Great Western Network position he holds.

Principals: Superintendent Jordan met with the principals, who presented the following requests: a 4% salary increase, additional personal days or the option for compensatory time (e.g., time worked while traveling), and compensation in situations where a principal is required to substitute in a classroom.

The committee discussed what would constitute compensatory time, suggesting a maximum of one day per quarter, which must be used within that same quarter.

The committee ultimately decided to table the discussion and schedule a follow-up meeting next week.

Superintendent: Superintendent Jordan shared a handout: 26-27 Superintendent Contract Ideas. Committee board members liked option 3: 24 vacation days, flexible of Fridays in the Summer or non-school Fridays. No raise, keep 50% in lieu of difference family insurance minus single plus dependents.

Adjourned at 5:59pm
 Board President Business Manager
 (04-23-26)

Rockhill Equalization Meeting
 April 27, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
 at Amanda and Greg Fischer's residence, 31100 249th St. NE Wing, North Dakota
 (04-16-26, 04-23-26)

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