

**CAV COUNTY/ABSENTEES AVAILABLE**

Absentee Ballots are now available. Absentee Ballot Applications (see sample) have been mailed to active voters. Recent legislation requires the use of this form rather than the green postcards used in the past. If you did not receive an application and would like to vote absentee, contact the Cavalier County Auditor's office at (701) 256-2229. Applications can be mailed; dropped off at the Auditor's Office; or put in the secure drop box at Cavalier County Courthouse - Door 1. Note: recently updated legislation requires ballots to be received in the Auditor's Office (or the secure drop box) by 7:00 PM on Election Day - June 9, 2026.

Election Day: one polling site will be open on Election Day, June 9, 2026 at the Cavalier County Courthouse, 901 3rd Street, Langdon, ND from 9 AM to 7 PM.

**LANGDON AREA SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

March 26, 2026

Present: Dave Hart, Tiffany Hetletved, Dawn Kruk (by phone), Daren Bachman, Abby Borchardt, Kyle Rollness, Justin Cheatley, and Shauna Schneider (Bus. Mgr.)

Chairman Dave Hart called the March 26, 2026, Special Board meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.

The Negotiations Committee presented the 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement for ratification. The agreement with the LAEA was to increase all salaries and the base salary by \$2,250. No other changes were made at this time. Kyle Rollness made a motion to approve and ratify the 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement as presented. Abby Borchardt seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

Dave Hart presented Linda Hope's and Macie Danielson's resignations

to the Board for approval. Tiffany Hetletved made a motion to accept Linda Hope's and Macie Danielson's resignations as presented. Justin Cheatley seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

Open enrollment applications were reviewed by the Board. Daren Bachman made a motion to approve the open enrollment applications as presented. Kyle Rollness seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

Dawn Kruk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tiffany Hetletved seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Board President  
Business Manager

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CAVALIER COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Ronald Bennett, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the Personal Representative of the es-

tate: Lauri Bennett, 1208 8th Street, Bremerton, WA 98337, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 30 day of April 2026.

Lauri Bennett  
Personal Representative  
1208 8th Street  
Bremerton, WA 98337

Quentin B. Wenzel  
908 Third Street  
Langdon, ND 58249  
Attorney for Personal Representative

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**LANGDON AREA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

March 11, 2026 | Langdon Area School Board Meeting Room

Present: Dave Hart, Abby Borchardt, Dawn Kruk, Justin Cheatley, Daren Bachman, Tiffany Hetletved, Daren Christianson (Superintendent), Jacy Bata (Elem. Principal), Ethen Askvig (MS/HS Principal), and Shauna Schneider (Bus. Mgr.)  
Absent: Kyle Rollness  
Visitors: Danielle Hansel, and Tina Olson

Chairman Dave Hart called the March 11, 2026, Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees. Dave Hart welcomed visitors and read open meeting note to the public. No public comment.

Preview of Agenda: Open Enrollment Application Approval, Building Committee Recommendations, and Retired Position were added under New Business.

Dave Hart asked for approval of the consent agenda with the additional bills. Dawn Kruk made a motion to approve the consent agenda that included February 25, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Bills, Business Manager Report, and Destruction of Records. Tiffany Hetletved seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

Administrators' Reports:

Daren Christianson discussed tuition expenses for our students that are placed at various centers around ND stating that our District is responsible for the first \$68,000 worth of costs before we are eligible for additional state funding for specific special ed students depending on needs. The state is looking at possibly addressing special education needs within the state aid formula. He added that he is currently looking for bids for new intercom/bell/clock systems for both buildings. The bells are not functioning currently at the high school. Daren Christianson discussed staffing needs and is asking the Board to hire a full-time position for one of the retiring teachers that is currently a 75% position for the purpose of assisting in the special ed department. He added he will be gone March 22-29 with the Close-up group helping chaperone 29 students with their travels.

Ethen Askvig's report was reviewed by the Board. Topics of discussion included Youth for Change Action Summit, End of 3rd Quarter, Student Council Blood Drive, LASDF Buy a Door Campaign, Student Absences, Acalympics, Science Olympiad, and Testing. Athletic Director report included updating the Board on Hosting District Boys BB, Congratulating GBB and BBB Teams, and Spring Sports Starting Dates. He also updated the Board on the Assistant Softball Coach resignation stating there is a current staff member interested in the position with softball starting Monday.

Jacy Bata's report was reviewed by the Board. Topics of discussion included Elementary Sports & Activities, Student Learning & Assessments, School Safety & Operations, Cardinal Time, Reading Month, and Social Studies Fair. She added that she has 2 students attending the state spelling bee on the 23rd and Scrubs Camp will be March 26th with both 5th & 6th grade attending this year.

Dave Hart asked for DFAA, DGGA,

FGDB, ICCB, KACA, KACB, and KADA policies to be rescinded. Dawn Kruk made a motion to rescind current Langdon Area School District #23 Policies DFAA - Teacher Evaluation, DGGA - Professional Development Plan, FGDB - Student Handbooks, ICCB - Disposal of School Equipment and Supplies, KACA - Patron Complaints, KACB - Complaints About Personnel, and KADA - Weapons Prohibition on School Property -Public. Daren Bachman seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried. Dave Hart asked for the motion to approve the 2nd reading of same policies as presented, and that they become the official policies of the District. Justin Cheatley made a motion to approve the second reading of policies DFAA - Teacher Evaluation, DGGA - Professional Development Plan, FGDB - Student Handbooks, ICCB - Disposal of School Equipment and Supplies, KACA - Patron Complaints, KACB - Complaints About Personnel, and KADA - Weapons Prohibition on School Property -Public as written, and that they become the official policies of Langdon Area School District #23. Tiffany Hetletved seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried.

New Business: Dave Hart presented each section of the Superintendent evaluation to the Board. Tiffany Hetletved made a motion to approve a Satisfactory performance on the Board Relations section of the evaluation and to keep the comment in the evaluation. Abby Borchardt seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried. Justin Cheatley seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried. Dawn Kruk made a motion to approve a Satisfactory performance on the Student and Parent Relations section and to leave the comment in the evaluation. Dawn Kruk seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried. Dawn Kruk made a motion to approve a Satisfactory performance on the Staff Retention/Recruitment, Development and Relations section of the evaluation without the comment. Tiffany Hetletved seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried. Dawn Kruk made a motion to approve a Satisfactory performance on the Records Management and Budget section of the evaluation and to leave the comments in the evaluation. Daren Bachman seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried. Tiffany Hetletved made a motion to approve a Satisfactory performance on the General Operations and Maintenance section of the evaluation. Justin Cheatley seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimously carried. Abby Borchardt made a motion to approve a Satisfactory performance on the School Policies section of the evaluation. Dawn Kruk seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried. Dawn Kruk made a motion to approve a Satisfactory performance on the Education Leadership section of the evaluation leaving the comment in the evaluation. Abby Borchardt seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried. Dawn Kruk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Daren Bachman seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

ended the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried. The Board reviewed an open enrollment application. Abby Borchardt made a motion to approve the open enrollment application as presented. Justin Cheatley seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried. Daren Christianson gave the Building Committee report to the Board beginning with the Langdon Area School District Foundation door fundraiser. There were 2 bids received for the doors, handles, and locks project to include all interior door handles and locks in both buildings to be replaced and 6 - 48" exterior doors at the Elementary to be replaced. Hofarth Construction will do the work. The Committee is recommending accepting the Langdon Building Center bid of \$17,468.88 for the project. He stated that if we approve the bid and project, the Langdon Area School District Foundation will pay Langdon Building Center directly. Tiffany Hetletved made a motion to accept the Langdon Building Center bid of \$17,468.88 for the doors, handles, and locks project with the Langdon Area School District Foundation paying for the project directly to Langdon Building Center. Daren Bachman seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried. Daren Christianson is working on bids for the intercom, bell, and clock systems in the next few weeks. He is asking the Board to give the Building & Grounds Committee the authority to accept a bid adding that the Foundation is working on raising money for that project as well. The Board consensus is to have the Building & Grounds Committee accept the intercom, bell, and clock system bid. Discussion moved towards the open retired position that is currently a 75% position. Dawn Kruk made a motion to lift the hiring freeze for the purpose of hiring a full-time position to replace the retired 75% teacher position only for the purpose of assisting special ed where needed with students. Tiffany Hetletved seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried. The next Board meeting was discussed. Tiffany Hetletved made a motion to hold the next Board meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Dawn Kruk seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried. Dave Hart requested a motion to go into executive session under NDCC 44-04-19.1 for teacher negotiations strategy. Justin Cheatley made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations. Abby Borchardt seconded the motion. Roll call vote unanimously carried. The public was asked to leave. The executive session was attended by the Board, Daren Christianson and Shauna Schneider beginning at 5:39 p.m. and approximately ending at 6:00 p.m. The Board resumed the open meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Dawn Kruk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Daren Bachman seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Board President  
Business Manager

**CAV COUNTY/ZONING & PUBLIC HEALTH**

Cavalier County Commissioners have the following un-expired board positions available for appointment:

Planning and Zoning Board - (1) un-expired term - through December 31, 2027.

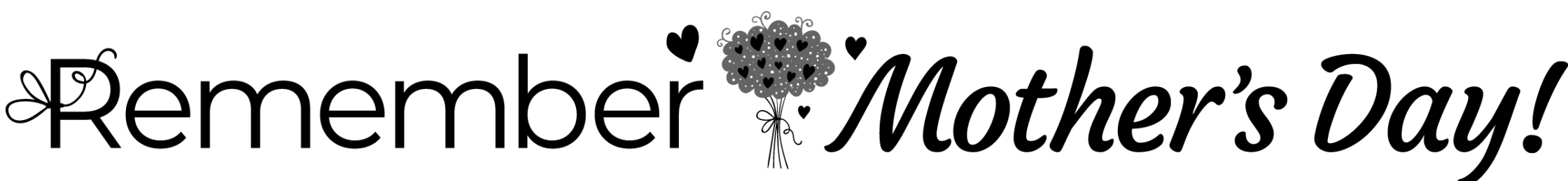
Board members are compensated for meeting time. Any questions may be addressed to the Cavalier County Au-

ditor at (701) 256-2229

Public Health District Board - (1) un-expired term - through December 21, 2026.

Board members are compensated for meeting time. Any questions may be addressed to the Cavalier County Public Health at (701) 256-2402

Board members will be appointed by the Cavalier County Commissioners. You may send your letter of interest to: Cavalier County Auditor's Office, 901 3rd St - Suite 15, Langdon, ND 58249 Letters of interest must be submitted by May 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.



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