

### Cavalier County Commission Proceedings

On April 7, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. the Board of Commissioners of Cavalier County, North Dakota, met at the Cavalier County Courthouse in regular session, with all members present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Austin Lafrenz called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows: Lafrenz asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Shane Gallagher made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Nick Moser; motion carried. Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Nick Moser; motion carried. Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor; and Sheldon Romfo, Road Foreman; joined the meeting, along with Brandon Downs to discuss the installation of drain tile along County 13. Downs explained that he would like to run electricity and drain tile through County 13 in two locations between Sections 17 and 18 of Moscow Township. Downs asked who would pay for replacing the culvert if it was needing replacement. The commissioners agreed they would pay for the culvert if it was rusted out. Stanley Dick made a motion to allow Downs to install drain tile and electricity through County 13 and restore the road to the original condition or better, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. Gravel and equipment bid books were compiled and handed out by Johnston. There was discussion on trying out the new Road Groomer; dust control options on County 55 through the gorge; hiring for the Oil Crew; as well as the bid opening for the road operators were reviewed. The following gave department updates to the commissioners: Amber Witzel - Emergen-

cy Manager/911 Coordinator; Karen Kempert - Water Board; Shannon Duerr - JDA. Austin Lafrenz asked Duerr for more information on tax incentives for new housing construction. Duerr also discussed the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant for Frost Fire, which allows local government to apply on behalf of a non-profit facility in their jurisdiction. Duerr stated her office would be willing to assist Frost Fire with the application process and administration of the grant. Nick Moser made a motion to designate Frost Fire as the county's eligible non-profit recipient for the EECB Grant Program, seconded by Shane Gallagher. Greg Goodman made a motion to transfer \$3,531.00 from Road & Bridge Fund to Road & Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. Greg Goodman made a motion to submit a proxy vote for Nathan Svihovec on the NDIRF Board, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. The courthouse kitchen remodel bids were opened. Greg Goodman made a motion to accept the low bid from Walhalla Building Center in the amount of \$14,330.00; seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried. Matt Wright reviewed the Grand Forks County Jail Agreement with the commissioners. Nick Moser made a motion to approve the Jail Agreement, seconded by Shane Gallagher, motion carried. The audit proposal from a private firm was reviewed. It was decided to share a copy of the proposal with the component units and reach out to ask about the proposed fees. Greg Goodman stated that the interview was completed for the Tax Director position and they were now prepared to make an offer on the position. Stanley Dick made a motion

to offer the base pay at 90% of what the former Tax Director was receiving, with a 6-month review, and increasing to 95-100% at 6 months if the certification for Tax Director is completed, seconded by Greg Goodman. All voted in favor, with the exception of Shane Gallagher, voting "no". Motion carried 4 to 1. Greg Goodman made a motion to approve the county paying for Courtney Clouse to take classes to be a certified Assessor, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. Shane Gallagher made a motion, seconded by Greg Goodman to review and approve the following audit of claims; motion carried:  
 •VERIZON WIRELESS | \$1,308.67 | NVHSZ •VISA | \$928.85 | NVHSZ •NDPERS | \$138,777.00 | HEALTH INS •NDPERS | \$1,131.68 | LIFE INS •UNITED COMMUNICATIONS | \$1,754.35 | GEN/R&B/VSO •STANLEY DICK | \$174.00 | COMM •ND STATE TREASURER | \$2,795.21 | FEES •ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS | \$591.37 | GEN/R&B •COMPUTER EXPRESS | \$878.00 | COMM •BORDERLAND PRESS, INC. | \$595.41 | COMM •TERRI JOHNSON | \$250.00 | STATE'S ATTY •SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS | \$9,900.00 | AUD •BUSINESS ESSENTIALS | \$371.57 | TX DIR •UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE | \$2,253.60 | DOC PRES •GLENN'S APPLIANCE CENTER | \$25.99 | MAINT •MATTHEW-BENDER & CO. INC. | \$226.81 | GEN •FRANKIE STREMIK | \$508.50 | AUD •BUSINESS ESSENTIALS | \$275.84 | TREAS/REC •CAVALIER COUNTY AUDITOR | \$36.61 | EMG MGR/WEED •FARMERS UNION OIL CO | \$357.00 | MAINT •DOCU SHRED INC. | \$62.81 | MISC •VICKI KUBAT | \$97.15 | REC •ITD | \$6,321.17 | GEN/E-911

GALLS, LLC | \$43.66 | SHERIFF • FARMERS UNION OIL CO | \$3,003.42 | SHERIFF • GRAND FORKS COUNTY | \$753.83 | SHERIFF • PREMIUM WATERS, INC. | \$118.37 | DISP • D & B MOTORS, INC. | \$204.10 | SHERIFF • MATT WRIGHT | \$34.40 | SHERIFF • ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS | \$204.22 | SHERIFF • DAKOTA ANIMAL CARE, INC | \$45.00 | SHERIFF K-9 • MAC'S HARDWARE | \$152.97 | R&B • RUNNING SUPPLY INC | \$33.60 | R&B • WALHALLA COOP OIL CO. | \$290.19 | R&B • FARMERS UNION OIL CO | \$6,831.32 | R&B • UP NORTH OIL, INC | \$2,082.00 | R&B • RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY | \$2,777.70 | R&B • RICHARD'S WELDING, INC. | \$870.00 | R&B • NORTHEAST REGIONAL WATER | \$63.00 | R&B • JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL | \$483.72 | R&B • MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES | \$2,764.37 | GEN/R&B • RAZOR TRACKING, INC. | \$325.00 | R&B AUTO VALUE OF LANGDON | \$701.17 | R&B • BUTLER MACHINERY CO. | \$2,833.34 | R&B • WITZEL CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$6,540.00 | GEN/R&B • DAHL TRUCK & AUTO | \$1,921.20 | R&B • FINEST AUTO BODY & GLASS, LLC | \$352.50 | R&B • FARMERS UNION OIL DEVILS LAKE | \$5,312.65 | R&B ERLING'S OIL, INC. | \$1,236.24 | R&B • DUBOIS OIL CO., INC | \$5,875.03 | R&B • VERIZON WIRELESS | \$104.51 | R&B/WEED • AMBER WITZEL | \$81.20 | EMG MGR • AMBER WITZEL | \$150.00 | EMG MGR • LEEVERS FOODS | \$192.26 | NDSU EX TR • BUSINESS ESSENTIALS | \$103.95 | NDSU EXT. • LAHNI STACHLER | \$381.45 | NDSU EXT. • UNITED COMMUNICATIONS | \$60.84 | NDSU EXT. • BUSINESS ESSENTIALS | \$54.99 | NDSU EXT.

•CAVALIER COUNTY AUDITOR | \$335.60 | NDSU EXT. • ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS | \$224.21 | NDSU EXT. • TYRONE JOHNSON | \$80.15 | VSO • OTTER TAIL POWER CO | \$55.51 | WEED • EVERS PRING SUITES | \$110.00 | WEED • MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES | \$191.34 | WEED • JOSHUA SHORT | \$510.80 | WEED • FORESTRY SUPPLIERS | \$1,037.83 | WEED • BUSINESS ESSENTIALS | \$215.30 | WEED • AGTERRA TECHNOLOGIES, INC | \$1,200.00 | WEED • MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES | \$193.93 | SS • OTTER TAIL POWER CO | \$156.43 | SS • HOLLY FETSCH | \$194.38 | NVHSZ • RORY JOHNSON | \$600.00 | NVHSZ • DIANA LAXDAL | \$38.50 | NVHSZ • MINNKOTA | \$90.00 | NVHSZ • ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS | \$459.03 | NVHSZ • HANSONS AUTO & IMPLEMENT INC | \$4,289.36 | NVHSZ • QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC | \$190.44 | NVHSZ • BIRCHWOOD CHEVROLET | \$152.20 | NVHSZ • DEBBIE PRESTENG | \$50.79 | NVHSZ • LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC | \$76.33 | NVHSZ • MADSYN ZAHRADKA PETERSON | \$1,054.00 | NVHSZ

At 11:40 a.m., Nick Moser made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stanley Dick; motion carried.

Cavalier County, North Dakota  
 Austin Lafrenz - Chairman  
 Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor

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### NORTH BORDER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 16, 2026 | SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the North Border Public School Board was held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at North Border - Walhalla. Members present: DeWilliam Moore, Kirk Morrison, Shannon Cosley, Ashley Schafer, Nick Chaput, and Heather Duerre. Others present: Superintendent of Schools Berry, Principal Amb, Principal Hope, Principal Muhonen, Business Manager Trupe, and guests: Marcia Halldorson, Tim Hartje, Dan Syljuberget, Krista Abrahamson, and Jennifer Martin.

Members Absent: Jared Hanson

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Schafer at 6:13 p.m.

Mr. Chaput motioned to approve the agenda with the changes; seconded by Ms. Duerre. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Duerre motioned to discuss the Be Legendary - Continuous Improvement topics. Ms. Cosley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. No other motions were made.

Public Participation: none  
 Ms. Cosley motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as amended including the regular meeting minutes of February 24, 2026, the February bills and financials, the hiring of Tim Hartje - Transportation Director/Maintenance (W), Mickie Berry - Head Baseball, Julie Jensen - SpEd (W), Bryce Hartje - Asst Football, Sandy Laxdal - Asst Softball, Faith Vasicek - Social Studies (P), Marcus Hagness - Asst Baseball, the resignation of Sandy Laxdal - Head Baseball, Lisa Amb - Title (W), Lee Beattie - Business Ed (P), and Lee Beattie - Head AD, and the Superintendent evaluation as submitted. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.  
 Mr. Morrison motioned to discuss the items for discussion and possible action. Mr. Chaput seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.  
 Ms. Duerre motioned to approve the purchase of new permanent bleachers in the Walhalla gym with fundraising efforts. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.  
 The board discussed possible ATMs in each building. No motion was made. The board discussed the upcoming NDPHIT insurance renewal and price increase. No motion was made.  
 Mr. Chaput motioned moving from Tier 1 Policy Services with NDSBA to Tier 3 with the \$2500 review and \$1200 annual fee. Ms. Cosley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the

motion passed unanimously.  
 Mr. Moore motioned to allow extra hours for the lone custodian in Pembina at the discretion of the Superintendent until another custodian is hired. Ms. Duerre seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. The board thanked the administration for looking out for staff and understanding when action needs to take place.  
 Mr. Morrison motioned to go into executive session at 7:15 pm under NDCC 14.1-16-22 for the purpose of negotiations. Mr. Chaput seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. The executive session was attended by all present board members, Business Manager Trupe, and Superintendent Berry. The public was invited back into the meeting at 7:22 pm when the executive session ended. Ms. Cosley motioned to accept all decisions made in executive session. Ms. Duerre seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.  
 Superintendent Berry reported on: Cognia on March 24 and hiring needs. Principal Muhonen reported on: successful culture fair, Pembina taking 3rd place at regional Acalympics, ASVAB testing, graduation materials ordered, Cognia, and thanks to the admin team for their hard work on everything with Cognia.  
 Principal Hope reported on: successful culture fair, Cognia, schedule for next year, math track meet, NDSA, and personalized learning.  
 Principal Amb reported on: test sched-

ule for NDSA, Cognia, Trimester 2, PK Round Up, Frost Fire ski day, and 4th grade attending Project Pizza. The board thanked the administration for their positivity and uplifting character.  
 Mr. Moore motioned to discuss the next meeting date. Ms. Duerre seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Chaput motioned for the next board meeting to be held on April 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm in Pembina with a negotiations committee meeting prior to at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.  
 The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.  
 ATTEST:  
 Ashley Schafer, President  
 Kendra Trupe, Business Manager  
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### NORTH BORDER SCHOOL DISTRICT #100

March 19, 2026 | SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the North Border Public School Board was held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. via Google Meet. Members Present: Ashley Schafer, Jared Hanson, Heather Duerre, Nick Chaput, DeWilliam Moore, and Kirk Morrison. Others present: Superintendent Berry, Principal Muhonen, Business Manager Trupe, and guests: Autumn Bennett, Jennifer Houston, Jennifer Martin, and Marcia Halldorson.

Absent: Shannon Cosley

Meeting was called to order by President Schafer at 6:16 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

Mr. Chaput motioned to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Ms. Duerre. A roll call vote was taken; Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Duerre motioned to discuss hirings/resignations/retirements. Mr. Chaput seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; motion passed

unanimously. Ms. Duerre motioned to approve the hirings of Arinze Uzo-Okereke - Volunteer Track, Alexis Heidler - Volunteer Track, Aimee Eisenbeis - Volunteer Track, and the resignation of Nicholas Amb - Elementary Principal (W) effective at the end of his contract. Mr. Chaput seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

The board thanked Mr. Amb for his time, big heart, and dedication to our school. They wished both him and Mrs. Amb the best on their next adventure.

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:  
 Ashley Schafer, President  
 Kendra Trupe, Business Manager

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Langdon will hold its Tax Equalization meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 6:00pm in the Langdon City Hall meeting room. Anyone wishing to may attend the meeting to address the council regarding the assessment of their property taxes.

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