Powers Lake School Board Proceedings

Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Official Minutes

President Bullinger called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm with Vice President Grote and Directors Breding, Schroeder, and Helseth present. Superintendent Kranz, Business Manager Johnson, Transportation Director Dosch, and Athletic Director Christenson were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors Present: New board members to be seated – Bryan Moberg & Derek Hockenbary

Additions to the Agenda: Approval of First Dakota Enterprises construction bill payment authorization and Contract Approvals. Added to Unfinished Business to be included in the 2025-2026 meeting. Motion to approve the agenda made by Breding, seconded by Schroeder, motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meetings held on June 9, 2026, and June 22, 2026, were reviewed via email by the Board members. Motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 9th and June 22nd made by Helseth, seconded by Grote; the motion carried.

Business Manager's Report: Financial reports were made available to board members to review via email before the meeting. Presented documents were discussed.

June Bills: All American Trophies $73.50, Bismarck Hotel 5610.00, K. Brown 25.00, J. Bullinger 111.00, Burke County Tribune 195.88, J. Carlson 57.00, CREA 3400.00, D. Christensen 100.00, M. Christenson 254.00, City of Powers Lake 467.50, The Country Store 1180.17, Culligan 30.00, B. Douts 100.00, EduTech 20.00, E. Enget 36.50, Farmers Union Oil Kenmare 6764.36, A. Fiesel 56.00, Food Barn 610.00, S. Fredrickson 50.00, G & P Sales 509.96, S. Kranz 356.45, Harlows 42.67, Horace Mann Auto 950.00, ND Info Tech Dept 205.00, J. Jacobs 342.99, P. Jensen 100.00, John's Sand & Gravel 1070.00, S. Johnson 50.00, Jorgenson Lumber 23.20, T. Jorgenson 930.13, JP Morgan 18329.77, Lazel Inc 2538.00, B. Letch 24.00, Liberty State Bank 14.59, K. MacDonald 200.00, Marco 3261.50, McGraw Hill 3165.35, MDU 5940.52, NDSBA Legal Direct 780.00, A. Nordloef 25.00, I. Nordloef 30.00, Northern Plains Special Ed Unit 7056.85, NCC 429.38, Northwest Tire 4233.53, Ole & Lena's Pizzeria 8967.53, A. Parslow 154.00, Pearce Durick 71.25, Powers Lake School 14485.30, Prairie Pride Foods 217.38, Ray Flyers 250.00, J. Rosin 585.00, Rudolph Electric 300.00, C. Rystedt 75.00, Spaces Inc 32486.00, Steins 78.52, B. Streifel 230.00, SYSCO 2323.01, Thistle Grove 512.50, TMS 303.60, USPS 162.00, Watterud Counseling 480.00, WERC 2225.00, C. Westerness 100.00, WEX 20.00, S. Wisthoff 585.58.

Grote motioned to accept all financial reports and approve the payment of the accounts payable bills presented, seconded by Helseth. The motion passed.

Board Report: President Bullinger reported on recent construction meeting updates – disposal of contaminated soil, load-bearing wall demo, and any other concerns were discussed.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Kranz reported on current financials, gave building, maintenance, and construction updates, reported that bus inspections have been completed, meetings attended were listed in the report, gave updates on Infinite Campus, reported on new hires as well as upcoming information regarding summer events and the 2026-2027 school year. Grants received and upcoming applications were listed in the report.

Transportation Director Report: Mr. Dosch reported on bus inspection findings and working on getting routes finalized for 2026-2027.

Unfinished Business:

Longevity Stipend – No further discussion.

Additions to the Agenda:

a. Approval of payment of First Dakota Enterprises Construction Bill #001 – Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Helseth, motion carried. Board decision for all future payments to be approved at upcoming board meetings.

b. Contract Approvals – Contracts for Courtney Tweeten 1st Grade $48,650.00 and Rosalani Lucy CDL Bus Driver were presented to the board. Motion to approve by Helseth, seconded by Breding, motion carried.

Athletic Director's Report: Mrs. Christenson reported on completing a gym use guidelines document, finalizing coaching contracts, co-ops and meetings, and the cost of referees relative to setting participation and activity admission fees for the 2026-2027 school year.

2025-2026 Board of Education Adjournment

Thank you to Roger Helseth and Jody Schroeder for their years of service to the Powers Lake School Board of Education. Motion to adjourn the final meeting of the 2025-2026 Board of Education made by Helseth, seconded by Schroeder, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Business Manager Johnson called the first meeting of the 2026-2027 Board of Education to Order.

New board members Bryan Moberg (1-year term) and Derek Hockenbary (3-year term) were seated. Galen Grote, having been re-elected, was seated for a new 3-year term.

Nominations for Board President were accepted.

Motion by Breding to unanimously vote in Jeremy Bullinger as Board President, seconded by Grote, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting was turned over to President Bullinger.

Nominations for Board Vice President were accepted.

Motion by Breding to unanimously vote in Galen Grote as Board Vice President, seconded by Moberg, all in favor, motion passed.

Shayna Johnson was appointed as Business Manager.

Authorized representatives were appointed for the following:

a. Federal, State, & Local Programs –

Title I, II, III, IV, V, IX: Sue Kranz

Section 504 Coordinator & Representative: Jill Iverson

ADA Coordinator and any other federal or state programs: Sue Kranz

b. School Food Services: Shayna Johnson

c. Northern Plains Special Education Unit: Sue Kranz

d. NDHSAA: Mona Christenson

e. Co-Op Board: Jeremy Bullinger-Burke Central & Derek Hockenbary-Outlaws

f. Homeless & Foster Care Liaison: Seth Wisthoff

g. English Learner Coordinator: Sue Kranz

Motion to approve the authorized representatives listed in a-g made by Hockenbary, seconded by Grote, motion carried.

Committees –

1. Budget & Personnel: Jeremy Bullinger & Galen Grote

2. Curriculum & Student Affairs: Jon Breding, Bryan Moberg, and Galen Grote-BASC

3. Facilities & Transportation: Jeremy Bullinger & Derek Hockenbary

Board gave okay for Roger Helseth to continue attending construction meetings for the remainder of the Ag Ed Addition project.

4. Policy: Galen Grote & Bryan Moberg

Motion to approve the committee members as listed made by Moberg, seconded by Breding, motion carried.

New Business: All pertinent information was emailed to Board members before the meeting to be reviewed.

A. Approval of Resolution Providing for the Sale of General Obligation Building Fund Bonds, Series 2026A. Motion to approve made by Grote, seconded by Breding, roll call vote: Grote, Breding, Moberg, Hockenbary, Bullinger – all "Aye", motion carried.

B. Approval of Resolution Providing for Participation in School Bond Credit Enhancement Program-Bonds. Motion to approve made by Hockenbary, seconded by Grote, roll call vote: Grote, Breding, Moberg, Hockenbary, Bullinger – all "Aye", motion carried.

C. Approval of Resolution Providing for Participation in School Bond Credit Enhancement Program-Certificates. Motion to approve made by Breding, seconded by Moberg, roll call vote: Grote, Breding, Moberg, Hockenbary, Bullinger – all "Aye", motion carried.

D. Approval of Resolution Providing for the Sale of State Aid Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2026B. Motion to approve made by Moberg, seconded by Hockenbary, roll call vote: Grote, Breding, Moberg, Hockenbary, Bullinger – all "Aye", motion carried.

E. Set Board Meeting Schedule: Motion to approve setting the tentative board meeting schedule for the second Monday of the month at 5:00 pm made by Hockenbary, seconded by Grote, motion carried.

F. Set Board Salary Schedule: Motion to approve the board salary schedule of $25.00 per meeting and payment of mileage at the State rate, made by Hockenbary, seconded by Breding, motion carried.

G. Designate Official Newspaper: Motion to designate the Burke County Tribune as the official newspaper by Moberg, seconded by Grote, motion carried.

H. Designate Official Depository: Motion to designate Liberty State Bank as the official depository by Hockenbary, seconded by Moberg, motion carried.

I. Approval of Hot Lunch Program: Motion to approve the presented prices for breakfast ($2.00) and lunch ($3.25) for students, and breakfast ($2.50) and lunch ($4.25) for adults, remaining the same as 25-26. Motion by Grote, seconded by Breding, motion carried.

J. Activity Participation Fees: After discussion and review of revenue and expenses relating to the activity accounts, motion to approve the listed activity and participation rates for the 26-27 school year by Grote, seconded by Hockenbary, motion carried. Rates will be as follows. With an increase to adult daily admission, and single adult and couples season passes. Daily Gate Pass: Adult $8, Student: Grades 1-12 $4, PreK/K Free

Season Passes: Senior $50, Adult $125, Couple $175, Student(1-5) $10, Student(6-12) $20

Student participation fees will remain the same as 25-26 for the 26-27 school year:

Elem (5-6) $10, JH (7-8) $25, and HS (9-12) $35.

K. Approval of Continued District Memberships: Motion to approve continuing memberships for 26-27 for the following organizations: NDSBA, NDSOS, WERC, BASC, GWN, and WDEA made by Moberg, seconded by Hockenbary, motion carried.

L. Memorandum of Understanding-CREA: Motion to approve the service agreement for the Check & Connect program for 26-27 by Hockenbary, seconded by Breding, motion carried.

M. ADM Report: Motion to accept and approve the presented ADM report by Grote, seconded by Moberg, motion carried.

N. Transportation Report: Motion to approve the presented transportation report made by Grote, seconded by Hockenbary, motion carried.

O. 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget: Annual Budget Report was presented to members by Superintendent Kranz. Discussion took place, and questions were answered. Motion to approve made by Breding, seconded by Hockenbary, motion carried.

P. 2026-2027 Certificate of Levy: Motion to approve the Certificate of Levy as presented made by Grote, seconded by Breding, motion carried.

Q. Records Retention & Destruction: Motion to approve destruction of the listed records for 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 according to the methods outlined in policy exhibit ABCD-E, made by Hockenbary, seconded by Moberg, motion carried.

R. Special Reserve Transfer to General Fund: Motion to approve the transfer of $26,000 from the Special Reserve Fund to the General

Fund, made by Grote, seconded by Hockenbary, motion carried.

S. Consolidated Application 26-27: Motion to approve the presented Title I Consolidated Application for 26-27; goals and intended use of funds were outlined. Motion by Breding, seconded by Moberg, motion carried.

T. Cabinets Approval: Motion to approve payment of Preschool room cabinets installation with the balance remaining for 25-26 Preschool equipment grant funds of $3,300 and the rest from elementary equipment funds, made by Moberg, seconded by Hockenbary, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Public Comment: Mr. Dosch spoke about the continuation of the Ag. Ed. program.

Special board meeting and construction meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 9:30 am.

The next regular board meeting date is set for Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the Science Room.

September board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

Board Comments: Discussion on the Ag. Ed. program and the need for hiring a teacher for that position for the 2026-2027 school year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Hockenbary, seconded by Breding, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Jeremy Bullinger
School Board President
Shayna Johnson, Business Manager

Special School Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Official Minutes

Vice President Grote called the meeting to order at 9:33 am. Members present were Derek Hockenbary and Bryan Moberg (Virtual). Superintendent Kranz and Business Manager Johnson were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors present: Sean Sugden, Scott Huber, Richard Larsgaard from EAPC, Jim Kunzelman from Material Testing Services (Virtual), Derek Moritz and Archie Baumann (Virtual) from First Dakota Enterprises, and Roger Helseth.

Updates were given on the Ag. Ed. Construction Project. Soil testing and contamination results were discussed with Jim Kunzelman. Plans for removal of the contaminated soils will need to be approved and submitted to the DEQ. Richard from EAPC questioned whether land farming could be a viable option for the soil. Jim from MTS responded that DEQ approval and site availability are needed for that to be an option. Cost and time frames were discussed. Jim left the meeting at 10:00 am. Regular construction meeting began. Derek from FDE reported on work completed and work in progress; temporary access to the weight room was requested for use when school begins.

Motion to adjourn made by Hockenbary, seconded by Bryan; meeting adjourned at 10:14 am.

Jeremy Bullinger
School Board President
Shayna Johnson, Business Manager

Unofficial School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 11, 2026

President Bullinger called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm with Vice President Grote and Directors Breding, Moberg, and Hockenbary present. Superintendent Kranz and Business Manager Johnson were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors Present: Director Dr. Wayne Heckaman and Assistant Director Scott Wisness from the Bakken Area Skills Center attended in person, and Anne Wuollet from PFM joined virtually.

Additions to the Agenda: No additions.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Hockenbary, seconded by Grote, motion carried.

Presentation by Dr. Wayne Heckaman and Scott Wisness from the Bakken Area Skills Center – Presented information on how the BASC provides career tech opportunities in Northwest ND with 10 member schools and gave an overview of their course offerings and schedule for the 26-27 school year, including online courses, hands-on, and industry days. Left the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Virtual meeting with Anne Wuollet from PFM relating to the sale of bonds and certificates conducted at 11:00 am and 11:30 am on August 11, 2026. Four bids submitted on each of the issues. Building Bond and Certificate of Indebtedness interest rates and annual payments were discussed. Took questions from members. Left the meeting at 5:42 pm.

Minutes of the previous meetings held on July 14, 2026, and July 21, 2026, were reviewed via email by the Board members. Motion to approve the meeting minutes made by Grote, seconded by Breding, motion carried.

Business Manager's Report: Financial reports made available to board members to review via email before the meeting. Documents were discussed.

July Bills: Burke County Tribune $188.41, City of Powers Lake 499.15, Culligan 30.00, C. Dosch 100.00, Farmers Union Oil Kenmare 2274.36, First Dakota Enterprises 139500.00, Gerrells Sport Center 3821.41, Harlow's Bus Sales 7996.03, Johns Sand & Gravel 3312.00, JPMorgan 20311.42, Lakeside Retirement 1894.00, Liberty Insurance 9228.00, Liberty State Bank 7.15, Madison National Life Insurance 565.39, Marco 3261.50, Midwest Investigation & Security 524.94, MDU 6058.46, NCC 417.31, Renaissance 4018.30, Right Way Advanced Roofing & Framing 4500.00, Share Corp 3689.97, B. Suhr 940.00, Sysco 1.37, TMS 296.80, Time Clock Plus 7730.00, Tioga Medical Center 250.00, US Bank 47185.00, WEX 20.00.

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

Board Report: Director Breding reported on possible product for bleachers.

Superintendent Report: Supt.

Kranz reported on current financials, including a donation made to the music department, gave building, maintenance, and construction updates, working on bus routes, gave updates on teacher & para training, new curriculum, Infinite Campus online registration, reported on new hires as well as upcoming information regarding professional development and the start of the 26-27 school year. The Powers Lake School-Parent Compact, Student Handbook, and Personnel Handbooks were uploaded for members to review.

Transportation Director Report: President Bullinger read the report submitted by Mr. Dosch. Report outlined replacements and minor repairs completed and listed upcoming tire replacements.

No HS Principal, Elem Principal, or AD reports.

New Business: All pertinent information was emailed to Board members before the meeting to be reviewed.

A. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Building Fund Bonds, Series 2026A

Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Building Fund Bonds Series 2026A made by Hockenbary, seconded by Grote, roll call vote – Grote, Breding, Moberg, Hockenbary, Bullinger – all "Aye"

B. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of State Aid Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2026B

Motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of State Aid Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2026B made by Breding, seconded by Hockenbary, roll call vote – Grote, Breding, Moberg, Hockenbary, Bullinger – all "Aye"

C. Tuition Waiver Agreement and Open Enrollments

Motion to approve tuition waiver agreement #1 made by Grote, seconded by Breding, motion carried. Motion to approve open enrollment applications #2 and #3 made by Moberg, seconded by Hockenbary, motion carried.

D. Approval of FDE Construction Payment #002

The bill and the construction timeline were discussed. Motion to approve the payment made by Breding, seconded by Grote, motion carried.

E. Public Budget Hearing Date

Motion by Moberg to set the public budget hearing date for Sept. 16, 2026, at 6:30 pm following the regular board meeting scheduled for 5:00 pm, seconded by Hockenbary, motion carried.

F. Adult Lunch Meal Price

Business Manager presented information obtained from NDDPI School Nutrition staff on the reason for adjusting the meal price. Motion to approve increase to $4.30 by Grote, seconded by Hockenbary, motion carried.

G. Title Funds Consolidated App Budget Approval

Supt. Kranz explained the use of funds budgeted in the Title I Consolidated App. Motion to approve the budget made by Hockenbary, seconded by Grote, motion carried.

H. Live Streaming of School Board Meetings

Document for talking points was presented on the pros and cons of live streaming school board meetings. Discussion was held. Motion by Moberg to move forward with live streaming school board meetings; motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion Items: Public Comment: None

The next regular board meeting date is set for Wed., Sept. 16, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the Science Room.

The Annual public budget hearing will take place in the Science Room at 6:30 pm following the regular meeting on September 16, 2026.

October board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wed., Oct. 14, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

Board Comments: Discussion on the Ag. Ed. addition and additional funding options relating to the new space and the need for an Ag. Ed. teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Hockenbary, seconded by Breding, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Jeremy Bullinger
School Board President
Shayna Johnson, Business Manager
August 19, 2026