

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 Proceedings

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Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 11, 2026
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by Kinley Slauter at 5:03 p.m. MT, Wednesday March 11, 2026, at the DeMores School in Medora. Board members Eric Bock, Joey Kessel, Jessie Evoniuk, Kwirt Johnson, and Kinley Slauter were present. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Superintendent Shae Peplinski, Assistant Superintendent Danielle O'Brien, Maintenance Supervisor Robert Hushka, and Business Manager Robert Gates. In attendance were Rebecca Kasian, Mark Kasian, Dickie Jo Kubas, Jenna Redmond, John Martin, Erika Honeyman, Kira Pickett, Marina Pickett, Jen O'Brien, Darcy Buerkle.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Evoniuk/Johnson to approve the consent agenda, which included the February 11th regular meeting and February 27th Special meeting minutes, the payments list, the financial reports, and the addition of five items to the agenda. AIF.

President Slauter asked if there was anyone in the public that wished to address the Board. With no comments, Slauter closed the public comment session.

Peplinski informed the board that RTC will be updating the DeMores Access control system, JE Dunn will be adding heat to the breezeway, still waiting on parts for women's bathroom door, and updates about the humidity in the gym. Peplinski presented a quote to the board for blinds in the teachers workroom. M/S Kessel/Bock to approve the purchase of the blinds. AIF. Hushka provided a written and oral report on facilities maintenance.

The superintendent evaluation was completed using an online tool. President Slauter compiled the results, and the following action was taken by the board for the various components of the evaluation.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Goal and Vision Setting. M/S Johnson/Evoniuk to approve this performance area as satisfactory. AIF.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, overall members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Board Relations. M/S Evoniuk/Johnson to approve this performance area as satisfactory. Discussion. Roll call vote: Yay - Johnson, Evoniuk, Bock; Nay-Kessel, Slauter. Motion carries.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, overall members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Human Resource Mgmt. M/S Johnson/Evoniuk to approve this performance area as satisfactory. Roll call vote: Yay - Johnson, Evoniuk, Bock; Nay-Kessel, Slauter. Motion carries.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Curriculum and Student Support Services. M/S Kessel/Bock to approve this performance area as satisfactory. AIF.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Community Relations. M/S Evoniuk/Kessel to approve this performance area as satisfactory. AIF.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Operations and Resource Management. M/S Johnson/Bock to approve this performance area as satisfactory. AIF.

The business manager evaluation was completed using an online tool. President Slauter compiled the results, and the following action was taken by the board for the various components of the evaluation.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the business manager as satisfactory for the performance area of Coordinate Board Meetings. M/S Evoniuk/Bock to approve this performance area as satisfactory. AIF.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the business manager as satisfactory for the performance area of Perform Risk Management Functions. M/S Bock/Johnson to approve

this performance area as satisfactory. AIF.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the business manager as satisfactory for the performance area of Perform Personnel Management Duties. M/S Evoniuk/Johnson seconded, to approve this performance area as satisfactory. AIF.

Mark & Rebecca Kasian have made a request of the board to review policy FGA as it pertains to FERPA. Discussion. Slauter asked administration and staff to review the policy and report back to the board.

Peplinski brought before the board two open enrollment applications. It was recommended by the Superintendent to approve the first applicant. M/S Bock/Evoniuk to approve the open enrollment application #1. AIF. The second application form was received after the March 1st deadline as set by ND Century Code 15.1-31-01 and was recommended to disapprove. M/S Kessel/Johnson to deny the second application for admittance to the DeMores School. AIF.

Peplinski informed the board of upcoming events. Third quarter is coming to an end with Spring sports starting up. There is continued training by Administration on the new statewide Infinite Campus school software that the state is implementing this summer.

O'Brien presented the board with the resignation letter of Kaylee Obrigewitch thanking the Board for the opportunity to teach in Billings County. Slauter expressed his appreciation of service from Kaylee and wished her luck as she moves forward. M/S Kessel/Bock to accept the letter of resignation from Kaylee Obrigewitch. AIF. O'Brien presented the board with a letter of Intent to Retire from Jackie Wolf at the end of the school year. The board appreciates the years of service and wishes the best in this new part of her life. M/S Evoniuk/Johnson to accept the letter of intent to retire. AIF.

Administration asked the board to approve pre-school tuition rates for the 2026-27 school

year. Discussion. M/S Evoniuk/Bock to keep the preschool rates for school year 2026-27 at \$375/month. AIF.

Gates presented the board with the audit review and opinion of Rath and Mehrer. It is the opinion of Rath and Mehrer that the financial statements as of June 30, 2025, present fairly the financial position of the school district. Gates also informed the board of an administrative issue that occurred in November. Discussion and no action taken.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2026, at 5:00p.m. at DeMores Elementary. There will be a facility walk through by the board of the DeMores facility at 4:00p.m.

WERC committee - WERC providing Elliot review and ELL training services.

Transportation committee - There will need to be a bus route review prior to a request for bids.

Policy committee - Need to revise and approve policy HCBA & BAA. Tabled for review.

Need to amend and approve policy:

AACA - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Policy BAB - Board Conflict of Interest

FDE - Education of Special Education Students/Students with Disabilities

ACCA - Sexual Offenders on School Property

ACCA-BR - Criteria for Granting Parent Offenders Privileges to Enter School Property

ACEB - Hazing
BDAB - Savings Clause
BDBB - Retaining an Attorney

FAAD - Tuition Agreements (Education of Non-Resident Students)

HBAA - Federal Fiscal Compliance

HCAA - Purchasing Equipment and Supplies

M/S Evoniuk/Kessel to amend and approve the above listed policies as presented to the board. AIF.

M/S Kessel/Evoniuk to enter executive session to discuss teacher contract negotiations

as governed by NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9). AIF. Minutes will show that executive session began at 6:53p.m. and attendees included board members Slauter, Kessel, Bock, Evoniuk, Johnson and school district administration Peplinski, O'Brien, and Gates. The approximate return time of 7:20p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:05p.m. No action was taken.

With no further discussion, M/S Bock/Johnson to adjourn the meeting. AIF.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.

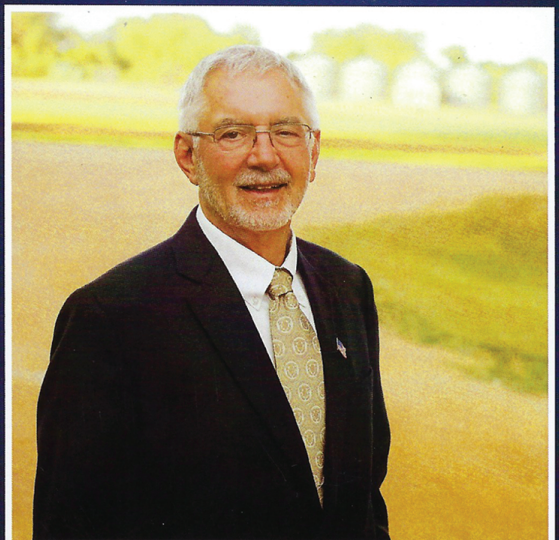
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Belfield Automotive Supply	123.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	1,703.23
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Consolidated	235.88
Dan's Interstate Conoco Inc.	145.39
Denny's Electric LLC	72.57
Department of Public Instruction	1,009.50
Dickinson Public Library	6,118.95
EDUTECH	40.00
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Four Seasons Trophies	95.45
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H2I GROUP	2,369.00
High Point Networks	61.25
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Medora Convenience	218.77
Meduna, G.	8,979.84
Menard's	772.34
MGM Rural Sanitation	281.75
ND SCHOOL BOARDS ASS'N	2,250.00
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Northern Bottling Company	738.66
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Roughrider Electric CO-OP	10,442.68
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Smart Computers	15,273.95
Software Unlimited	1,300.00
SW Water Authority	119.06
Symonow, R.	34,613.26
Sysco North Dakota	5,502.15
Teachers Pay Teachers	122.98
Time Management Systems	152.30
Vesey, E.	578.34
Walmart.Com	71.24
West Dakota Oil, Inc.	60.33
West River Student Services	6,850.88

/s/ Kinley Slauter
Kinley Slauter, President
/s/ Robert Gates
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