

**LANGDON AREA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 22, 2026 | Langdon Area School Board Meeting Room

Present: Dave Hart, Abby Borchaardt, Dawn Kruk (by phone), Justin Cheatley, Daren Bachman, Tiffany Hetletved, Kyle Rollness, Daren Christianson (Superintendent), Jacy Bata (Elem. Principal), Ethen Askvig (MS/HS Principal), and Shauna Schneider (Bus. Mgr.)

Chairman Dave Hart called the April 22, 2026, Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.

Dave Hart asked for approval of the consent agenda with the additional bills. Tiffany Hetletved made a motion to approve the consent agenda that included March 11, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 26, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes, Bills, Business Manager Report, Pledge of Securities, Destruction of Records, Mowing Bid, Grad Party Request, and Budget & Finance Committee, Curriculum Committee, Negotiations Committee, Building & Grounds Committee, and Co-op Committee Minutes. Justin Cheatley seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

**Administrators' Reports:**

Daren Christianson's report was reviewed by the Board. Topics of discussion included Social Science Trip, Contracts for Drivers Ed & PE, Fall Training, Applications for Open Positions, and Student Activities. Daren Christianson stated that they have interviewed two local applicants for the open math position and he feels that either candidate would be able to get credentialed as neither of the candidates are fully qualified currently. He will leave the position open until May, and the Curriculum Committee will make a recommendation then. He added that State Superintendent of Schools, Levi Bachmeier, will be visiting our school on May 7th.

Ethen Askvig reported to the Board that April is testing month with state assessments, ASVAB, and ACT. The career van was on site for students who missed the van this year. Student

and teacher schedules are starting to be looked at for next year. Activities Director report included hosting vocal and instrumental regionals and both middle school and high school Science Olympiad teams qualifying for state. He added that we have a student that qualified for state speech this year. Spring sports have started with most events being away. There's been a lot of cancelling of events and attempted rescheduling. Langdon will be the host for the regional baseball tournament.

Jacy Bata reported to the Board that April is their testing month with STAR testing and the ND A+. She has 30 registered Kindergarteners to date. Gearing up for Kindergarten was last week and this week. Social Studies fair is next Wednesday. ABC countdown is happening with 19 days left. Students are scheduled to meet pen pals at high school. The Elementary is partnering with County Health on May 18th for safety day with a bike helmet fitting. Students were picking up trash around town today for "G" for garbage.

New Business: Dave Hart reviewed the Budget and Finance Committee recommendations for pay schedules for 2026-2027. Justin Cheatley made the motion to increase extracurriculars per the Athletic Director's proposal of approximately \$14,476 to include an increase on the base salary and the years of experience dependent on the position as well as increasing the cap to 22 years. Abby Borchaardt seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Tiffany Hetletved made a motion to approve the administration and ancillary increases to include the IT/Tech Coordinator and K12 Instructional Coach increases to mirror the teachers for 26-27 school year, Elementary Principal to receive a 3.75% salary increase and a \$400 increase to the annual Title Coordinator salary, Middle and High School Principal to receive a 7.5% salary increase, Superintendent to receive a 3.75% salary increase, Business Manager to receive a years

of experience adjustment of \$5 per hour and 5 additional personal days, and ancillary staff to receive a \$2 per hour increase with ancillary staff of 20+ years with the District to receive a \$2.50 per hour increase. Kyle Rollness seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Dave Hart made a motion to increase the Chairman's salary to be 1 1/2 times the current base to be \$202.50 per 2 meetings per month due to the responsibilities and time that is required for the position effective July 1, 2026. Dawn Kruk seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Dave Hart reviewed teaching contracts to be approved as presented. There was discussion on continuing driver's education. Tiffany Hetletved made a motion to approve the teaching contracts as presented. Justin Cheatley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Dave Hart asked the Board to approve the Co-op agreement amendment for the 2026-2027 school year fee to be \$50,000. Dawn Kruk made a motion to have the Co-op fee for 2026-2027 amended to a flat rate of \$50,000. Daren Bachman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Dave Hart asked the Board who would be available to hand out diplomas for graduation on May 24th. Abby Borchaardt accepted the responsibility. The next meeting date and time was discussed. Tiffany Hetletved made a motion to move the May Board meeting to Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 a.m. Justin Cheatley seconded the motion. Motion was 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 5:41 p.m.

Board President  
Business Manager

**Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process: Public Participation**

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

MUNICH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 an annual election will be held for the purpose of electing members for the school board. Two "Rural" positions are up for re-election. The election will be held at the Munich Ambulance Center. The polls shall open at 11:00 a.m. and shall remain open until 7:00 p.m.



**North Border School Election set for June 9th**

The annual election for the North Border School District #100 will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Polling places will be located in the following: Pembina School, Pembina, ND and Walhalla School, Walhalla, ND. Polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voters may vote at any polling place within the district.

The North Border School Board shall consist of seven members with two members from each of the former districts and one at large. Four current members will be continuing next year in their unexpired terms, so there are three vacancies to be filled - one from the geographic area of Walhalla, one from the geographic area of Neche, and one At-Large. All voters of North Border School District #100 will vote for all members. Therefore, each voter should vote for a total of three (3) members in this election by marking the box to the left of the name and/or listing a write in candidate. The ques-

tion of whether to publish the School Board minutes in the official newspaper will also be on the ballot.

The following have submitted an application for nomination for the School Board Election: Heather Duerre has filed for the seat in the former Walhalla District, no one has filed for the seat in the former Neche District, and Ashley Schafer and Joel Smith have filed for the At-Large seat. Terms are for three (3) years unless listed otherwise.

Terms of current school board members that are ending this year (June 30, 2026) are: Heather Duerre, who represents Walhalla, Jared Hanson, who represents Neche, and Ashley Schafer who is At-Large.

Other members of the School Board include: Shannon Cosley, Nick Chapat, DeWilliam Moore, and Kirk Morrison.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Probate No. 10-2025-PR-00024 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CAVALIER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of JERRY WESTON CUFFE, Deceased 28 April 2024

or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Brandon L. Cuffe, personal representative of the estate, at 12089 Comeapart Rd, Peyton CO 80831 or filed with the Court.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Dated this 15th day of May 2026

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

/s/ Brandon L. Cuffe Personal Representative, 12089 Comeapart Rd, Peyton CO 80831.

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**JUNE 20TH, 2026**

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