

Lisbon School Board Minutes

Lisbon School District 19
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 –
Meeting conducted over Zoom due to
weather
Members Present
Mark Qual
Liz Anderson
Lance Gulleson
Michael Carter

Member Absent
Chad Johnson

Others Present
Justin Fryer, Supt.
Kortney Groettum Vesel, Bus. Mgr.
Principals Pat Adair and Ben
Zahrbock
Jared Hoff, Tech Director/Data
Coordinator
Lynn Kaspari, Ransom County
Gazette
Jason Kunze, Emily Olson, Alison
Kempel
President Qual called the board
meeting of the Lisbon School District
#19 to order at 7:30pm. The Pledge of
Allegiance was said.

ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY	
CARLBLOM, SCOTT	\$111.50
CARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL	\$100.00
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	\$500.00
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$396.32
CITY OF LISBON	\$255.16
COLE PAPERS, INC.	\$2,981.11
DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	\$1,023.84
DIFFERDING ELECTRIC LLC	\$2,678.00
DRN READITECH	\$85.00
FOSTER, MIKE	\$2,724.91
FROEHLICH, HOLLY	\$859.00
HARLOW'S BUS SERVICE, INC.	\$158.00
\$78.54	
KENYON ELECTRIC LLC	\$500.00
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL	\$200.00
LYONS, GABE	\$700.00
MARCO	\$313.02
MURPHY, BRUCE	\$638.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$264.40
NDSBM CERTIFICATION	
PROGRAM	\$400.00
NIELSEN, BRANDON	\$700.00
OPTIMIZED STRATEGIC	
SOLUTIONS	\$25,000.00
PRAIRIE FARMS	\$2,900.78
RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE	
	\$603.40
RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$398.00
RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER	\$573.14
SANSTEAD LAW OFFICE	\$8,374.00
SOUTHEAST WATER USERS	
	\$51.50
SPORTDECALS, INC	\$281.00
US FOODSERVICE, INC.	
	\$18,243.46
WAHPETON PUBLIC SCHOOL	\$300.00
OLE & LENA'S PIZZERIA	\$3,746.39
ADAIR, SARA	\$35.21
AGASSIZ	\$830.00
Anderson, Grant	\$167.00

ASHLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$200.00
BERGAN, TOMMY	\$193.50
D. EXCAVATING, INC.	\$750.00
DAKOTA BOYS & GIRLS RANCH	
	\$3,105.00
DAKOTA OASIS	\$150.00
HENRICKS HEATING	\$80.00
KOTACO	\$263.93
MATBOSS, LLC	\$599.00
MEIKLEJOHN, JARED	\$162.50
OHM, J RILEY	\$167.00
PIEHL, LANDON	\$162.50
POPPLERS MUSIC STORE	\$30.95
QUADIENT FINANCE	\$500.00
SANFORD HEALTH	
OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	\$115.00
SANFORD ORTHOPEDICS SPORTS	
MEDICINE	\$1,097.25
SCHWELD	\$646.45
SE REGION CAREER & TECH	
CENTER	\$25,639.00
SE REGION CAREER & TECH	
CENTER	\$1,500.00
SOUTH VALLEY MULTI DISTRICT	
	\$38,511.88
STUMO, KARSTEN	\$191.49
SUTHERLAND, BRAYDEN	\$500.00
TEAL'S MARKET	\$141.73
VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE	
CENTER, THE	\$2,667.00
WELTON TIRE SERVICE	\$2,279.00
DAHL, DAVID	\$100.00
ROTENBERGER, STEVE	\$50.00
EVENSON, GREG	\$50.00
BERGAN, TOMMY	\$210.25
C & J BUS REPAIR, INC.	\$61.65
CENTRAL CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#17	\$250.00
DEMCO	\$144.87
FOSS ARCHITECTURE &	
INTERIORS	\$40,538.34
GAME ONE	\$1,669.50
GRANT, STONEY	\$210.25
GRIGGS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL	
ICARE	\$1,250.00
KASOWSKI, ROGER	\$164.00
LISBON TRUE VALUE	\$739.68
OZARK DELIGHT CANDY	
COMPANY, I	\$270.00
RANSOM COUNTY FAIR ASSOC.	\$300.00
SCHMIT, RICHARD	\$207.59
SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC	\$8.18
SCHWELD	\$437.00
SIEDSCHLAG, KAYLYNN	\$20.46
VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
	\$250.00
VALUATIONS NORTHWEST, INC.	\$125.00
5:9 WOODWORKS	\$6,500.16
Bemidji Wrestling Club	\$500.00
GROTON HIGH SCHOOL	\$50.00
HEHN, JENNIFER	\$19.20
LANEY'S INC.	\$36,316.75
ZAHRBOCK, KERRI	\$80.00
MAGIC-WRIGHTER, INC.	\$74.50
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA	\$2,413.82
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	
	\$12,852.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$120.03
AMAZON	\$1,450.03
AMAZON	\$64.83
AMAZON	\$867.78
BARNES & NOBLE INC.	\$672.34
BLACK PELICAN	\$15.59
BLUE CHIP ATHLETICS	\$1,513.72
BMR DESIGNS	\$37.23
COMFORT INN - JAMESTOWN	
	\$550.00
GUARDIAN SPORTS	\$2,378.00

MCDONALDS	\$8.72
MOSYLE	\$6.75
NDACS SPELLING BEE	\$99.00
OTC BRANDS, INC.	
	\$(187.99)
PEARSON / VUE	\$139.00
PLAY BALL MN	\$142.80
PLUSH IN A RUSH	\$185.00
S&S ACTIVEWEAR	\$437.28
SIMONSON STATION STORE	
	\$22.37
STAHL'S	\$89.20
TARGET.COM	\$55.79
THEATREFOLK	\$80.00
TRACKWRESTLING.COM	\$26.00
TRANSFER EXPRESS	\$227.58
VCSU	\$50.00
HORACE MANN LIFE INSURANCE	
COMPANY	\$63.00
Coca-Cola Bottling Company High	
Country	\$655.50
CHS	\$3,566.00
DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS	
	\$2,017.00
PEPSI-COLA	\$637.12
Total Vendor Payments December	
2025	\$278,877.23
December Payroll	\$655,835.28

CONSENT AGENDA: Anderson
moved, seconded by Gulleson to
approve the amended agenda as
presented, minutes of the November
meeting, bills list, and finance reports.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote.
POP MOMENTS: were shared,
including to the kids and Mrs. Tabatt
on a well done Christmas concert; to
Mrs. Rotenberger, the second graders,
and the fourth grade readers on their
Veteran's Day program, and to the
Elementary staff for their work in
keeping things running smoothly
while Mr. Zahrbock was out of the
office.
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:
were previously received.
GUESTS: were welcomed.
SUPT. REPORT: Superintendent
Fryer gave his report, including a
Steering Committee meeting recap;
updates on the status of grant
projects; an update on the athletic
complex scoreboard project; payments
received from the Booster Club to
cover the MS gym floor, divider
curtain in the main gym, and a portion
of the bronco football field stencil; all
positions currently filled districtwide;
facility project updates including
progress on the main gym and
armory rewaxing and ongoing HVAC
project in the MS; working on a grant
application for \$500,000 towards the
Wellness Center; and an enrollment of
585 students, up 1 since the November
report.
FOSS PAYMENT #3: Foss
Architecture has submitted their third
bill for services provided towards
the MS HVAC project in the amount
of \$40,538.34. Anderson moved,
seconded by Carter to approve the
payment. Approved by unanimous roll
call vote.
ASSISTANT SOFTBALL COACH:
Gulleson moved, seconded by
Anderson to approve Jason Kunze
as assistant softball coach at \$3700.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote.

FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL:
Mr. Fryer informed the board of the
hiring of Joan Grimes and Sharon
Urbach, both at \$16.50/hr, in the food
service department.
JH TRACK COACH
RESIGNATION: Carter moved,
seconded by Gulleson to accept the
resignation of Jason Kunze as a JH
Track Coach. Approved by unanimous
roll call vote.
UNPAID LEAVE: Mr. Fryer
informed the board of an approval for
Elizabeth Hulbert to take two unpaid
days in February.
POLICIES: The following policies,
administrative regulations, and
exhibits were presented after review
by the policy committee:
• AACA – Section 504 of the
Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Policy
• AACA-AR – Section 504
Evaluation Standards and Procedures
• AACA-E2 – Section 504 Eligibility
Determination Form
• BAA – Employing Board Members
• BAB – Board Conflict of Interest
• FDE – Education of Special
Education Students/Students with
Disabilities under the IDEA
• HCBA – Vendor Conflict of
Interest Disclosure
• HCBA-E – Vendor Conflict of
Interest Disclosure Statement
Anderson moved, seconded by
Gulleson to approve the presented
policies, administrative regulations,
and exhibits in one reading citing
policy BDA. Approved by unanimous
roll call vote.
ATHLETIC COMPLEX
SCOREBOARD: Mr. Hoff presented
information on a Daktronics video
scoreboard to replace the current
scoreboard at the Athletic Complex
at a cost of \$230,325 plus installation
fees funded by donations and
sponsorship commitments from local
businesses and groups. Anderson
moved, seconded by Carter to move
forward with the project. Approved by
unanimous roll call vote.
GYM WATER HEATER
REPLACEMENT: Supt. Fryer
presented a quote from Laney's for
\$45,389 to replace the water heater
at the gymnasium. Gulleson moved,
seconded by Anderson to approve
the quote and project. Approved by
unanimous roll call vote.
FACILITY EVALUATION: Supt.
Fryer presented a quote from Kraus-
Anderson for \$18,100 to complete a
comprehensive facilities condition
assessment of the district. Gulleson
moved, seconded by Carter to approve
the quote and assessment. Approved
by unanimous roll call vote.
There being no further business the
meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Kortney Groettum Vesel
Business Manager
Mark Qual
President
Dated: December 9, 2025
Approve January 13, 2026

Publish: January 26, 2026

Notice to Creditors

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Attorney for Estate

Probate No. 37-2026-PR-00001

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
RANSOM COUNTY, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF MICHAEL J. LEWIS,
a/k/a MICHAEL JON LEWIS, SR.,
DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the undersigned has been appointed
personal representative of the above
estate. All persons having claims
against said deceased are required to
present their claims within 90 days
after the date of the first publication
of this notice or said claims will
be forever barred. Claims must be
presented to Thad Witte, personal
representative of the estate or filed
with the Court.
Dated this 2nd day of January,
2026.

/s/ Thad Witte
112 Oak St.
PO Box 756
Lisbon, ND 58054

Publish: January 12, 19, 26, 2026

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF
INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING
TO NORTH DAKOTA GAMES OF
CHANCE, ARTICLE 99-01.3
OF THE NORTH DAKOTA
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota
State Gaming Commission will hold a
public hearing to address proposed
changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at
1:00 pm on Wednesday, February
18th, 2026 at The North Dakota State
Capitol, Brynhild Haugland Room.
A copy of the proposed rules
may be obtained by emailing
agogaming@nd.gov, writing the
North Dakota Attorney General's
Office Gaming Division at North
Dakota Attorney General's Office
Gaming Division, 600 E. Blvd Ave
Dept. 125, Bismarck, ND 58505-0040
or calling 701-328-4848. Also, written
comments may be submitted to
the above email or physical address
until March 7, 2026. If you plan to
attend the public hearing and will
need special facilities or assistance
relating to a disability, please contact
the North Dakota Attorney General's
Office Gaming Division at the above
telephone number or address at least
7 days prior to the public hearing.
Dated this 14th day of January, 2026.
Aaron Hummel
Gaming Division Director,
Office of the Attorney General

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BRONCO BASKETBALL

Cam Cordero, Owen Gilbert,
Colby Maus, Sully Kelsen, and
Hayden Enger all chipping
in. Kelsen led the way with
seven points of his own. The
Broncos cut into the lead and
were trailing by five after three.
Defensively the Broncos began
to shut down Kash Lorenz,
holding him to two points in
the quarter, but his teammate
Andrew Ziener could not miss in
the third. In the fourth quarter
the Broncos stayed patient and
chipped away on the Squirrel
lead. Hayden Enger found his
grove and the Broncos fed him,
scoring ten points in the quar-
ter. Thirty-two minutes was not
enough to decide the game, and
the Broncos took Casselton to
OT. In the OT period Kash Lo-

renz took charge and took over,
leading the Squirrels on an 11-6
run and a 77-72 victory.
Bronco Scorers in the game
were:
Hayden Enger 26
Owen Gilbert 16
Cam Cordero 10
Sully Kelsen 10
Blake Qual 5
Colby Maus 5
Friday night found the
Broncos hosting a Region 2 foe,
Hillsboro Burros. Hillsboro has
been battling all year, playing a
tough schedule but competing
throughout. They entered the
game 1-6, but having been with-
in eight points in every game.
Perhaps just bad luck, they
had lost those heartbreakers in
their season that the Broncos

had been lucky enough to pull
out in our early schedule. The
Burros are led by their two out-
standing seniors: Bryce Miller
and Trey Johnson. Both boys
average a double-double this
year, and would prove a tall task
for the Bronco boys. Balanced
scoring by the Broncos in the
first quarter with all five start-
ers in the scoring column had
the game tied 14-14 after one.
Perhaps tired legs after a long
week caught up to the Broncos
in the second quarter, unable to
find the basket, the Burros kept
feeding Miller and Johnson and
had a 14-26 lead at the half.
The Broncos' hot third quar-
ters continued as they ran up
fifteen points in the third, led
by senior guard Cam Cordero

who had eight as the Broncos
chipped into the lead. At 29-37
after the boys had whittled their
way into striking distance in the
fourth quarter, the Burros paced
the Broncos in the fourth quar-
ter, continuously feeding Trey
Johnson whom the Broncos just
could not seem to contain. In
the end the Burros walked away
with the 50-40 win, dropping
the Broncos to 7-3 on the sea-
son.
Bronco Scorers included:
Sully Kelsen 10
Cam Cordero 10
Hayden Enger 8
Owen Gilbert 6
Colby Maus 6

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OFF THE TOP

Alice, ND. Kind of an a--hole. I
suppose you could deport me
to Alice. That is as far back as I
know.”
“Throw this joker in the truck
and make sure he gets an execu-
tive suite down at the detention
center. Then send him home
after a few days. We'll just call it
another mistake.”
Over the years I have heard
MLK Day described in a num-
ber of derogative ways. I can't
write them here and I won't even
repeat them in private.
Most don't understand why
we need a day to honor some-
one who fought for those who
suffered and still suffer because
of the color of their skin.
I think it is the least we can do.



HAVE A GREAT STORY IDEA? SEND US YOUR IDEAS!

RANSOM COUNTY
GAZETTE

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