

NOTICE INITIATION OF THE SECTION 106 PROCESS

Notice Initiation of the Section 106 Process: Tillman Infrastructure proposes to construct a 200' (210' w/ appurtenances) self support telecommunications tower and associated compound at 5122 9th Street SW, Stanton, ND 58571 (Lat/Long: N 47 17 18.4, W 101 22 3.4). At least a 30' buffer beyond the proposed 100' x 100' lease area (to be constructed within a 200' x 150' construction staging area), along with associated 30' wide access/utility/fiber easement, was reviewed. Tillman Infrastructure seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential

significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Send all questions, comments and correspondence within 30 days to: Environmentex Inc., 6060 N Central Expwy, Ste 500, Dallas, TX 75206, or 214.793.7317, or tcnsinfo@gmail.com

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SECTION 324 NOTICE

In compliance with federal law, the Mercer County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) gives notice that the Mercer County Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) which includes the Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier II) Reports have been received and reviewed by the Mercer County LEPC.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Mercer County Emergency Manager's Office within the Mercer County Courthouse at 410 Van Slyck Ave, Stanton, ND between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

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HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 5, 2026
 Hazen High School Business Office
 Present at the meeting were board members Brian Nolan, Marti Raad, Laura Zingg, Steph Huber. Jen Wallender absent. Also present were Superintendent Ken Miller and Business Manager Billie Jo Peterson. Also present were Principal Trevor Sinclair and Principal Jacob Kraft. Guests present were Dan Arens, Aaron Wick, Emma Beckman, Lane Raasch, Jase Boyko, Carter Scharbach, Morgan Blekestad, Annalese West, and Braelyn Stetson.
 Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM.
 a. Recommendation to accept year-end resignation of Chad Marshall - Huber moved to table this recommendation until Tuesday March 10 at the regular school board meeting; second by Raad. Roll call vote, Huber aye; Raad aye; Zingg aye. Chair vote aye. M/C
 b. Recommendation to accept year-end resignation of Emma Olson - Huber moved to table this recommendation until Tuesday March 10 at the regular school board meeting; second by Raad. Roll call vote, Huber aye; Raad aye; Zingg aye. Chair

vote aye. M/C
 c. Recommendation to approve Agreement to Partial Reduction-In-Force Nonrenewal with Amanda Frank- Raad moved to table this recommendation until Tuesday March 10th at the regular school board meeting; second by Zingg. Roll call vote, Huber aye; Raad aye; Zingg aye. Chair vote aye. M/C
 Special meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM
 Executive Session called to order at 1:07 PM
 Adjourned at 1:24PM
 d. Executive Session pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.2 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC 1232g, to consider or discuss a student's confidential education records and for the purpose of creating a student record - Raad moved to approve the recommendation from Principal Kraft; second by Zingg. Roll call vote; Huber aye; Raad aye; Zingg aye; chair vote aye. M/C
 Meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.
 Brian S. Nolan, School Board President
 Billie Jo Peterson, Business Manager
 Date Approved: 13 April 2026

(04-16-2026)

HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2026
 HS Theatre
 Present at the meeting were board members Brian Nolan, Steph Huber, Laura Zingg, Jen Wallender, Marti Raad Also present were Supt. Ken Miller, Business Manager Billie Jo Peterson, Principal Paul Richter; Principal AD Bret Johnsrud was absent. The guest present was Dan Arens, Miranda Beckman, Kori Kaelberer, Chris Harvey, Patricia Mosset, Jesse Schiferl, April Mettler, Sydney Didier, Trisha Wolff, Kris Krause, Shanda Leintz, Jodi Driscoll, Emily Ripplinger, Alison Peterson, Dan Frei, Elise Weir, Ashley Schwan berg
 The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Minutes for the regular February monthly meeting were presented. Raad moved to approve, seconded by Wallenderr. All voted aye. M/C
 Financial Reports: a.) February Financial Statement; b.) March Bills totaling\$ 64,334.44 Raad moved to approve ab; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C
 Committee Reports: President Nolan wanted to clarify the special meeting regarding resignations that was held on March 4th 2026 was not done intentionally and that the district wanted to get contracts out.
 Public Comments: April Mettler expressed concerns regarding class sizes and offering more electives for kids. She would like to see art brought back for the junior high students and possibly AG classes for junior high students. Another concern of hers is students turning more towards home schooling because of the lack of classes and electives that students have to choose from. Miranda Beckman expressed concern on cutting teachers and if this really has an effect on our deficit. She also raised concern that there is already disciplinary issues with students in the district and cutting teachers will not help the situation.
 Old Business:
 a. Recommendation to accept year end resignation of Chad Marshall: Wallender moved to approve resignation for Chad Marshall; second by Huber. Roll call vote; Huber aye; Raad aye; Zingg aye; Wallender aye; chair vote aye; M/C
 b. Recommendation to accept year end resignation of Emma Olson: Raad moved to approve resignation for Emma Olson; second by Huber. Roll call vote; Huber aye; Raad aye; Zingg aye; Wallender aye; chair vote aye; M/C
 c. Recommendation to approve agreement to a partial reduction in force non-renewal for Amanda Frank: Huber moved to approve the partial reduction in force non-renewal

for Amanda Frank; second by Raad. Roll call vote; Huber aye; Raad aye; Zingg nay; Wallender nay; Chair vote aye; M/C
 New Business:
 Recommendation to accept year end resignation of Kori Kaelberer: Huber moved to approved Kori Kaelberer's year end resignation; Second by Raad. Roll call vote. Huber aye; Raad aye; Zingg aye; Wallender aye; chair vote aye. M/C
 February 18th Storm Make-up Day: Huber moved to waive the storm make-up day; second by Raad. All voted aye. M/C
 Open Enrollment Requests: Wallender moved to approve as presented; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C
 Union State Bank Accounts: Raad moved to approve removing Jody Murschel from all the bank accounts and adding Jen Wallender to the general fund, activities fund, special fund, and community education account, and to also remove Nicole Byerley, Renee Schwab from the hot lunch account and replace them with Jennifer Jones, Lily Ward, and Kim Nolan; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C
 Boys Basketball Co-op Agreement with Center- Stanton High School: Center - Stanton would like to start the coop the fall of 2026. Huber moved to approve as presented; second by Raad. All voted aye. M/C
 Hazen Winter Sports Request: Dan Frei presented the board with the expansion project and asked the board if they would grant permission to build the expansion on the school districts property. Zingg moved to approve as presented; second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C
 Oliver -Mercer Special Education Lease Agreement: Zingg moved to approve the increase of rent from \$500/month to \$525/month with the utilities remaining the same at \$175/month. Second by Raad. All voted aye. M/C
 Superintendent Evaluation: Huber moved to approve; second by Raad. All voted aye. M/C
 Administrative Reports: The Principals and Superintendent presented their reports. The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on April 13, 2026, at 5:30 pm. With no further business, President Nolan adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.
 Brian S. Nolan, School Board President
 Billie Jo Peterson, Business Manager
 Date Approved: 13 April 2026
 (04-16-2026)

CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2026
 Chairman Richard Schmidt called the special board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 7:31 p.m. on March 17, 2026. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Schmidt were Shiloh Becher, Kelly Erhardt, and John Schwab. Administrators present were Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke and Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz. Also present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt.
 Business:
 Teacher Contracts. Erhardt presented a list of teacher contracts for board approval. K. Erhardt made a motion to approve the following teacher contracts: Janolyn Aichele (\$53,750.00), Alison Erhardt (\$13,188.00), Lacey Hanson (\$61,950.00), Keith Leintz

(\$71,250.00), Shanna Meier (\$48,750.00), Daniel Olson (\$48,750.00), Rebecca Sanders (\$58,255.00), Lynn Schwalk (\$67,141.00), Laurie Thompson (\$54,250.00), Sarah Yunker (\$48,750.00), and Daniel Young (\$53,250.00). Becher seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Schwab-yes, Becher-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.
 Ancillary Wages. Becher made a motion to accept the ancillary staff increases as presented. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
 Superintendent Update. The board will look at options for a temporary superintendent to fill in until Mr. Hill is able to return.
 Resignation. Erhardt read a letter of resignation from Phillip Gaugler, resigning from his yearbook advisor position at the end of

the 2025-2026 school year. Schwab made a motion to accept the letter of resignation. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
 Building Fund Levy Vote. Becher made a motion to add the building fund levy vote on the June ballot and have it state raising the cap from 5 to 20 mills. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
 Schmidt adjourned the meeting.
 Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. CT.
 These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board.
 Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

(04-16-2026)

CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2026
 Chairman Richard Schmidt called the regular board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. CT on March 11, 2026. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Schmidt were John Schwab, Kelly Erhardt, Shiloh Becher, and Jesse Krieger. Administrator's present were High School Principal Alicia Nitschke and Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz. Also present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt.
 Set Agenda. K. Erhardt made a motion to add Boys' Basketball Co-Op under old business letter, A. Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried (M/C).
 Approval of Minutes. Schwab moved to approve the minutes from February 11, 2026 minutes. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
 Financial Reports. Monthly Financial Reports consisting of the General Fund, Activity Fund, Building Fund, Hot Lunch Fund and February payroll totals were presented to the Board. Becher moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
 Bills. Schwab moved to pay the following bills as presented: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 2,012.26; BADLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS 300.00; BAKKEN AREA SKILLS CENTER 1,800.00; BISMARCK TRIBUNE 189.00; C&H GLASS COMPANY 75.00; CENTER COAL COMPANY 2,089.92; CNETER REPUBLICAN 391.58; CDLN 51.99; CITY OF CENTER 622.47; COLE PAPERS 2,667.20; DHS 40.00; DSU HERITAGE FOUNDATION 35.00; ECKROTH MUSIC 66.00; EXTREME CLEANING 558.00; HANSON, LACEY 177.50; HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL 52.00; I-94 CONFERENCE 250.00; K&M REPAIR 50.00; KIRKWOOD ACE HARDWARE 11.97; LILLIS ELECTRIC 1,391.55; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 322.05; MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT 370.86; MDU 4,917.73; ND BCI 40.00; ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION 2,260.00; ND ROUGHRIDER 28.00; NDT 20.00; NETWORK CENTER 1,104.00; NEW SALEM-ALMONT PUBLIC SCHOOL 35.00; OLANDER, TONYA 8.01; POPPLERS MUSIC 56.92; PREBLE MEDICAL SERVICES 60.00; RDO 171.84; REGION VII MUSIC 70.00; RICHARD-TON-TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL 180.00; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 40.00; RUD PROPANE 3,494.32; SFB-ND-VISA 4,236.41; SNA 55.25; STEINS INC 427.88; VITEK, KEITH 1,120.72; WERC 500.00; WESTERN LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY 599.40; WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE 250.00; WRT 510.47. General Fund Total: 33,710.30. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
 Visitors. No visitors.

Administrative Reports:
 Elementary Principal's Report. Mrs. Tietz reported on Reading Month; NDSA; Spelling Bee; Guest Speaker; Infinite Campus; National Honor Society; Classroom Walk-throughs; Literacy Supports; End of Year Planning; and Upcoming Events
 Secondary Principal's Report. Ms. Nitschke report was on Enrollment; Trainings; Power scheduler; Summit; Human Trafficking Presentations; Hazel Minor Presentation; Cognition; Regional Large Groups; FCCLA; JH Math Meeting; and Upcoming Events.
 Committee Reports
 • Policy Committee Meeting (2-24-2026). K. Erhardt informed the board that the policy committee reviewed the information provided by the school board association and action will be taken under new business.
 New Business:
 A. School Board Election. Erhardt informed the board that the deadline for filing to be on the election ballot is April 6, 2026. Three seats will be on the ballot, Center seat, Stanton seat, and At-Large seat. So far 1 filing has been made for the Center seat and 2 filings for the Stanton seat. At-Large seat has no one as of today.
 B. Policy BDA – Procedure for Adopting Board Policy. Krieger made a motion to amend Policy BDA, Procedure for Adopting Board Policy on the first reading and waive the second reading to expediate the policy adoption process per board policy BDA as written. Becher seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Schwab-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Krieger, Becher-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.
 C. Rescind Policies. K. Erhardt made a motion to rescind the list of 19 (Policies: AACA, AEHS, DEAF, DEBD, DECC, DGA, DHBA, DKBB, FCAB, FECC, FFEA, FFI, GABDC, GACA, GCB, HBCA, IB, IBA, LAC, LBA, LBB) Center-Stanton School District policy documents and that past practice will govern district operation covered by the former policy documents until the board adopts the updated policy documents. Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
 D. Teacher Contracts/Work Agreements. Erhardt presented a list of contracts and work agreements for approval. Krieger made a motion to approve the following teacher contracts and work agreements: Megan Billadeau \$49,750.00; Danielle Benz \$52,750.00; Brooke Boeshans \$57,950.00; Braeton Erhardt \$28,643.00; Amber Frank \$48,750.00; Melissa Froseth-Sorge \$68,975.00; Phillip Gaugler \$48,250.00; Shelley Herzing \$63,250.00; Blakeley Kantor \$53,250.00; Milissa Meckle \$71,184.00; Steven Quinlivan \$63,788.00; Renae Schmidt \$54,500.00; Carole Sherwin \$75,542.00; Katherine Logeland \$15.50/hr.; Katelyn Frank Head Volleyball Coach \$3,235.00, Co-Elementary Volleyball Coach \$1,125.00,

and Co C-squad Coach \$765.00. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
 E. Open Enrollments. Erhardt presented 4 open enrollments for the board to review.
 F. Head AD Position. Becher informed the board that the position has been offered to Keith Leintz for Head Activities Director in the 2026-2027 school year.
 G. Superintendent's Evaluation-Summative. The annual Summative Evaluation of Superintendent Adam Hill was completed with an overall "satisfactory" rating. The individual "Area of Performance" ratings are as follows:
 1. Relationship with School Board: Schwab-satisfactory, K. Erhardt-satisfactory, Krieger-satisfactory, Becher-satisfactory, Schmidt-satisfactory.
 2. Relationship with Students, Parents and Community: K. Erhardt-satisfactory, Krieger-satisfactory, Becher-unsatisfactory, Schmidt-satisfactory, Schwab-unsatisfactory.
 3. Supervision of Licensed and Non-Licensed Staff: Krieger-satisfactory, Becher-satisfactory, Schmidt-satisfactory, Schwab-unsatisfactory, K. Erhardt-satisfactory.
 4. Financial Management Skills: Becher-satisfactory, Schmidt-satisfactory, Schwab-satisfactory, K. Erhardt-satisfactory, Krieger-satisfactory.
 5. Educational Leadership: Schmidt-satisfactory, Schwab-satisfactory, K. Erhardt-satisfactory, Krieger-satisfactory, Becher-satisfactory.
 Krieger made a motion to accept the superintendent evaluation as presented. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
 H. Motion to move into executive session to discuss negotiations strategy. Legal Authority: NDCC 44-04-19.1(9). K. Erhardt made a motion to move into executive session to discuss negotiations strategy. Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Board went into executive session at 7:24 p.m. on March 11, 2026.
 Chairman Schmidt called the Board meeting back into open session at 8:12 p.m. on March 11, 2026.
 Meeting Dates.
 Special Board Meeting – March 17, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. CT
 Building/Grounds/Transportation Meeting – March 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. CT
 Regular Board Meeting – April 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT
 Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting. Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. CT.
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 Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

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