

Bowbells

Crimson Cruisers Red Hats met at Gathering Ground in Kenmare on Feb. 3. Attending were Joan and Pam Skaar, Wanda Rodin, Judy Eslinger, Julie Schweitzer, Eleanor Ackerman, Shirley Christensen, Pat Lehman, Diane Skalicky, Mary Ann Michel, Karen Trail and Dee Haley.

Ardelle McIntyre has been enjoying watching the Olympics. Steve and Kendall Herman visited Hazel Herman on Sunday.

Visiting Janette Peterson this week were Wayne and Diana Jacobson, Eric and Amy Anderson, Eli, Anly, Emet and Ayla, Craig and Shelley Ellsworth, Brent and Connie Johnston, John Peterson and Pauline Jacobson.

Thursday, Tom Herman visited his mom, Hazel Herman. Michelle Redmer went scrapbooking a week ago Saturday to Lignite. Sunday she had a sleepover with her sister, Monica in Minot and her two dogs, Gabby and Rizzo.

Last week Michael, Kenny, Bonnie, Shelby, Shane, Steve

and Hazel Herman went out to eat and then to Kenny's house to play cards.

Jack and Gen Aufforth went to Crosby and Bowbells to watch junior high basketball games, which their grandson, Wyatt plays for the Kenmare-Bowbells Honkers.

Colleen Durward, Janelle Peterson, Brittney Colbenson and kids drove to Fargo to spend the weekend with family. Sunday, Taylor and Kirkland Melby met them for the baptism of Colleen's great granddaughter, Galilee Ellenbecker, along with the Ellenbecker, Miller, Staton and Carrier families, helping celebrate the special day.

Darris and Lyann Olson drove to Bismarck Saturday. Darris attended the Game and Fish Conference where he was awarded his 30 year Hunter Ed Instructor plaque. Lyann watched grandson, Jaxon Roth's hockey game. After Lauren, Leigha and Jaxon Roth, Eric, Lillian and Danny Rick had supper together. Lyann's brother, Daren Linster picked up Darris and met the crew at the restaurant. More visiting was done at the hotel while the kids swam.

Senior Citizens Menus

POWERS LAKE

Call 464-5630 by 8:00 a.m. the day of the meal

Friday, Feb. 27: Fish filet.
Monday, March 2: Chicken parmesan.

Wednesday, March 4: Polish sausage, sauerkraut and potatoes.

LIGNITE/COLUMBUS

Call day before to reserve or cancel a meal, 596-3563
Friday, Feb. 27: Salmon patties, baked potato, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges.

Monday, March 2: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed peas, fruit in jello.

Wednesday, March 4: Open face turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & onions, mixed fruit.

BOWBELLS

Anyone over 60 who would like a meal delivered please call 377-2376 meals subject to change

Friday, Feb. 27: Spaghetti, garlic toast, corn, Caesar salad, cookie, fruit.

Monday, March 2: Chicken fried steak patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, dinner bun.

Wednesday, March 4: Barbecue ribs, cheesy potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, dinner bun.

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Notice of Filing Deadline City of Flaxton

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Flaxton is:

April 6, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.

Qualified voters of the City of Flaxton will vote upon and choose the following:

1. **City Council Member: (1) Position: 4 Year Term**
2. **City Council Member: (1) Position: 4 Year Term**

A candidate for a city office must turn in a completed SFN 2704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either the City Auditor or can be obtained online at <https://www.sos.nd.gov/elections/candidate>

Amy Ones, City Auditor
Publication Dates:
Feb. 25 & March 4, 2026

Powers Lake School Board Proceedings

January 19, 2026
Official Minutes

President Loeks called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm with Vice President Bullinger and Directors Grote, Breeding, and Helseth present. Superintendent Kranz, Dean of Students Hoiby, Principal Wisthoff, Athletic Director Christenson, and Business Manager Johnson were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors Present: Emily Kreil, Scott Huber, Beth Letch, Kayo Grubb & Brittany Douts

Additions to the Agenda: Addition of Jon Enget's contract for approval. Motion to approve made by Helseth, seconded by Breeding, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Strategic Plan - Ag Ed Addition, Emily & Scott presented specs to the Board regarding the Ag Ed addition. Discussion on the bidding process took place. Board was informed that EAPC will collect bids until Feb. 18th and will bring them to the Board once they are compiled and reviewed. Questions regarding the results from the soil boring were answered; the results were that extra fill would be needed, which was expected. Motion to approve EAPC moving forward with the bidding process made by Bullinger, seconded by Grote, motion carried.

Emily & Scott exited the meeting at the conclusion of their presentation.

Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting held on December 15, 2025, were reviewed via email by the Board members. Motion to approve the minutes made by Grote, seconded by Breeding; motion passed.

Business Manager's Report: Distributed Statement of Interests forms to Board members. Audit scheduled for February 17th.

December Bills: Aflac \$2891.00, All American Trophies & Screen Printing 90.00, B. Bloodworth 25.00, L. Brackey 255.00, Bullinger Family Meats 1289.63, J. Bullinger 15.00, Burke County Tribune 437.41, Cash-WA 2806.26, CREA 110.00, CREA Avel eCare 7571.57, R. Ceynar 160.00, M. Christenson 105.00, Circle Sanitation 625.00, City of Powers Lake 426.00, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. 886.50, Coulee Services 10550.00, Daktronics 27939.00, Edwards Service

541.52, D. Erbes 265.00, S. Erickson 25.00, Farmers Union Oil of Kenmare 3069.79, 1500.00, A. Fiesel 56.00, J. Fiesel 40.00, D. Finstrom 473.46, Fresh Alternative Fundraising 3779.00, Gerrells Sports Center 142.00, Gray's Dairy 1127.28, C. Greek 166.80, L. Grubb 15.00, S. Kranz 171.60, Gustafsons Septic Service 366.00, J. Hansen 167.60, Harlow's Bus Sales Bismarck 108365.00, 147.51, K. Harris 157.50, E. Hendrickson 255.20, L. Hennessy 166.80, S. Holter 106.20, Horace Mann Auto Insurance 463.33, C. Jacobs 50.00, K. Jensen 105.00, John's Sand & Gravel 2087.50, 225.00, Johnson Controls 754.00, Jorgenson Lumber 10.50, JPMorgan 10950.80, JW Pepper & Son 1919.53, S. Kranz 171.60, Liberty State Bank 25.00, 7.58, M. Lund 167.50, Madison National Life Insurance 532.41, MARCO 13479.07, Mid-American Research Chemical 319.20, MDU 5398.31, 150.81, NDCEL 300.00, NDDPI 1393.03, ND Attorney General 40.00, NDSBMCP 300.00, Northern Bottling Company 545.33, NCC 437.27, R. Pageler 22.07, Powers Lake Community Club 3750.00, Powers Lake School District 5023.55, Prairie Pride Foods 197.65, C. Rysted 25.00, R. Helseth 35.00, S. Shumway 433.90, D. Smith 157.50, H. Sorenson 160.00, Steins 1278.47, SYSCO 4244.81, TMS 276.40, United Public School District 175.00, US Bank St. Paul 156536.67, J. Watterud 5.00, N. Westerness 21.00, M. Westling 40.00, WEX 40.00, T. Wolf 400.00

Helseth motioned to accept all financial reports and approve the payment of the accounts payable bills presented, seconded by Breeding; motion carried.

Board Report: None

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Wisthoff reported on the Check & Connect mentor's students' success, seniors completed job shadowing, Honor Roll and dual credit class updates, Braden B. named student of the quarter at BASC, and the continuation of working on values with students - this semester's focus is learning and service.

Dean of Students' Report: Ms. Hoiby reported on the current attendance numbers: Preschool: 16, K-5: 94, 6-8: 60, and 9-12: 65. She gave updates on Mr. Dosch and the Ag Dept. working on SAE programs, upcoming middle school chess tournament, FBLA work nights and State Leadership Conference preparations, Robotics placing at two recent meets and fundraising efforts, pep band playing for home games, and elementary music students attending a concert by the Minot Symphony.

Elementary Principal Report: Mrs. Kranz reported on the elected student council members, STAR Ranchers for the 2nd quarter, Bring Your Parent to school day, and the 3rd quarter's word being inclusive.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Kranz reported on the upcoming vote canvass, Resolutions for School Construction Loan & GO Building Fund Bond, FY26 budget work, grants, building/maintenance updates, new para and teacher sub updates, assessment calendar for Strategy map goals, requested the continuation of leadership coaching, and proposed to the board the consideration of additional PD time.

Transportation Director Report: Mr. Dosch submitted a report, read by President Loeks, outlining current and upcoming bus maintenance and repairs.

Athletic Director Report: Mrs. Christenson reported on funds raised for the Pink Whistle fundraiser, along with thanks from one of the coordinating referees, senior recognition at the Lignite basketball game, recognized the Fueling Our Future program for its support of students, and gave updates on upcoming home sporting events. Mrs. Christenson also wanted to extend her thanks for the continued support of coaches, parents, and administrators throughout the sports seasons.

New Business: All pertinent information was emailed to Board members for review prior to the meeting.

A. Policy Updates: Motion to reaffirm policy AAC and board regulations AAC-BR1 and AAC-BR2 to the previous verbiage as recommended by NDSBA, on the first reading, and waive the second reading to expedite the process per board policy BDA, made by Director

Grote, seconded by Helseth. Unanimous roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by President Loeks to amend policies AACA, BAA, BAB, FDE, and HCBA, and board regulation ACCA-BR, as recommended by NDSBA, on the first reading, and waive the second reading to expedite the process per board policy BDA, seconded by Breeding. Unanimous roll call vote. Motion carried.

B. Contract Approvals: Motion to approve contracts presented for Whitney Schepp (teaching contract) in the amount of \$24,055.20 for the remainder of the 25-26 school year and Jon Enget (Boys Basketball C Squad Coach) for \$2,313.00, made by Helseth, seconded by Breeding, motion carried.

C. Resignations: President Loeks read the resignation letters of both Shelbi Grubb and Haniel Abalos. Motion to accept the resignations with regrets made by Helseth, seconded by Bullinger, motion carried.

D. Staffing 2026-2027: Superintendent Kranz presented to the Board a framework comparison for hiring an Assistant Principal vs renewing the Dean of Students contract. Discussion on the role, duties, and expectations of the proposed Assistant Principal was held. Motion made by Helseth to move forward with advertising for a PK-12 Assistant Principal position with an April 1st deadline, a DOE salary, and Principal credentials required, seconded by Bullinger, motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda: a. Jon Enget's basketball contract was added to the Contract Approvals agenda item in New Business.

Discussion Items: a. **Public Comment - None** b. **Negotiations:** Grote and Bullinger will represent the Board during negotiations.

Board Comments: Discussion on writing the county commissioners and the city regarding the Ag. Ed project. Noted to add this to the discussion items for the next meeting.

The bleacher project was discussed, noted to check what the timeframe for delivery is on the current order.

A special meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 7:30 am to canvass votes from the election.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th, 2026, at 4:30 pm in the Science room.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Grote and seconded by Breeding. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Jacob Loeks, School Board President
Shayna Johnson, Business Manager

Special School Board Meeting Monday, January 26, 2026

Official Minutes

President Loeks called the meeting to order at 7:31 am with Vice President Bullinger and Directors Grote, Breeding, and Helseth present. Others present were Dean of Students Hoiby and Business Manager Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Canvass Votes: Results from the Special Election on Increasing the School Building Fund Levy to 20 mills held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, were canvassed, summary of the election results was read by Business Manager Johnson - Electors voting and ballots cast totaled 142, votes for were 110, votes against were 31, 1 ballot was deemed spoiled, 3 absentee ballots were received, 2 absentee ballots returned after the close of polls. Motion by Breeding to reject the spoiled ballot, seconded by Grote, motion carried. Helseth motioned to accept and certify the results of the election, seconded by Bullinger, motion carried.

Initial Resolution for General Obligation Building Fund Bonds: The governing body of the District acted on the foregoing resolution at a properly noticed meeting held in Powers Lake, North Dakota, on January 26, 2026, with the motion for adoption made by Helseth and seconded by Breeding. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows: "Aye": Galen Grote, Jonathan Breeding, Jeremy Bullinger, Roger Helseth, and Jacob Loeks "Nay": None. Absent: None.

Resolution for Submission of School Construction Loan Application: The governing body of the District acted on the foregoing resolution at a properly noticed meeting held in Powers Lake, North Dakota, on January 26, 2026, with the motion for adoption made by Bullinger and seconded by Grote. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows: "Aye": Galen Grote, Jonathan Breeding, Jeremy Bullinger, Roger Helseth, and Jacob Loeks "Nay": None. Absent: None.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Helseth, seconded by Grote, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:35 am. Jacob Loeks, School Board President
Shayna Johnson, Business Manager
February 25, 2026

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Happy 90th Birthday Charlie Altringer!

Ninety years of love, wisdom, and kindness. We can't wait to be together and celebrate you this weekend. Love and Cheers!
From your family - all 31 of us (and still growing)!
February 28, 1936

NEWS TIP?

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