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MARK'S PLUMBING PARTS 368.01; MGM WELDING SERVICE 57.50; MICHAELS CRAFT STORE 360.20; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS 10.50; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES 12,498.41; NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 439.00; ND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS 50.00; ND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 50.00; ND SMALL ORGANIZED SCHOOLS 500.00; NETWORK SERVICES CO 146.40; NORTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL 40.00; OSENDORF, BRENDA 13.99; PARTS TOWN LLC140.94;POPLERS MUSIC INC 254.94; PROPOINT COOPERATIVE/FARMERS UNION 2,850.29; PS CUSTOM EMBROIDERY 292.50; RANDY'S WELDING INC 350.00; S&T CUSTOM PLUMBING, LLC 250.00; SLEEPINN AND SUITES 110.00; STEEKE, TREVOR 193.00; TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS 1.25; VAN DAELE BUS SERVICE 32,896.72; VEVOR.COM 87.11; WAL-MART 101.23; WANNER, MARTHA 78.87; WELCH, CHAD 195.35; WEST RIVER STUDENT SERVICES 1,832.18; WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL 2,190.83; NIS, INC 1,048.51; KATLYN245.00; LASTING VISIONS FLOWERS 632.

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOWMAN COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT #1**

The regular meeting of the Bowman County School Board was held on Wednesday May 20th, 2026, at 5:00pm at the HS Conference Room. Members present: President Stacy McGee. Vice President Chad Njos & Board Members, Camie Janikowski, Amy Fischer, Andy Mrnak, Kirsten Stotts, Laura Wallman. Others present: Superintendent Anni Carlson, Business Manager Lauren Sense.

Guests present: Laurie Elliot (Via TEAMS), Amanda Rafferty, Cora Weiss, Ella Powell, Megan Brown, Jodi Freier, Lisa Kalstrom, Courtney Bagley, Amber Demorrett, Beth Ramfo, Kelli Ensign, Chad Getz.

1. Call to Order: President Stacy McGee called meeting to order @ 5:05pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda: Fischer moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrnak, all in favor motion carried.
4. Be Legendary School Board Leadership:
 - a. Goal 2 Math- Laurie Elliot gave report
 5. Consent Agenda Items: Stotts moves to approve the Consent agenda items, seconded by Fischer, no discussion was held, all in favor, motion carried. Those Items include the following:
 - a. Approve Minutes: April 8th, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting, April 13th, 2026, Special School Board Meeting, April 22nd, 2026, Special School Board Meeting, April 30th, 2026, Special School Board Meeting, May 7th, 2026, Special School Board Meeting.
 - b. Approve Bills
 - c. Approve Financial Reports
 - d. Committee Reports
 - i. Budget/Finance (April 7th, April 21st, May 6th)
 - ii. Negotiations (April 14th, April 28th)
 - iii. Building (April 16th)
 - iv. Personnel (May 6th)
 - e. District Safety Plan
 - f. Attorney Time Block
 - g. Updated Maintenance Supervisor Contract
 6. Administrative Reports (Information Only)
 - a. Pre-K - 6 Principal
 - b. 7-12 Principal
 - c. Activities Director
 - d. Superintendent
 7. Public Comment: Cora Weiss Signed up to talk on 9.f
 8. Unfinished Business (Action and/or Discussion):
 - a. Scoreboards- Discussion was held, we are at a stand still at the moment. No motion was made.
 - b. Executive Session possible for negotiation strategy pursuant to N.D.C.C. 44-04-19.1(9), N.D.C.C. 15.1-16-22 & N.D.C.C. 44-04-18.27

- ii. Negotiations

Executive session was moved to the end of the meeting.

 9. New Business: (Action and/or Discussion)
 - a. Teacher Resignation- Janikowski moved to approve the resignation of Kayla Fischer, seconded by Njos. All in favor motion carried.
 - b. 2026-2027 Calendar Modification- Janikowski moves to approve the 2026-2027 PD Day of May 28th, 2026, to sometime in August 2026 for the 2026-2027 School year, seconded by Stotts. All in favor motion carried.
 - c. CD Renewal- Discussion was had on the plans for the CD's that are due to be renewed in June 2026, no motion was made.
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 - d. Meraki Renewal- discussion was held, would like more information, Mrnak Moved to table the Meraki renewal until more information is received by the finance committee, seconded by Njos. All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. Graduation Plans- Discussion was held, no motion was made. Mcgee offered Cora Weiss to her public comment on item 9.f, she declined.
 - f. Real Estate Purchase; Executive Session possible for negotiation strategy pursuant to N.D.C.C. 44-04-19.1(9), N.D.C.C. 15.1-16-22 & N.D.C.C. 44-04-18.27 an executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations per NDCC 44-04-19. Mcgee stated that the board is considering a real estate purchase as a potential long-term investment for the district and a possible resource to assist with the recruitment of new employees. Mcgee again offered Cora Weiss a time for public comment on item 9.f, she declined.
- Janikowski moved to end the open meeting and enter executive session for negotiation strategy pursuant to N.D.C.C. 44-04-19.1(9), N.D.C.C. 15.1-16-22 & N.D.C.C. Seconded by Njos
- Roll call vote: Stotts yes, Janikowski yes, Mrnak yes, Fischer yes, Wallman yes, Njos yes and McGee yes. All in favor, motion carried. President McGee adjourned open session at 5:44pm. Members present in executive session; President Stacy McGee, Vice President Chad Njos & Board Member Fischer, Janikowski, Mrnak, Stotts, and Wallman, Business Manager Lauren Sense. President McGee called meeting (executive session) to order at 5:44pm. Topic discussed Negotiations. Janikowski Motioned to end Executive session, seconded by Njos @ 7:17pm. President McGee reconvened in open meeting at 7:17pm.
- a. Stotts motion to offer Dustin Moser an employment offer, and to appoint Laura Wallman as the negotiator on the terms of the contract, seconded by Njos, discussion was held, all in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Janikowski moved to approve a 2% salary increase for all non-certified staff members, seconded by Njos, all in favor, motion carried.
 - c. Janikowski moved to approve a cash payment option for those choosing not to enroll in the school's health insurance, an amount of \$8000 cash payment will be paid to those individuals. This cash payment will be divided equally amongst employees' paychecks for the 2026-2027 school year, seconded by Stotts, all in favor, motion carried
 - d. Fischer Moves to approve to hire Pifer's Auction and Realty to represent the Bowman County School District to negotiate the potential purchase of a residential property to be used as a potential rental property, Seconded by Njos. It was noted that Stacy McGee is the approved signer for closing documents. Roll call Vote: Stotts yes, Janikowski yes, Mrnak abstains from vote, Fischer yes, Wallman yes, Njos yes and McGee yes. 6 in favor, 1 Abstained, motion carried.
 10. With no further business meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm
- *Next Regular School Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 10th, 2026 @ 5:00pm in Rhame.
- Stacy McGee, President
Lauren Sense, Business Manager

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER: The Scranton City Council met at city hall on Monday, May 11th, 2026. Mayor Jason Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Aldermen: Brian Weber, John Pretzer, Ryan Schumacher, Travis Teske; PWS: Tony Dillon; Auditor: Kari Ruggles; PWS: Tony Dillon; Visitors: Lucas Doerr, Colin Dunn. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge was said. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Travis Teske moved to approve the April minutes, Ryan Schumacher second, roll call vote, MC. AGENDA APPROVAL: Travis Teske moved to approve the agenda for May, Ryan Schumacher second, roll call vote, MC. FINANCIAL REPORTS: Ryan Schumacher moved to approve the Financial Reports for May 11th, 2026, the city \$1,210,245.53 and the Parkboard of \$26,122.63, Travis Teske second, roll call vote: Schumacher aye, Pretzer aye, Teske aye, Weber aye, MC. John Pretzer moved to add \$100,000.00 from savings to the CD maturing on May 14, 2026 at DWB, Travis Teske second, roll call vote, MC. BILLS PRESENTED: John Pretzer moved to pay all bills presented for April, Ryan Schumacher second, roll call vote, MC. AUDITOR/PARKBOARD REPORT: Past due accounts were discussed. Water will be shut off at 2 residences. Community day is scheduled for July 18th. Swimming Lessons begin June 1st in Hettinger. Scranton will bus kids to the lessons. The parkboard baseball program will begin May 27th. PWS REPORT: Tony has received continuing education credits. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Kari will be sending out a letter regarding the ongoing Lead/Copper lines by July 1st. Lucas Doerr attended the meeting regarding City Projects and reminded us to keep them in mind as the 2027 preliminary budget draws near. John Pretzer moved to submit the grant application for the Play It Forward Grant through the BCDC, Ryan Schumacher second, roll call vote, MC. If received, the grant money will go towards the replacement of the digital sign. City Ordinances were reviewed. NEW BUSINESS: Colin Dunn attended the meeting to inform the council of his candidacy for county Sheriff and his goals if elected. Ryan Schumacher moved to approve an Off Premise Liquor Permit for the Buffalo Creek Golf Course, from NDP, for June 1st through September 30th, 2026, John Pretzer second, roll call vote, MC. Brian Weber moved to approve the Application for a Zoning Permit from Lee Schwarzwalter to install a fence on his property, Ryan Schumacher second, roll call vote: Weber aye, Schumacher aye, Teske aye, Pretzer aye, MC. Ryan Schumacher moved to approve a Gaming Site Authorization from the Friends of Scranton Fire Protection District, beginning July 1st, 2026 through June 30th, 2027, Brian Weber second, roll call vote, MC. Brian Weber moved to designate The Bowman County Pioneer the official newspaper for the City of Scranton, Travis Teske second, roll call vote, MC. ADJOURN: Travis Teske moved to adjourn at 8:46 pm, John Pretzer second, roll call vote, MC. The next city council meeting is scheduled for June 8th, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Ruggles, City Auditor

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR
APRIL 2026**

EFT IRS	\$1,662.80
EFT NDPERS-Retirement	\$555.60
EFT Southwest Water	\$2,768.19
EFT IRS	\$36.72
EFT State Tax Commissioner	\$210.00
Debit Taco Johns	\$14.46
Debit USPO	\$120.17
Debit Harbor Freight	\$19.43
Debit Leading Visions	\$110.16
18843 Heinrich Septic	\$304.00
18844 Core & Main	\$2,821.05
18845 Tony Dillon	\$4,731.00
18846 Kari Ruggles	\$1,477.60
18847 Sacred Heart Catholic Church	\$5,000.00
18848 Peace Lutheran Church	\$5,000.00
18849 Parkboard	\$432.17
18850 Advanced Business Machines	\$89.56

18851 Southwestern Dist Health Unit	\$60.00
18852 Consolidated Telcom	\$157.51
18853 City of Bowman	\$5,046.00
18854 Super Valu	\$23.78
18855 Scranton Equity	\$797.92
18856 MDU	\$1,960.37

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction

of the following project(s):

Job No.: 24832
Project No(s): NH-9-999(558)

Length: 0
Type: WEIGH-IN-MOTION (WIM) CALIBRATION

County(s): BOWMAN, BILLINGS, BURKE, CAVALIER, DICKEY, MCKENZIE, MCLEAN, RAMSEY, RICHLAND, & WELLS Cos

Location: 2026 WEIGH-IN-MOTION (WIM) CALIBRATION - VARIOUS LOCATIONS STATEWIDE

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 09:30AM, July 17, 2026. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bid-info.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state. For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.

Requested by:
Ronald J. Henke, P.E., Director
North Dakota Department of Transportation

**71714 ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

of the
Berkshire Life Insurance Company Of America
In the state of Massachusetts

Total Assets	5,733,984,810
Total Liabilities	5,526,325,848
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	3,198,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	
Contributed Surplus	223,369,929
Unassigned Funds	-18,908,967
Total Capital and Surplus	207,658,962
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	5,733,984,810

**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Total Life and Annuity Premiums Written	0
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses Paid	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums	1,371,001
Written	
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Paid	52,708

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF INSURANCE**

I, Jon Godfread, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2026 (SEAL).
JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF INSURANCE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2025 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and

WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid,

NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D., 2026

(SEAL)
JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance

74004

**ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

of the
Family Service Life Insurance Company
In the state of Texas

Total Assets	211,133,917
Total Liabilities	159,078,520
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	2,500,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	
Contributed Surplus	3,500,000
Unassigned Funds	46,055,397
Total Capital and Surplus	52,055,397
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	211,133,917

**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Total Life and Annuity Premiums Written	0
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses Paid	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums	0
Written	
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Paid	0

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JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF INSURANCE
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D., 2026 (SEAL).

JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance

78778

**ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

of the
The Guardian Insurance & Annuity Company, Inc.
In the state of Delaware

Total Assets	10,946,622,852
Total Liabilities	10,257,457,895
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	2,500,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	
Contributed Surplus	1,021,500,000
Unassigned Funds	-334,835,043
Total Capital and Surplus	689,164,957
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	10,946,622,852

**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Total Life and Annuity Premiums Written	3,252,530
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses Paid	1,351,395
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums	0
Written	
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Paid	0

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF INSURANCE**

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JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF INSURANCE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2025 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D., 2026 (SEAL).

JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance

19682

**ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

of the
Hartford Fire Insurance Company
In the state of Connecticut

Total Assets	29,853,246,417
Total Liabilities	16,543,609,497