

Wing equalization board adopts updated property values

Assessment roll reflects new buildings and value increases

BY KELLI AMELING
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

The Wing Board of Equalization approved the city's 2026 assessment roll during a meeting held April 2 at City Hall.

According to meeting minutes published in the April 16 edition of The Leader-News, Mayor Julie Hein called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were Jesse Goehring, Kevin Dearing, Eliza Francis, Peggy Geloff, Allan Vietmeier and Garry Deckert. Stephanie Bryant and Kobe Bryant were absent.

The board approved minutes from the 2025 meeting.

Vietmeier reported the addition of new buildings resulted in a 5.5% increase in property values. The total true and full value of the 2026 assessment roll was reported at \$6,354,100.

Deckert requested his property in Wing be reassessed. The request was granted by Vietmeier.

The board later approved findings and declared the 2026 assessment roll for the city of Wing equalized. The motion was made by Goehring and seconded by Francis and carried.

The meeting was adjourned following a motion by Francis, seconded by Goehring.

The minutes were certified by the city auditor/township clerk.

NO ONE DELIVERS YOUR LOCAL NEWS BETTER THAN YOUR LOCAL PAPER



Wing School Board approves calendar, superintendent evaluation

Board also discusses financial outlook, tax levy concerns

BY KELLI AMELING
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

The Wing School Board approved the 2026-27 school calendar, reviewed the district's financial outlook and formally approved the superintendent's evaluation during its regular meeting at the Wing School.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Amanda Fischer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present included Fischer, Aaron Hertz, Kristina Fischer, Allison Morris and Twyla Helmer. Also present were Superintendent Cassidy Lyngaas, Business Manager Becky Bernhardt, and staff members Wanda Mehlhoff, Jeanette Fox and Brittany Quale.

According to meeting minutes published in the April 16 edition of The Leader-News, the board approved the meeting agenda, the February 2026 regular meeting minutes and minutes from a special meeting held Feb. 18.

In the business manager's report, the board approved the financial report and accounts payable. Bernhardt reminded the board that Hertz and Helmer are up for reelection, with a filing deadline of March 30.

Lyngaas provided an administrator's report reviewing activities that occurred in February and March and those planned for the coming months.

Under unfinished business, the board reviewed and discussed the superintendent evaluation summary. The board approved Lyngaas' ratings in all evaluation categories by roll call vote. All board members rated her satisfactory in categories including goal and vision

setting, board relations, human resource management, curriculum and student support services, community relations, and operations and resource management. The roll call votes were added to the evaluation summary.

The board also reviewed and approved the 2026-27 school calendar following discussion.

A recommendation to approve a ReductionInForce nonrenewal agreement for Elizabeth Labrensz was reviewed and discussed. The board approved the agreement by roll call vote.

In new business, the board discussed the financial outlook of the district, including schoolowned vehicles and potential tradein values. A realtor from Century 21 reviewed schoolowned properties, and the board discussed whether to sell property through a realtor, auction or closed bid. Lyngaas said she would explore the options further for a future meeting.

The board discussed feedback from a recent community meeting focused on tax levy discussions and financial transparency. Excess tax levy mills were also discussed, and the board agreed to hold another community meeting March 31, allowing residents to bring tax statements to review potential impacts.

Negotiation dates were set, with teachers and the board agreeing to meet March 24. The board then entered executive session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss negotiation strategies and returned to open session at 9:32 p.m.

Following presentation of bills, the board scheduled its next regular meeting for April 13 at 8 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

BIO

year. One that stood out this season, Hair said, was called "Step Inside Their Story," which introduced the idea of empathy by having girls literally try on each other's shoes.

"Most girls hadn't heard this expression before," she said. "They tried on each other's shoes and had lots of fun with it, but when they truly understood the expression, it was powerful for a lot of them."

Parents said they have seen changes at home as well.

"Lydia loves BIO Girls," said Sarah Ternes of Wilton. "It has helped her self-esteem. She has built friendships. She comes home from sessions happy and excited."

Sarah Yunker said her daughter, Carena, has also benefited.

"Carena struggles with her confidence and self-esteem. BIO Girls has been a huge help for her."



PHAIDRA YUNKER | THE LEADER-NEWS

BIO Girls participants burst from the starting line during Sunday's 5K in Washburn, laughing and racing through a crepe-paper ribbon to start the final event of their season. Left to Right Front: Jewel Schaan, McKenzie Hetletved, Lorrie Winterberg, Leah Henke, London Murrey and Giselle Schaan. Back: Everly Harvey, Harlee Patterson, Lydia Ternes, Carena Yunker, Delyla Holznagel, Noella Speten, Rachel Frigon, Emmy Barnick, Kennedy Kraft, Ivy Fred, Kee'onna Duvall, Lacey Pflipsen and Kayla Henke.

Mentors said the girls' energy and willingness to participate remained consistent throughout the season. "They come each week with a positive attitude and love to learn," Hair said. "Some come nervous but

Bio cont. on 18

SERVICE DIRECTORY

A Business and Professional Directory | Call 462-8126 to advertise your business

ATTORNEYS

Lindell Law Office



David Lindell, Lawyer • CPA
P.O. Box 427 • Washburn, ND 58577
701-462-8566
Fax - 701-462-3761

CHIROPRACTORS

WASHBURN CHIROPRACTIC
Whole Family Chiropractic Care

Dr. John A. Thompson
701-462-3531
Red Plaza, Hwy 83 & County Rd 22
Washburn

HANDYMAN

Stroh Services LLC.



LANDSCAPING
SNOW REMOVAL
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
HANDYMAN SERVICES
LICENSED AND INSURED

Miles Stroh 701.460.6749 STROHSERVICESND@OUTLOOK.COM
STAY STROH SOLID

MEDICAL

Washburn Family Clinic
PrimeCare *Walk-ins welcome!*

Mon.-Fri. • 8:30 a.m to 5 p.m.

Sue Wardner, FNP
Amanda Schmidt, FNP • Kaitlyn Wirtz, PA-C
1177 Border Lane • Washburn
462-3396 or 1-877-769-5847

PLUMBING

*"For Those Sluggish Drains
And Backed-Up Mains"*



Haugen's Drain Service
Residential - Commercial
Box 246
Washburn, North Dakota 58577

PAT HAUGEN 701-462-3730
Cell 701-315-0600

SERVICES

enhancing minds all across town



The more you read, the more you know. Keep up to date with your local newspaper.

Subscribe online
www.nordaknorth.com