BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 Proceedings

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Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 12, 2026
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by Kinley Slauter at 5:02 p.m. MT, Wednesday August 12, 2026, at the DeMores School in Medora. Board members Eric Bock, Jessie Evoniuk, Joey Kessel, Rebecca Kasian and Kinley Slauter were on site. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Superintendent Danielle O'Brien, Maintenance Supervisor Bob Hushka and Business Manager Robert Gates. Also present via Teams was Mat Larson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kessel moved, Bock seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included July 15th annual meeting minutes, payments list, financial reports, and the addition of six items to the agenda. All in favor.

O'Brien updated the Board on the punch list items. Hushka gave a written oral report on facilities and vehicle maintenance. O'Brien reviewed the recent adjusters report on the insurance claim for the Prairie roof. Adjusters report analyzed there was minimal damage.

Slauter updated the Board on the LU funding request to the county commissioners. The Commissioners unanimously voted to fund $2,000,000 to the school District per it's request from the County's Land Utilization fund.

Gates presented an updated preliminary budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Revenue and expenditure were reviewed for the upcoming year and discussed variances between prior year actual to current year projected. Since the final budget does not need to be approved until October, Gates asked the board to take this time to thoroughly review the budget as presented and we can have final discussions at the next board meeting.

Evoniuk moved, Kessel seconded, to call for propane bids for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. Roll call vote with all in favor. Bid deadline is September 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at DeMores School in Medora, North Dakota. Notice will be published in Billings County Pioneer or can be obtained by contacting business manager at DeMores School.

The Board was reminded of the upcoming NDSBA annual convention dated October 8th & 9th and asked who plans on attending. At this time Slauter, Kasian, O'Brien, Gates will be attending.

O'Brien requested the Board to establish a Head Cook. The Head Cook would be the primary contact for the state. There was some discussion and at this time no head cook was designated. O'Brien presented a tuition waiver for siblings at Prairie Elementary in preschool and 2nd grade. After discussion, Evoniuk moved and Kasian seconded to approve the tuition waiver for the Preschool and 2nd grader enrolled at Prairie Elementary. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Gates informed the Board about receiving a Rural Education Achievement Program (R.E.A.P.) grant from the US Department of Education in the amount of $19,906. Gates also requested of the Board to approve membership in the West Dakota Energy Association. After discussion, Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded to renew our annu-

al membership with Western Dakota Energy Association. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The September regular meeting will be held September 9th, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at DeMores School in Medora. The public input meeting and finalization of the 2026-2027 budget is also scheduled for September 9, 2026, with the public input meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. (MT).

President Slauter shared some correspondence received from Sheriff Dean Wyckoff on behalf of the Billings County Sheriff's Office thanking the school district and its staff for the use of the school facilities during the Presidential visit, the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Grand Opening and the America 250 events that were held in Medora.

The Transportation committee offered the board a new bus contract for route 3 due to the major changes in the length of the route. After discussion, Kessel moved, Bock seconded to approve the new Contract for Student Transportation Services with Rodney Syminow for bus route #3. Roll call vote, with all in favor.

The Building/Grounds/Equipment committee presented bids to replace the flooring in both the kitchen and cafeteria in both DeMores and Prairie schools. After discussion, Bock moved and Evoniuk seconded to approve the bids received from Floor To Ceiling Carpet One to replace the flooring at both DeMores and Prairie schools. Roll call vote, with all in favor.

The Finance/Negotiations committee presented quotes to replace the ShoreTel phone system. The first proposal from RTC is to replace the phones at the DeMores school, and a second quote was received from Consolidated to replace the phones at the Prairie School. The systems will work together, but different carries are needed because of regional coverage. Discussion. Kasian moved, Kessel seconded to approve the quotes received from RTC and Consolidated to replace the school districts phone systems. Roll call vote, with all in favor.

The Policy committee, after last months meeting, reviewed policy ABEC-AR – Adult Meals and requested that paragraph 3 be changed to read that "the cost of meals served at no charge to teachers or others who supervise students during meal service will be paid by the general fund." Evoniuk moved, Kasian seconded to approve the change of policy ABEC-AR to state that meals will be paid out of the general fund. Roll call vote, with all in favor.

Bock moved, Kessel seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Haugom Window Coverings 12,212.00
RAZOR EDGE 8,580.00
Advance Business Methods 570.23
Amazon 1,158.94
Ameritus Life Insurance Corp. 71.40
Anderson, K 100.00
Apple Store 6,480.00
Belfield Automotive Supply 17.51
Belfield Public School District 70,363.87
BCBS of ND 1,798.60
Bock, E 577.83
Children's Health Market, The 1,969.38
City of Medora 1,458.67
Consolidated 236.14
Dan's Interstate Conoco 523.87
Dickinson Hardware 83.57
Dickinson Motor Vehicle 21.12
Energy Tech Systems 240.00
Evoniuk, J 614.08
Farmers Union 95.00
Gates, R 90.00
Gooseneck Implement 275.49
Hampton Inn 220.00
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 6,114.65
Hushka, R 45.00
Innovative Office Solutions 1,375.00
Johnson, K 188.50
Kessel, J 706.88
Learning without Tears 876.15
Madison National Life 274.63
Marco Technologies 393.47
Marin's Welding & Refrig. 2,081.00
Menard's 422.00
MGM Rural Sanitation 295.43
ND Attorney General 40.00
ND Council of Edu. Leaders 1,345.00
ND Dept. of Human Services 25.00
NDCTE 125.00
NDSBA Legal Direct 273.00
Pickett, K 223.36
Planbook EDU 360.00
PTR Literacy Programs 200.00
Pye Barker Fire & Safety 844.00
RENAISSANCE 7,338.00
Roughrider Electric CO-OP 8,349.28
RTC Networks 525.00
Sanford Health Occup. Med. 220.00
Savvas Learning 538.00
Schwaderer Enterprises 462.48
Slauter, K 243.60
Smart Computers 40,606.95
SW Water Authority 72.18
Time Management Systems 312.70
US POSTAL SERVICE 42.00
Western Dakota Energy 4,000.00
Western Educators Regional Coop 2,000.00
Workforce Safety and Insur. 3,101.38

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

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