

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #13 Proceedings

REGULAR MEETING, SCHOOL BOARD, BELFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #13 February 12, 2026 6:00PM School FCS Room

The meeting was called to order by Board President Keith Buckman at 6:00 PM.

Present Board Members: Keith Buckman, Cole Kuck, Wes Krebs, Curt Buckman and Kara Hrabik. Supt. Kurle, Elementary Principal Olson and Business Manager Arnold.

M/S K. Hrabik/W. Krebs to approve the January 12, 2026 regular meeting board minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S K. Hrabik/C. Kuck to approve the January 21, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Agenda: M/S W. Krebs/K. Hrabik to amend and move New Business #3 of Approving Business Manager Hiring to come before Visitors/Public comment. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Business Manager Hiring:

1. Amanda Arnold
M/S C. Buckman/C. Kuck to approve hiring of Amanda

Arnold as Business Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors/Public Comment:
1. BEA: Ericka Hutzenbiler – Starting negotiation petition
2. Taylor Jurgens – FFA Banquet April 16th 2026 @ St. B's. Social 5:00pm Banquet 6:00pm

Reports:
Maintenance Report: Fixing pipe in boys locker room
AD Report: Discussed
Elementary Principal Report:

•Enrollment for 2025 – 26 is currently: 108 Students K – 6

- PK – 13
- K – 19 (lost 1)
- 1st - 14
- 2nd - 12
- 3rd - 14
- 4th - 18
- 5th - 19
- 6th - 12

•Spirit Week this week – students have been participating in many activities including the dress up days for which the earn Coop Points, Valentine's Store, Student Council reading time, and the Pep Rally on Friday.

•School Store fundraiser – Update – Total donations \$5,438.42. Check to the school - \$1,348.42. Gift cards to

teachers - \$4,090.00.

•ND A+: Completed second interim assessment in grades K – 6 and 7 –10. (see comparison charts attached)

•Public schools in North Dakota participate in the North Dakota Student Engagement Survey (NDSSES), developed by the State of North Dakota and administered by Pearson. The NDSSES measures students' behavioral engagement, cognitive engagement, emotional engagement, and school belonging. The 2025-2026 NDSSES administration window is February 1-28, 2026. North Dakota's goal for each school is a 95% student participation rate on the NDSSES survey to help ensure results accurately represent the school. The survey will be given to the elementary students this week and the jr. high and high school students next week. Mrs. Henson has been assisting me with them.

•Belfield Public School's 4th graders will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on March 10, 2026. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects (either mathematics or reading). NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country.

•Upcoming events:

- February 13, 2026: Student contact day instead of Teacher In-service Day
- February 16: NO SCHOOL

•February 19: State Superintendent Levi Bachmeier will be visiting our school

•February 26th or 27th: High School play, "Bippity Boppity Bam!"

•March 10: NAEP Testing for 4th graders

•The Secondary Principal Report: Presented by Supt. Kurle

- 1. Numbers:

- 7th grade: 19 (+1)
- 8th grade: 30 (+1)
- 9th grade: 17
- 10th grade: 22 (+1)
- 11th grade: 17 (-1)
- 12th grade: 21

TOTAL: 126

2. Updates:

a. HS math: Mr. Wagner took Consumer math went to Sax Motor and got to visit with the sales manager and finance department about how to purchase a vehicle. They got to see the extra costs associated with a purchase and the differences between purchasing and leasing.

b. Student Council – Food Drive has filled 2 vehicles with food. 5th & 11th grade won their divisions. Valentines' sales are this week. Goods will be delivered on Friday.

c. Interim testing: Completed

d. SES: Student Engagement Survey will be available for students to take. We will have the month to complete the survey.

e. Master Schedule: Test of schedule complete. No major issues

f. Welcome packets: We will continue to work on a welcome packet that we can send to prospective students this spring. It includes a welcome letter, graduation requirements, course descriptions, our master schedule, and the 26-27 calendar (once finalized).

3. Dates:

a. Week of February 9 – Spirit Week

b. Thursday, February 13, 1:30 PM – Pep Rally

c. District 7 GBB Tourney – Feb. 14, 16-17 in Bowman

d. No School – Feb. 16

e. Region 4 GBB Tourney – Feb. 23-24, 26 at Bismarck St. Mary's

f. District 7 BBB Tourney – Feb. 27-28, Mar. 2 at DSU

g. Region 4 BBB Tourney – Mar. 9-10, 12 in Killdeer

Business Manager Report: The Business Manager presented the financial reports for January 2026.

Superintendent Report:

- 1. Building Report
- a. Bathroom heat installation – Feb. 11
- b. Boys' locker room urinal replacement

- 2. Coop Report
- 3. WRSS
- a. Meeting – Feb. 18
- b. Coordinator interviews – Feb. 18 & 20
- 4. Budget Report
- a. Student Device costs
- 5. Other

a. Business Manager Position

b. NDSBA Winter Summit – Feb. 5-6

c. Supt. Bachmeier visit on Feb. 19 from 11:30-1:30

d. Superintendent evaluation due March 15

e. School photographer Committee Reports:

- 1. Building and Grounds – a. bathroom heat installation
- b. boys locker room urinal replacement

- 2. WERC – None
- 3. RACTC – Discussed
- 4. West River – Discussed
- 5. SWCTC – None
- 6. Leadership – None

Old Business: None
New Business:

Approval of Bills:
M/S W. Krebs/K. Hrabik to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Negotiations
1. Petition for recognition of appropriate negotiating unit

a. Pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-10, the Belfield Association requests that the School Board recognize as an appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed by the School Board primarily including classroom teachers, librarians and counselors.

2. Determination of appropriate negotiating unit

a. Pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-10, the Board of Belfield School District recognizes as the appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily including classroom teachers, librarians and counselors.

Teacher Resignation
i. Todd Lakey: M/S C. Buckman/K. Hrabik to accept the resignation of Todd Lakey. Motion carried unanimously.

Billings County/Belfield School Board Meeting Discussion:

Committee assigned as C. Kuck and K. Buckman to set a date and meeting time

Other: None
Next Meeting:

1. Regular meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2026 at 6:00pm (subject to change)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.
STUDENT ACTIVITY

DANIEL SAYLER.....	194.54
DARIN KELLER.....	165.00
JARED KELLER.....	165.00
EMILY HENSON.....	40.00
WILLIAM TRENT.....	40.00
DORIS URBAN.....	40.00
JENNA BECK.....	100.00
ALICIA BUCKMAN.....	40.00
TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.....	61.00
EMILY HENSON.....	60.00
ALICIA BUCKMAN.....	60.00
WILLIAM TRENT.....	60.00
DORIS URBAN.....	60.00
ALLISON FISCHBACH.....	100.00
MORGAN RISING.....	237.38
PETE RISING.....	170.17
TREYSON DAYTON.....	194.68
HADLEY TALKINGTON.....	65.00
JARRED WAGNER.....	65.00
CALVIN DEAN.....	165.00
JON LEADBETTER.....	165.00
COBE BEGGER.....	237.38
EMILY HENSON.....	40.00
ALICIA BUCKMAN.....	40.00
WILLIAM TRENT.....	40.00
TUCKER JOHNSON.....	40.00
JENNA BECK.....	100.00
I-94 CONFERENCE.....	250.00
BELFIELD BOOSTER CLUB ..	321.00
BSN SPORTS.....	273.00
COCA-COLA BOTTLING.....	1806.77
LOGO MAGIC.....	198.00
ND FFA.....	13.00
ND HS ACTIVITES ASSOCIATION.....	50.00
ZOE PRAUS.....	92.57
SLEEP INN & SUITES.....	660.00
AMANDA ARNOLD.....	7.25
CINDY BUCKMAN.....	104.00
ELLA-JO CORNEIL.....	316.92
KELLI KESSEL.....	147.75
JENNYLEE O'BRIEN.....	1231.75
AMY OBRIGEWTSCH.....	188.92

JESSICA RICHARD ...	1414.41
CHELSEA SCHIERMEISTER ..	313.00
Scott Keck.....	193.98
MICHAEL PETERS.....	193.98
BRIAN HICKEY.....	299.82
NATE NORBY.....	93.98
GREG YALE.....	159.50
ALICIA BUCKMAN.....	60.00
EMILY HENSON.....	60.00
WILLIAM TRENT.....	60.00
RYAN STUHAUG.....	60.00
DORIS URBAN.....	60.00
JENNA BECK.....	100.00
ANDREW KLEIN.....	1032.27
PAUL HARDY.....	189.68
LEE SKABO.....	309.80
JEFF BECK.....	160.00
EMILY HENSON.....	40.00
ALICIA BUCKMAN.....	40.00
WILLIAM TRENT.....	40.00
RYAN STUHAUG.....	40.00
JENNA BECK.....	100.00
JANINE OLSON.....	240.00
CARTER CORNEIL.....	153.43
BEULAH HIGH SCHOOL.....	51.00
WEST DAKOTA OIL CSTORE.....	8.91
BELFIELD AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY.....	1257.50
BROAD REACH.....	204.50
ALICIA BUCKMAN.....	15.00
CITY AIR MECHANICAL, INC.....	909.65
CITY OF BELFIELD ...	1055.47
C O N S O L I D A T E D COMMUNICATIONS CO.....	399.85
D&E SUPPLY CO INC.....	1163.52
DENNY'S ELECTRIC ...	175.26
DEPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.....	2082.21
KATHLEEN DOSCH.....	35.11
EAST END AUTO & TRUCK PARTS, INC.....	550.00
FORUM COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY.....	778.68
DELLARAE FUGERE.....	157.49
HAMPTON INN AND SUITES BY HILTON.....	110.00
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS & SERVICES INC.....	625.90
RACHELLE KLEIN.....	55.26
WESLEY KREBS.....	205.66
TANESSA KUCK.....	284.96
DAREN KURLE.....	172.55
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.....	1069.16
EDWARD LOBB.....	240.00
SHERI MCCRORY.....	56.00
MENARDS.....	502.07
M O N T A N A - D A K O T A UTILITIES.....	8213.61
ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION.....	9848.00
ND DEPT OF ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY.....	70.00
NDSBA.....	253.50
NORTHERN BOTTLING COMPANY.....	1463.62
ERIN PENNINGTON.....	15.18
POPP BINDING & LAMINATING INC.....	176.95
QUALITY XTERMINATORS.....	85.00
ALICIA REDMOND.....	298.77
ANNA ROSS.....	45.91
ROUGH RIDER AREA CAREER & TECH CENTER.....	300.00
SMART COMPUTER AND CONSULTING.....	8739.95
US FOODSERVICE, inc.....	3390.89
VIKING GLASS OF ND.....	145.50
WEST DAKOTA OIL CSTORE.....	2074.42
WEST RIVER STUDENT SERVICES.....	19004.28
WESTERN EDUCATION REGIONAL COOP.....	5740.00
WEX HEALTH INC.....	50.00
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION.....	423.32
SMART COMPUTER AND CONSULTING.....	8739.95
US FOODSERVICE, inc.....	3390.89
VIKING GLASS OF ND.....	145.50
WEST DAKOTA OIL CSTORE.....	2074.42
WEST RIVER STUDENT SERVICES.....	19004.28
WESTERN EDUCATION REGIONAL COOP.....	5740.00
ALICIA BUCKMAN.....	176.90
TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.....	50.00
COURTNEY TOWRY.....	15.00
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.....	40.00
BELFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL ..	4013.91
SW DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT.....	150.00

/s/ Keith Buckman
Keith Buckman, President
/s/ Mandi Arnold
Mandi Arnold, Business Manager
Published March 26, 2026

Notice of Hearing

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF BILLINGS SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth "Betty" Golberg, Deceased
Probate No. 04-2026-PR-00007

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Patrick Golberg and Nancy Larson have filed herein a petition for adjudication of intestacy and appointment of co-personal representatives.

2. Hearing has been set upon said petition on the 28th day of May, 2026, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., at the Courtroom of the above-named Court in the City of Medora, County of Billings, State of North Dakota.

3. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person appearing for the purpose of objecting to any matter or item contained within the above-mentioned petition for formal probate shall file herein and serve upon the undersigned counsel for the Petitioner their written objections to the same not later than seven (7) days prior to the above scheduled hearing.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2026.

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(Published March 19, 26 & April 2, 2026)

Notice to Contractors

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
The North Dakota Department of Transportation (ND-DOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):

Job No.: 24565
Project No(s): ITS-9-999(544)
Length: 0
Type: ENVIRONMENTAL SENSOR STATIONS, DYNAMIC

MESSAGE SIGNS, AND INTERSECTION WARNING SYSTEMS
County(s): **BILLINGS, BARNES, BURLEIGH, DUNN, GRAND FORKS, MCKENZIE, MCLEAN, MORTON, MOUNTRAIL, NELSON, RAMSEY, STARK, WARD, & WILLIAMS Cos**
Location: **VARIOUS LOCATIONS STATEWIDE - 2026 ITS**

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 9:30 a.m., April 10, 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/bidinfo.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
(Published March 26, 2026)

Notice of Public Hearing

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WSI Premium Rates and Rate Classification Manual

Notice is hereby given that Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2026, at the WSI Board Room, Century Center, 1600 East Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, at 11:00 a.m. at which time and place all persons will be heard regarding the proposed changes to premium rates and rate classification manual in accordance with NDCC §65-04-01.

These changes will be on file and may be reviewed or copied on any working day between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at WSI in Bismarck. A copy may be requested by phone by calling 701-328-3812 or by writing to:

Workforce Safety & Insurance
Attn Marguerite Rath
1600 East Century Ave. Ste 1
PO Box 5585
Bismarck ND 58506-5585
701-328-3812

Written data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed changes or adoptions may be sent to WSI at the above address. The closing date for receipt and consideration of all written or oral submissions is close of business Monday, April 13, 2026.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact WSI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 16th day of March 2026.

Sarah Feist
Chief of Employer Services
(Published March 26, 2026)

Public Notice

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Douglas Anthony Karsky, also known as Douglas A. Karsky, 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 (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Teresa M. Karsky, personal representative of the estate, at 3998 Little Ida Beach Road NW, Alexandria, MN 56308, or filed with the Court.

Dated: March 18, 2026.
/s/ Teresa M.Karsky, Personal Representative
3998 Little Ida Beach Road NW
Alexandria, MN 56308
MWS:aj | 2026-2226.333

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