

LEGALS

Washburn School District #4 Washburn, ND 58577 May 11, 2026

A regular meeting for Washburn School Board was scheduled at 7:30 pm on May 11, 2026. Members present were Rick Tweeten, Sandi Erber, Aaron Solomonson, Luke Retterath, Jada Holznel, Stacey Scheresky and Brooklyn Schaan. Superintendent, Penny Veit-Hetletved; Business Manager, Kendra Casavant, Elementary Principal Christina Reynolds, High School Principal Beau Eriksson and Maintenance Director Ivan Emel also attended the meeting. Amanda Oster was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Holznel/Scheresky motioned to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Erber/Schaan motioned to approve the minutes of 4/13/2026 Regular Board meeting, 5/7/2026 Policy Committee Meeting and 5/11/2026 Facility Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Activities spent \$47,133.82 this month. Student transportation spent \$31,300.00, Food Services is no longer covering expenses and is supplemented by the General Fund. The General Fund is 82.6% spent.

Presentation of bills: Erber/Holznel motioned to pay the bills. Motion carried. IN FAVOR OF: JP Morgan 10,254.97; Myra Olson 3608.63; Advanced Business Methods 1281.95; AFLAC 3467.60; AFLAC 1992.67; Allard Trophy 55.00; Apptegy Inc. 7922.27; Bethanie Axtman 240.00; Brenco Cleaning Supplies 638.25; D'Aulan Bussman 5085.15; Cariina 5000.00; Circle Sanitation Service 846.00; City of Washburn 645.53; Ecolab 583.83; Enerbase 5437.32; Rachel Frigon 160.00; Frontier Floral 128.40; Guardian Lock 605.95; Marley Hair 160.00; Harlow's Bis 1250.51; April Hetletved 160.00; Penny Hetletved 670.00; Rachel Hochhalter 160.00; John Deere Financial 519.86; Josten's 597.33; Krause's Supervalu 103.03; McLean Implement 1466.39; Menard's 612.41; Network Services 2803.15; Ottetail Power 5536.82; Pahlke Steel 53.37; Elizabeth Patterson 60.00; Rainbow Gas 561.17; Rath & Mehrer 9500.00; Renaissance Learning 4403.70; Roughrider Industries 512.00; Sandi Schnaidt 94.92; Julie Schwartz 695.10; Scott's Hardware 69.45; Software Unlimited 6200.00; Staples Business Advantage 635.05; Stein's 243.65; Jalane Veer 93.00; Wagon Wheel 100.58; West River Telecommunications 840.74; Midwest Doors 4141.00; Weber Electric 1300.00; Ivan Emel 7810.00; Judy Beaudry 576.00; Janet Derrico 648.00; Whitney Dutton 2502.00; Stacy Etter 288.00; Shaune Goetz 720.00; Mandy Grossman 864.00; Randy Hall 1008.00; Randy Hanson 54.00; Kacy Hardt 1584.00; Vickie Mayer 216.00; Kay Reiser 558.00; Earlene Rothmann 1152.00; Becky Tibke 306.00

Opportunity for public input; none was offered.

Superintendent's Report: Pearce Durick, legal counsel, is no longer able to serve us. NDSBA has attorneys on staff we will utilize should the need arise. A kiosk has been installed outside the New Gym doors that has content to academic achievements, athletics, school history, fine arts, and community information. Note on school support of homeless students. A retirement acknowledgement program was held for Laura Tweeten, Mike Kamrath, and Wendy Miller. Mr. Moe was named teacher of the year for McLean County. Mrs. Oster was a teacher of the year nominee. Mr. Lauer was named teacher of the year for student's choice. Bus workshop is scheduled on August 11. NDSU will be borrowing our bus this summer. Student enrollment is 403. Kindergarten graduation is coming up.

Principals' reports: Reynolds

reports Kindergarten Graduation and the Hungry Caterpillar play is coming up this week. Field trips are scheduled. Track and Field Day is May 18th and 19th. Eriksson reports Summer School information was sent out, which will run Monday – Thursdays for the Month of June. Use of Artificial Intelligence in school is an ongoing topic of conversation in school, using it as a tool vs. having it do assignments for students.

Committee Reports: Facilities meeting held on 5/11/2026: Parking Lot project will start once school is out during the summer. Quotes to refinish the Olde Gym floor were presented. Gym floor pads in the new gym are in disrepair; will revisit in June as quotes come in. Gym floor coverings have been obtained from Anthem, CoverMaster and Great Mats. Anthem Sports was the lowest bid at \$13,951.09. Retterath/Scheresky motioned to accept the bid from Anthem Sports. Motion carried. Signage on the south wall in the New Gym showing banners that teams made it to state. They are showing wear. Quotes for replacement. Ivan Emel will be doing the landscaping left unfinished by construction. Payment will be made ½ the last week of school and ½ upon completion.

The building project donor wall is in progress. Ivan Emel has been working on new gym doors, along with locker room doors; they just need to be installed.

The Policy Committee met on 5/7/2026. They discussed a toilet training policy and submitted policy FBB for first reading. This addresses how general education student accidents will be handled when they are not potty trained or have frequent potty accidents. Preschool requires toilet independence. Submit for a first reading policy KD under Memorials. Student homelessness policy was reviewed, no changes at this time. Scheresky/Erber motioned to submit FBB Preschool and KD Memorials as first reading. Motion carried.

Personnel: Brooklyn Schaan submitted her resignation from the Washburn School Board effective June 30, 2026. Board President has the authority to fill the term via NDCC 15.1-09-09. Tweeten moved to approve Joe Sheldon to the open school board position. Roll call: Solomonson – yes, Retterath – yes, Scheresky – yes, Schaan – yes, Erber – yes, Holznel – yes, Tweeten – yes. Vote was 7-0; Motion carried.

Pledge of Securities was received from Dakota West.

Next meeting: June 11, 2026 at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Attest: Kendra Casavant, Business Manager Rick Tweeten, Chairman
(07-09-26)

Phoenix tower international to modify antennas

Phoenix Tower International is proposing to modify antennas at an approximate centerline height of 184 feet above ground level on an existing 344-foot (overall height) guyed-type telecommunications structure located near 1473 34th Avenue NW, Garrison, McLean County, North Dakota (47° 37' 32.6" N, 101° 16' 17.1" W). Phoenix Tower International invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to publicnotice@eca-usa.com. Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 108 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. 25-004001/DMG
(07-09-26)

Painted Woods Township Public hearing July 21

Painted Woods Township will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6 pm at the Wilton Senior Center. The meeting agenda includes regular meeting business, and consideration of a conditional use permit application submitted by Jack and Carmen Biesterfeld for Gov't Lots 1 and 2, Section 12, T141N, R81W. Anyone with questions or comments may present them to the board at this time. Abigail Franklund, Secretary & Treasurer
(07-02-2026, 07-09-2026)

PLANNING

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ship 148 North, Range 84 West. The property consists of 19.1 acres, and the applicants are seeking to change the zoning from residential to agricultural.

The commission will also consider two conditional use permit requests for non-farm structures on agricultural land.

Layne and Melissa Reynolds of Garrison are requesting approval for a conditional use permit involving 1.69 acres located in Lot 1 of Outlot A in the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 34 in McGinnis Township.

Lane and BreAnne Westman of Hazen have also applied for a conditional use permit involving Outlot A in the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 7 in Andrews Township. Ruby Westman is listed as the landowner. The property consists of 3.59 acres, and the applicants are seeking approval to construct a non-farm structure on agricultural land.

A setback variance request from Robert Biwer and Louise Murphy of Bismarck is also on the agenda. The request involves Lot 42 in the Snake Creek Cottage Site in Malcolm Township.

The applicants are seeking a variance from the setback requirements of the McLean County Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a structure closer than 125 feet from the centerline of 30th Avenue Northwest. The agenda cites subsection 6 of section 5.2.4 of the revised zoning ordinance, which was adopted Sept. 1, 1982, and amended May 24, 2022.

The meeting agenda also includes routine opening items, approval of minutes, old business, a call for additional business and adjournment.

FFA

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job sites to interview him. "I had to work very hard while staying organized and professional," he said. "Being able to maintain a personal life and go on week-long trips, while not letting my clients' yards get overgrown."

FFA, he said, has shaped him into someone who takes initiative – in business and in life.

"FFA has helped me become a leader, be more confident, and so much more," he said. "I've developed a great group of friends in our officer team, and I think we've all bettered ourselves through one another. They've been great to have, along with our advisor, Mrs. Spelhaug."

His mother, Kylee Shuh, has watched the transformation up close.

"Our oldest son, Gage, began the venture while in high school serving three regular customers," she said. "Colton took over servicing those customers the summer of 2023 as a 14-year-old. Those three customers turned into 11 customers the next year, adding more each year after." She watched his confidence grow alongside his client list.

"My husband, Terrell, and I are not only proud of the focus and effort Colton has put forth into making this more than just something to do in the summer," she said, "but we are grateful to our community of Wilton for helping Colton gain the experience not only in all the things that go along with lawn care but also through the relationship-building and mentoring that naturally has come along with it."

At the State Convention, she saw the broader picture – not just her son's accomplishments, but the future of agricultural leadership.

"My takeaway was – wow. The future for these kids is bright," she said. "I remember thinking how I have got to be watching future CEOs, business

owners and individuals in leadership positions embark on the start of their journey."

Watching Colton walk across the stage for his State FFA Degree, his proficiency finalist recognition, and finally the Star in Agribusiness was a moment she won't forget.

"As Colton's parents, nothing compares to the pride of seeing your child recognized on a state level," she said. "For Colton to be honored with this award was the ultimate confirmation that the work he is doing, and chooses to do, is the right path for him."

She said FFA has given him more than awards.

"The attribute I feel Colton has gained the most is growing confidence in himself," she said. "His SAE has done more than earn him an award. It has helped him identify the trajectory for his next chapter after high school." As he enters his senior year, Colton plans to continue online classes through Bismarck State College, aiming to earn an associate degree in entrepreneurship by 2028.

The Star Award may be the highest honor at the state level, but for Shuh, it feels less like a finish line and more like a signpost. His business continues to grow. His confidence continues to deepen. His plans – shaped by FFA, supported by his community, and built through hundreds of jobs completed one yard at a time – are becoming clearer.

He's still the kid who likes being outside, working alone, making yards look sharp. But he's also something more now: a young entrepreneur with a statewide honor, a thriving business, and a future he's already building. In Wilton, people have started to notice. After all, it's hard to miss the kid who mows six lawns before mid-afternoon – and earns one of the most prestigious awards in North Dakota FFA along the way.

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reflect a one-cent sales tax increase approved by voters in the June 9 election.

Commissioners appointed Jason Gildea to the Wilton Planning and Zoning Board.

Other routine business included approval of meeting minutes, monthly bills and claims. Major expenses included payments of \$13,399.08 to South Central Regional Water District, \$9,689.75 to Circle Sanitation and \$12,600 to Brady Martz and Associates.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. after approximately 35 minutes of business.