

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
LAKOTA SCHOOL BOARD
August 12, 2026 -
HS Meeting Room**

Chairman Sorlien called the regular school board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members Travis Schmidt and Trent Matejcek were present. Derrick Marquart and Kris Rainsberry were absent.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Trent Matejcek, to approve the July 14 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Audience: Jessica Haugen, Beau Snyder.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Peters, superintendent, reported on summer maintenance, Community Development Block Grant, bus inspections/routes, summer conferences, drivers education and 2026-27 class schedule. Athletic director reported on activity handbook, co-op agreement and athletic director's responsibilities.

Old and Unfinished Business --

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to set the 2026-27 school fees as follows: Health--\$4; band rental--\$30; hot lunch--breakfast: PK-6, \$2; 7-12, \$2.25; adult, \$3; lunch: PK-6, \$3; 7-12, \$3.25; adult, \$4. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the activity fees as follows: Gate: Adult \$10/student \$5 (grades 1-12); passes: adult \$80/student \$45 (grades 1-12)/senior (55+) \$40. No family passes available. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve a teaching contract for Martin Olsen in the amount of \$37,500 with Dakota Prairie School District for 2.5 periods during the 2026-27 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Trent Matejcek, to approve the 2026-27 Nelson County Chargers co-op contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Trent Matejcek, to approve the 2026-27 Nelson County Chargers athletic handbook as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business --

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the 2026-27 school bus routes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the coal bid from Haugland Trucking in the amount of \$234 per ton, delivered. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the 2026-27 Title I consolidated application. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Trent Matejcek, to approve the 2026-27 contract for Mary Halvorson, Title I/reading interventionist teacher. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the tuition waiver forms as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Trent Matejcek, to approve the open enrollment forms as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to appoint Dr. Kelly Peters as the 2026-27 school year home school director and foster care liaison. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Trent Matejcek, to approve the 2026-27 certificate of compliance. The motion carried

unanimously.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the contract for Brandie Ulland as the 2026-27 6th grade teacher. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the tuition waivers that were presented for students exiting and/or entering the district. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment -- Tessa Varnson, as patron and business manager of the Lakota school, discussed her concerns, to the board, on the use of donations that were given to the Nelson County Chargers basketball team to attend the state boys basketball tournament totaling \$28,200. Funds donated were to help cover the expenses of the team, statisticians, bus driver and coaches attending the tournament. After further discussion of the Nelson County Chargers co-op committee, the total hotel expense should be split 50/50 and paid out of school district funds. Tessa feels this should be paid with the donated funds that were submitted with the intention to help cover the state basketball tournament expenses and not be paid out of taxpayer district funds.

The next meeting date will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Lakota High School.

The annual tax budget hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026 in the meeting room of the Lakota High School.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the August bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Legacy Cooperative	\$3,169.84
Advanced Business	
Methods	2,516.79
Altru Health System	95.00
Amazon Capital	
Services	2,989.02
Amazon Capital	
Services	1,220.82
City of Lakota	10,000.00
Cole Papers	2,403.28
Connecting Point	971.00
Docu Shred, Inc.	59.98
Dollar General--	
Regions 410526	49.03
DRI	429.80
DRN ReadITech	1,327.50
Gerrells & Golden Rule .	655.00
Harlow's Bus Sales,	
Inc.	327.63
Interstate Power	
Systems	2,365.52
I-State Truck Center	81.67
Jaymar Business Forms,	
Inc.	563.15
JD Dynamics, LLC	1,062.00
Lakota American	193.95
Lakota Hardware Store .	330.62
Lakota Municipal	
Utilities	4,060.53
Learning A-Z/	
Explore K-12	125.00

Miller Repair	1,818.80
ND Center for Distance	
Education	1,711.00
Nelson Co. Health	
System	170.00
Nelson Co. Sheriff	
Office	50.00
ND Small Organized	
Schools	500.00
Online Dakota Information	
Network (ODIN)	99.50
Planbook, Inc.	90.00
Polar Communications ..	701.59

Premium Waters, Inc. ...	106.77
Purchase Power--	
Pitney Bowes Bank	800.00
Rachel Ruliffson	239.69
Solberg Motor Co.	2,230.28
William Solberg	75.00
Themes & Variations,	
Inc.	200.00
TreviPay--Walmart	132.94
Tessa Varnson	352.80
WEX, Inc.	9,900.00
Total	\$54,175.50

A motion by Trent Matejcek,

seconded by Travis Schmidt, to
adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.
Chairman Sorlien adjourned the
meeting.

Tessa Varnson
Business Manager

Jason Sorlien
Board President