WASHBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT #4
WASHBURN, ND 58577
OCTOBER 12, 2026

A regular meeting of the Washburn School Board was scheduled at 7:30 pm on October 12, 2026. Members present were Rick Tweeten, Sandi Erber, Luke Retterath, Stacey Scheresky, Aaron Solomonson, Jada Holznagel, and Joe Sheldon. High School Principal, Beau Eriksson and Elementary Principal Christina Lussenden, along with Superintendent, Penny Veit-Hetletved; Business Manager, and Kendra Casavant also attended the meeting. Jill Grumbo was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scheresky/Erber motioned to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

Erber/Sheldon motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the 9/14/26 Budget Hearing and Regular meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Activities has spent 11.8% of the projected budget. Student Transportation is 18.95% spent, Food Service has spent $32,469.36 this fiscal year, and General Fund is on track with 13.34% of the overall budget spent.

Presentation of the bills: Erber/ Holznagel motioned to pay the bills. Motion carried IN FAVOR OF: JP Morgan 12,102.19; Admin Partners 150.00; Advanced Business Methods 1281.95; AFLAC 1865.79; Apptegy inc. 5500.002; Brenco 1044.78; Kendra Casavant 62.32; Circle Sanitation 846.00; City of Washburn 2000.37; Curriculum Associates 145.60; D&E Supply Co 320.91; Dakota Agronomy 278.65; Echoic Inc. 438.00; Eckroth Music 51.50; Ecolab 205.66; Enerbase Coop Resources 6357.05; Beau Eriksson 20.00; Farmers Union Oil of Wilton 593.24; Farmers Union Service Association 265.00; Forte 588.91; G&R Controls 1907.50; Guardian Lock 339.93; Penny Hetletved 554.72; Hirschfields Bismarck Paints 223.40; John Deere Financial 22.75; JW Pepper 1729.89; Krause Supervalu 117.29; Lang's Lawncare 1250.00; Christina Lussenden 20.00; Madison National Life Ins 850.63; McGraw Hill 4799.34; McLean Co Implement 1362.95; Menards 1233.20; Mid America Research Chemical 164.90; MDU 661.65; ND All-State 340.00; ND Attorney General 40.00; NDCEL 1245.00; Nordak North Publications 348.94; Leilani Olafson 14.00; Online Dakota Information Network 192.01; Ottertail Power Co. 4455.52; Scholastic Inc. 2846.13; School Specialty 164.57; Scott's Hardware 305.07; Sherwin Williams Company 397.43; SPIIERO, Inc. 1233.86; Staples Business Advantage 210.24; Team Laboratory Chemical 2940.00; Turtle Lake-Mercer School 11.200.00; ULINE 961.16; University of ND 180.00; Jalane Veer 329.04; Wagon Wheel Lumber & Hardware 1142.06; Washburn Public School 273.97; West River Telecommunications 842.77; Workforce Safety & Insurance 5647.57; Concrete Products Supply 3925.00; API Garage Door Inc. 2592.00; Mann Signs 3970.00; Julie Bentz 60.00; Heidi Boehm 2573.60; Whitney Dutton 1920.00; Shaune Goetz 880.00; Randy Hall 800.00; Heather Neumiller 480.00; Earlene Rothmann 1720.00; Sarah Ternes 80.00; Rebecca Tibke 620.00; Jeramie Tolbert 120.00

An opportunity for public input was offered, none was given.

Joe Sheldon, Jada Holznagel, Penny Veit-Hetletved and Kendra Casavant attended the NDSBA Conference. Penny presented resolutions recommended for readoption.

Superintendent's report:

*Bleachers have weak spots and need repairs; repair will occur during the school break in October.

*The dedication plaque was again requested from CCC and the architects. Mann Signs was consulted; Mann signs will quote an aluminum plaque.

*Concrete parking barriers will be delivered on 10/14/26. Concrete stairs and sidewalk from upper parking and down the hill will occur during teacher's convention break.

*Presentations coming up: Mark Leinweiver on 10/27/2026 who is a motivational speaker for grades 6-12. BCI will speak on 12/8/2026 about social media, AI, identity safety and threats. Dr. Tami DeCoteau is working with school staff on trauma understanding, mental health, ADHD, and Autism. 31:8 will present on 12/16/26 to speak about human trafficking.

*Additional staff was hired to provide education to an expelled student.

*Weber Electric reported that lights for the board room have arrived; they will install.

*Letter was received from the City of Washburn stating our water lines are of an unknown material. A water sample will be requested.

*District Fall enrollment is at 417.

*Superintendent's evaluation is due 11/15/2026, input requested of all board members.

Principals report: Christina Lussenden reports the Washburn Fire dept presented to K, 1st, 3rd and 5th grades on 12/6/26. The Halloween parade is scheduled on 10/30/26 at 3:00pm.

Beau Eriksson presented data on Academic Eligibility. ACT Test for grades 10-12 on 10/14/26. 2nd Annual Washburn College and Career Fair is scheduled on 10/28/26.

Personnel: Whitney Dutton was hired as a paraprofessional; Reading Corps is filled by Sarah Ternes.

Pledge of Securities was received by TRU Community Bank/BND and Dakota West.

Retreat agenda items were discussed. Retreat is scheduled on 11/18/2026 at 5:30pm, with a meal at

6:00pm.

Next meeting is scheduled on 11/16/2026 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Attest: Kendra Casavant, Business Manager Rick Tweeten, Chairman

(11-19-26)