

Tried to find their rhythm

By Gary Howard

On Jan. 17, the Richardton/Taylor Lady Raiders came to Beach to take on our Lady Buccaneers.

Things did not go well for the Lady Bucs, as they fell behind early. Lady Raider Paige Christensen dropped 12 points in the first quarter as Richardton/Taylor

surged out to a 18-10 lead.

The Beach offense just could not get into a rhythm all evening long. The team was short a starter as Andrea Bosserman was out with an injury. At the close of the first half, the Lady Raiders had a 19 point lead, 39-20.

Offensive woes for

Beach continued in the second half as they continued trying to find their rhythm, while watching Richardton/Taylor sink their shots. The third quarter ended 58-35 and with Mila Szudera being the only Lady Buc scoring in the fourth with six points, the Lady Raiders pulled away to a 70-41 win.

Leading scorers for Beach were Szudera with 12 points and Maciah Heckaman with 11.

Richardton/Taylor was led by Paige Christensen with 28 points and McCada Chistensen and Karli Kitzan with 13 points each.



Photo | Jordanna Garland

MACIAH HECKAMAN focuses on the basket as she prepares to shoot one of two free throws in the second quarter. Unfortunately, the ball didn't cooperate on either shot.



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DOUBLE TEAMING THEIR OPPONENT are Ava Zachmann, left, and Zoey Zook. The Lady Raider barely squeezed past as Zachmann and Zook tried to stop her without getting a foul called on them.

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BEACH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BEACH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDS OF REGULAR MEETING
Unofficial Minutes Subject to Review and Revision of the Board January 14, 2026

Beach School Board met at 6 p.m. on January 14, 2026 in the high school library. Present were Robert Sperry, Carrie Zachmann, Landon Lechler, Alan Muckle, Heather Dykins, Misty Farnstrom, Jessica Geis and Taryn Sveet. Absent was Lynn Swanson. Visitors were Amanda Stoltz and Kirstyn Bohn.

President Sperry called the regular meeting to order at 6 p.m. Sperry recognized visitors. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sperry reviewed the agenda. Consensus of the board is to approve agenda as presented. Zachmann read public comments on agenda only speaker policy. No routine board items required further discussion.

Sperry reviewed the items on the consent agenda which included:

- December 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- Bills and payroll
- Finance reports
- Committee reports
- Administrative reports

Motion by Lechler, second by Muckle to approve the consent agenda which includes all agenda items listed in sections A, B, C, D and E. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Bills and payroll were:

Admin Partners LLC .. \$125.00
Amazon Capital Services .. 2,572.95
Amazon Capital Services .. 108.20
American Welding and Gas Inc. .. 391.44
BACC .. 100.00
Beach Community Ambulance Service .. 320.00
Beach Food Center .. 65.55
Beach Medical Clinic Payments .. 250.00
Belfield Public School .. 86.89
Amanda Bieber .. 11.00

Boss Office and Computer Products .. 1,323.75
Bowman Public School .. 86.89
Cenex Fleetcard/CHS Inc. .. 794.10
City of Beach .. 924.13
CNH Industrial Accounts .. 113.40
CREA .. 50.00
D & E Supply Company, Inc. .. 490.92
Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc. .. 162.70
Dollar General .. 28.50
Everspring Inn of Bismarck .. 280.00
Farmers Union Oil Co. .. 3,138.94
Jacqueline Fastveit .. 39.79
Flasher School .. 86.89
Forum Communications Co. .. 100.00
Glen Ullin Public School .. 86.89
Golden Valley County .. 5,482.67
Grant County High School .. 86.89
Greg Glass Construction LLC .. 225.00
Hartleys School Buses, Inc. .. 19.68
Hettinger School District .. 86.89
Holiday Inn Express and Suites .. 660.00
Horace Mann .. 18.00
Jandt Plumbing and Heating LLC .. 2,615.76
John Deere Financial .. 510.24
LaQuinta Inn of Bismarck .. 330.00
Karen Maus .. 50.00
McGraw-Hill School Education .. 50.00
MDU Resources Group, Inc. .. 9,666.60
ND Center for Distance Education .. 7,806.00
NDCEL .. 225.00
ND High School Activities Assn. .. 1,172.80
ND School Boards Assn. .. 1,813.50
New England School District .. 86.89
Schwaderer Enterprises, LLC .. 1,300.23
JessiKay Noll .. 280.00
Nordak North Publications .. 79.00
North Dakota FBLA-PBL .. 274.90

Fredrick And Rita Lovell .. 1,500.00
Northwest Tire, Inc. .. 2,515.42
Olson's Service LLC .. 647.73
Pepper, J.W. & Son, Inc. .. 88.74
Prairie Lumber Co. .. 533.33
Preble Medical Services .. 280.00
Ramada Bismarck Hotel .. 896.00
ReadiTech, C-Corp .. 4,812.94
Red Rock Sporting Goods Corp. .. 158.90
Ward Remillong .. 335.00
Reynolds Market .. 441.76
Richardton-Taylor Public School .. 86.89
Rohan Hardware .. 302.80
RTC Networks .. 637.00
Jessie Schmeling .. 48.97
South Heart Public School .. 86.89
Robert Sperry .. 856.80
Teach2Learn .. 3,000.00
Wells Fargo .. 10.92
West River Student Services .. 12,898.08
Westlie Truck Center Corp. of Minot .. 4,783.65
WEX Bank .. 152.24
Amazon Capital Services .. 782.80
Badlands Barista and Boutique .. 50.00
Carol Bartz .. 30.00
Beach Closeup .. 803.38
Beach Food Center .. 57.91
Braun Distributing-Queen City Candy .. 735.74
Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Dickinson .. 742.60
Dakota Assemblies .. 500.00
Dollar General .. 54.00
Farmers Union Oil Co. .. 712.42
Sonja Groll .. 203.30
Logo Magic .. 654.00
Pepsi Cola Bottling Company .. 553.60
Sew What Custom Embroidery .. 740.00
Wild Vines Market LLC .. 51.00
Amazon Capital Services .. 147.11
Beach Food Center .. 150.81
Capital City Restaurant Supply .. 208.65
Eggers Electric Motor Co. .. 492.58
Feirings Grass Fed Beef .. 2,400.00
Jeremy Fix .. 274.90

Fredrick And Rita Lovell .. 3,484.50
Southwest District Health Unit .. 150.00
Sysco Montana, Inc. .. 6,545.44
US Foodservice, Inc. .. 4,801.11
Sonja Groll .. 133.00
Donald Feiring .. 120.00
Jeffrey Bertelsen .. 75.00
Marty Campbell .. 448.00
Donald Feiring .. 100.00
Jeffrey Bertelsen .. 100.00
Trey Fischbach .. 284.00
Ashley School District .. 150.00
Hettinger School District .. 150.00
Jeffrey Bertelsen .. 234.00
Daniel Sayler .. 226.00
Lamont Gaugler .. 416.00
December 2025 Payroll .. 371,373.66

Sperry called for recognition of students and staff.

• Geis presented thank you to the school board from elementary student council and high school student council for everything the board does to make our school successful. Student council officers from each building signed a card and had gift cards for each school board member for National School Boards appreciation month.

• Geis presented recognition of Kirstyn Bohn for the postponed elementary music concert that was performed yesterday, January 13th at the elementary. The event was very well attended and was a wonderful performance by students and staff.

• Geis presented recognition of Sawyer Noll for his 150th varsity wrestling career win that was accomplished over the past weekend. Noll is a junior.

• Geis presented recognition of the volleyball team receiving the academic team scholar award for a 3.2 GPA or higher.

• Sveet presented recognition of Angie Helsper and the cast of high school Junior/Senior class play, Lea Davidson becoming a national board cer-

tified EMT through the RACTC program, Applied Communications class article on science classes being offered through NDCDE at Beach High School in the absence of a science teacher, and recognition of Sue Feldman for her years of service as a teacher and congratulations on retirement.

Geis presented ND Be Legendary monitoring report for ASVAB for Choice Ready. Sveet discussed the ASVAB testing and results. Geis discussed upcoming ACT testing. Geis presented superintendent guardrails for professional development, administrative walk-throughs and ACT Prep. Discussion.

Geis presented old business.

• Three-bedroom unit is still open as not all the teaching positions are filled. Keeping the unit open for the possibility of attracting a teacher to our community or renting the unit was discussed at the last meeting. Possible science applicant and Sue Feldman's teaching position opening for the 2026-2027 school year was discussed. Consensus of the board is to keep the unit open and discuss at the July 2026 regular meeting.

Geis presented new business.

• Unpaid leave request from Amanda Bieber was read. Policy DDC-Unpaid Leave and board regulation DDC-BR Unpaid Leave and exhibit DDC-E1 - Employee Authorization for Payroll Deduction will apply. Motion by Dykins, second by Lechler to approve request. Motion carries unanimously.

• Sperry indicated the next item on the agenda is executive session to discuss unpaid leave based on exempt information. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC Section 44-04-18.1. Motion by Lechler, second by Dykins to retire into executive session. Roll call vote carries unanimously. Board retired into

executive session at 6:29 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Sperry called the regular meeting back to order at 6:33 p.m. Motion by Zachmann, second by Dykins to approve the unpaid leave requests based on exempt information. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Next board meeting will be held February 11, 2026 at 6 p.m. Sperry called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Lechler, second by Zachmann to adjourn. Sperry adjourned 6:33 p.m.

Robert Sperry, President
Misty Farnstrom,
Business Manager
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Wed., February 25, 2026
8:30 a.m. CT

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Dated this 5th day of January, 2026.

/s/ James Schmidt
Executive Dir. of NDSEB