CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2026

Chairman Shiloh Becher called the regular board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 6:31 p.m. on August 12, 2026. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Becher were John Schwab, Laura Bakken, Ashlee Hazen, and Brian Dresser. Administrators present were Superintendent Adam Hill, Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke, and Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz. Also present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt.

Set Agenda: No additions.

Approval of Minutes: Schwab made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2026 Annual Meeting, the July 29, 2026 Special Meeting, and the August 7, 2026 Special Meeting. Bakken seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried (M/C).

Financial Reports: Monthly Financial Reports consisting of the General Fund, Activity Fund, Building Fund, Hot Lunch Fund and July payroll totals were presented to the Board. Dresser moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. Hazen seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Bills: Bakken moved to pay the following bills as presented: CENTER COAL COMPANY 1,842.76; CENTER REPUBLICAN 435.45; CITY AIR MECHANICAL 2,927.00; CITY OF CENTER 505.48; GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER 871.00; HEALTHY ROSTER 244.00; HILL, ADAM 50.00; HMH EDUCATION COMPANY 264.28; I-STATE TRUCK CENTER 3,491.06; JW PEPPER & SON 112.95; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 313.65; MAERTENS MFG 95.00; MENARDS 160.86; MDU 2,894.32; NDCEL 1,754.00; NDSBA 1,033.50; NETWORK CENTER 15.00; NORTHERN TROPHY & SILK SCREENING 89.85; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 40.00; RUD PROPANE 359.70; SANDERS, REBECCA 387.00; SLETTEN EXCAVATING 2,640.00; TWOTREES TECHNOLOGY 2,121.19; WESTERN LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY 999.00; WRT 510.96. General Fund Total: 24,158.01. Dresser seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Visitors: A student representing National Honor Society shared concerns with student transcripts and student schedules, asking for a review of these items and some ways to adjust things moving forward.

FCCLA advisor Mrs. Schmidt and two FCCLA students gave a presentation on their trip for Nationals.

Dustin Henke was in attendance and spoke to the board about concerns about student safety.

Administrative Reports:

Elementary Principal's Report: Mrs. Tietz reported on Watermelon Welcome; Enrollment; Staff; Sports; Band; Technology; Handbook; 5th Grade Reading/Math; and Goals.

Secondary Principal's Report: Ms. Nitschke reported on Enrollment; Professional Development; Tech Agreements; Handbooks; Extra-Curriculars; and Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hill reported on School Opening Preparation; Infinite Campus Implementation; Facilities & Long-Range Planning; Grants and Funding; Governance & Legal Matters; Professional Development; Regional and Community Partnerships; Student Services and Special Education; and Activities & Athletics.

Old Business:

A. Open Bids: Becher opened the bids for gas, diesel, propane, coal, and coal hauling. Keith Vitek submitted a bid for coal hauling. Rud Oil & Gas submitted a bid for #2 clear diesel, #1 clear diesel, Unleaded Gasoline – 87 Oxy, and Propane.

Center Coal Company submitted a bid for coal.

Dresser made a motion to accept all three bids; Keith Vitek coal hauling at $9.75 per ton; Rud Oil & Gas bid for #2 diesel, #1 diesel, Unleaded Gas with Ethanol, and Propane; Center Coal Company bid at $58.50 per ton of coal. Bakken seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

New Business:

A. Annual Financial Report. Dresser made a motion to accept the 2025-2026 annual financial report. Hazen seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

B. Coach/Advisor Agreements. Erhardt presented a list of coach/advisor agreements for board approval. Dresser made a motion to approve the following coach/advisor agreements: Greg Thies head cross country coach $2,460.00, Rebecca Sanders FFA advisor $3,200.00; Phillip Gaugler assistant girls' basketball coach $4,165.00 and girls' golf coach $2,305.00; Cale Ferderer head football coach $4,640.00; Daniel Olson $2,485.00; Braeton Erhardt national honor society $1,050.00; Lacey Hanson band/choir $4,800.00, jazz band $2,500.00, and Elementary music (3/4) $400.00; Renae Schmidt FCCLA advisor $2,000.00; Brooke Boeshans science Olympiad $1,425.00 and Envirothon (1/2) $175.00; Jacob Erhardt tech coordinator (1/2) $3,600.00; Shanna Meier yearbook advisor (1/2) $1,100.00 and pep club advisor $600.00; Keith Leintz wellness coordinator $250.00 and athletic director $4,410.00; Tonya Olander tech coordinator (1/2) $2,100.00; Steven Quinlivan sources of strength $625.00 and Robotics (1/2) $675.00; Daniel Young speech $2,900.00 and Acalympics Advisor $800.00. Hazen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dresser-yes, Bakken-abstain, Schwab-yes, Hazen-yes, Becher-yes. M/C.

C. School Board Convention Registration. Erhardt informed the board that the school board convention is on October 8th & 9th. Please let him know if you would like to attend.

D. Free Reduced Policy/Superintendent Duties. Erhardt informed the board there was an error in the assignment portfolios that were approved in July and that the motion will need rescinded to not contradict policy. Bakken made a motion to rescind the motion from the July 8th board meeting assignment portfolios. Dresser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion rescinded.

Budget/Finance:
Shiloh Becher/Brian Dresser
Buildings/Grounds/Transportation:
Shiloh Becher/Brian Dresser
Negotiations/Personnel:
Ashlee Hazen/John Schwab
Extracurricular:
Laura Bakken/Ashlee Hazen
Curriculum/Policy:
John Schwab/Laura Bakken
Hot Lunch Hearing Officer:
Shiloh Becher
Oliver/Mercer Special Education:
Laura Bakken
G.W.N. (ITV) MREC/CRACTC Board Alter-

nate: Shiloh Becher
MREC/CRACTC Board Alternate:
Shiloh Becher
CTE Heart River Board:
Brian Dresser
School Improvement/Advanc-Ed:
Laura Bakken
Superintendent Portfolio Assignment: Oliver/Mercer Special Education Board; G.W.N (ITV) Board and CTE Heart River Board.
Bakken made a motion to approve the newly presented assignment portfolios with the change being to Superintendent Portfolio Assignment. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

E. November Election. The board discussed increasing the building mill levy from five. The increase will be to help support renovations to the school. Dresser made a motion to place on the ballot a mill levy increase vote from five mills to twelve mills. Schwab seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bakken-yes, Hazen-yes, Schwab-yes, Dresser-yes, Becher-yes. M/C.
Meeting Dates.
Building/Grounds/Transportation – August 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. CT
Extra-Curricular – August 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT
Public Hearing – September 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. CT
Regular Board Meeting – September 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT
Board Retreat – September 23, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. CT
Becher adjourned the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. CT.
These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board.
Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

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