

SCHOOL BOARD:

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begin April 6th with 21 participants, 9 being from Scranton and boy's baseball will have a meeting March 3 to begin their season.

Mr. Jason LeFebre took the acalympics students to participate in a contest in Beulah where they finished 6th.

The main topic of Mr. Jeremy Fordahl's business manager's report was the Joint Powers Agreement between Hettinger Public School, Adams County and the City of Hettinger where the county will put all candidates on one ballot and share the cost of the elections. There were several questions with the first one being about the canvassing of the results. The school has specific requirements for this which do not coincide with the agreement. Mr. Fordahl has asked the school's attorneys to look over the agreement to see if there are requirements of the school not met in the agreement.

Mr. Christman and Ms. Clausen's terms are up this year.

In the committee reports the finance committee of Mr. Christman and Ms. Clausen did not meet so there was nothing to report. The coop committee of Mr. Kilzer and Mrs. Krsity met on February 17th. Using the logo between the two schools is not an issue. If someone wants to use the logo, they simply need to contact the superintendent in whichever school they are closest to, both superintendents will communicate logo use with one another

Also in the coop committee coaching salaries were discussed with the recommendation of coaches' salaries increase every 5 years with a possible cap after ten years; this would also include consideration to review coaching position base salaries. Discussion was held on the chain of command for athletics which are to begin with the head coach of each respective sport.

Mrs. Kristy and Ms. Clausen of the policy committee met with recommendations on five different policies with this being their first readings. The first policy dealt with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This is a federal policy which has recently been updated. It was recommended to leave it as is. Next was a policy dealing with evaluation standards and procedures. This policy is for interactions between the school district and parents.

The third was an acceptable use policy which speaks to the use of school district technology by students, staff and

patrons and the use of their devices while on our school campus or during school functions.

Mrs. Kristy said the district's policy is very specific about what people can and cannot do, for instance it states about trading crypto currency on the network. Mr. Joel Janikowski, tech advisor, advised being more general and changing network to technology. That way it doesn't matter which device you are using it will be covered in the policy.

Open enrollment was the subject of the fourth policy. The district receives the wording and recommendation of policy changes from the North Dakota School Boards Association (NDSBA). In this policy, there were two options for the board to choose from. Option one was the district would not accept any students into the school who come from outside of the district. The board chose option two which states they will allow students from outside the district to attend Hettinger Public School.

The final policy deals with tuition agreements for students outside of the district wishing to attend Hettinger Public School.

The building committee met Friday. The committee was told there are two sandings left on the Roberts-Reinke Auditorium floor with one scheduled for this spring costing \$40,000.00. The sanding is scheduled for April 6th with no one allowed on the floor for 14 days afterwards. The committee has been working with Mr. Janikowski on some new designs for the painting of the floor. The committee will narrow the eight designs down to four and the the public will be given the opportunity to vote on their favorite.

The new sidewalk projects are out for bid. They have heard of two entities whom are interested.

Another maintenance issue has reared its ugly head – pipes leaking in the 1952 and 1956 additions. The theory is that possibly the leak has finally begun to show itself from a project that was completed 13 years ago. It was believed that in that project the pipes were replaced. However it is now known that 80 percent of the pipes in those two additions are still original and beginning to wear out. What as new in that project was the wrapping around the pipes.

City Air was contacted to see what it will take to fix the issues. The problem is the heat needs to be shut off for three days as it is steam heat

and the inspectors would not be able to be in the tunnels with the heat on. Mr. Seamands said they are hoping it will not get worse for another month, when maybe the heat won't be needed. He reminded the board that if this issue is this bad in the 1952 and 1956 additions, the 1967 addition probably isn't far behind.

Mrs. Kristy and Mr. Kilzer head up the curriculum committee. They informed the board beginning the 2026-27 school year, the "state of ND has moved to requiring lessons on Human Trafficking to be taught at the 6, 10, and 12 grade levels. This supports the move to adding a full health credit to our current graduation requirements. Additionally, topics such as mental and social health, perseverance, peer relations and traditional health topics will be expanded" Therefore, the request was for the number of credits for graduation be raised from 23 to 24. These new classes would be included in health and P.E. This motion passed.

The last committee to report was transportation. They did meet and decided to put off buying a new bus and will, maybe, need to put that money into the pipe project. However, it was discussed of possibly buying a 2007 bus from Henry Miller if they can get it for a reasonable enough price to have it as a backup. No action was taken.

In unfinished business the 2026-27 calendar was approved and passed, the bus bid item was discussed in the transportation committee report and the credit requirements for graduation were completed in the curriculum committee report.

Mr. Fordahl, Mr. Seamands and Ms. Clausen attended the

NDSBA Winter Summit in Bismarck. They briefed the board on some of the topics covered. Ms. Clausen said there was a lot of emphasis on building relationships with district patrons – keeping them informed on what is happening at the school. Ms. Clausen said she has used the NDSBA suggested superintendent's survey but believes the district needs to have their own

survey as here the superintendent doubles as the secondary principal, sometimes maintenance manager, etc. She will work on an appropriate survey for this fall and has begun a more specific job description for the superintendent's position as the responsibilities are currently needed.

The final action was taken on the resignation of two teachers. Ms. Maureen Svihovec resigned as the educational

strategist to begin new endeavors. Mrs. Morgan Ehlers resigned part of her contract as PreK through 6th grade music teacher. She would like to remain the 5th through 12th grade band director. The board accepted both resignations but must check into the legalities of Mrs. Ehlers wishes.

The next regular meeting was set for March 18th, 6:00 pm in the board room at Hettinger Public School.

Hettinger City waves rights on conditional use permit

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The Hettinger City Council met in special session with a telephone conference on February 24. The topic of discus-

sion was the Adams County Commissioner's approval of a conditional use permit for Allo Towers.

Attending the meeting were council members Burwick, Ebert and Gaylord with Mayor Lindquist joining the

discussion later in the meeting. Also on the conference call was Katie Roseland, Adams County Planning and Zoning Administrator to the Council.

After some discussion the council voted to waive their right to negotiate.

ROUGH RIDERS:

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enjoyed swapping stories and visiting with the 4-H members, who were equally grateful for the opportunity to listen and learn. 4-H members even used their public speaking skills as they took turns being the caller, a job which can be a little intimidating in an avid Bingo crowd.

A great reminder that volunteering and making a difference doesn't have to be a big or grand gesture. Sometimes it is sharing a story, a handmade card, taking time to play a game, or just taking the time to listen to someone. Those small gestures can leave a big impression on others and make a big and positive impact on the community.

Thank you to all our 4-H'ers and volunteers

who spread some cheer this Valentine's Day Season!



AYLA B. assisting Five Counties resident with Valentine Bingo. | Submitted Photo

HELP WANTED

Southwest Abstract is looking to hire an Abstractor for the Hettinger and/or Bowman office. Detail oriented with Microsoft Word experience preferred. Will train with the goal of becoming licensed. If interested, call Kim at 701-523-2922 or email resume to kim@swabstract.net. 2-12-19-26 3-5

HETTINGER PARK DISTRICT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - SUMMER 2026

The HETTINGER PARK DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following summer positions:

RECREATION: Rec Director, Babe Ruth Coach, Little League Coach, Coach Pitch Coach, Girls Softball Coach, T-Ball Coach and Assistant Coaches

MAINTENANCE: Head Maintenance Director, Maintenance Assistants and Mirror Lake Campground Manager.

GOLF COURSE GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT/WORKERS: Applications are available at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office in the Adams County Courthouse in Hettinger. Completed applications can be mailed to the Hettinger Park District, Krista Faller, Cler, 602 Adams Ave. Ste 201, Hettinger, ND 58639 or hand delivered to the Adams County Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Application deadline is Monday, March 9th, 2026 for Rec Director, Campground Maintenance Manager and Golf Course Positions.

Application deadline is Friday, April 3, 2026 for all remaining coach and maintenance positions.

The Hettinger Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2-19-26 3-5

FOR SALE ON BIDS

Adams County is offering the following vehicles and equipment for sale on bids:

- 2001 Dodge 1500 4x4: VIN-1B7HF13Z81J195374
- 2007 Ford F150 4x4: VIN-1FTPW14V67FA25016
- 1995 GMC 1 Ton: VIN-1GDKC34F4SJ521490
- 1999 Dodge 1500 4x4: VIN-1B7HF16Y5XS305738
- 1989 Dodge ½ ton 4x4: VIN-9B7HM16Y5K5049812
- 1983 Ford LTL 9000 Semi: VIN-1FDYA90X4DVA44833
- 1996 Ford F700 with Rosco Oil distributor: VIN-1FD-NF70J3TVA13964
- 1994 John Deere 544G Loader with 2 buckets: VIN-544GD545630
- 1985 Chip spreader- model WHS SN 85208
- Homemade Flatbed Utility Trailer
- 11,500-gallon Fuel Tank & pump

Equipment may be viewed at the County shop, please call the County shop at 701-567-2235 with any questions. **Bids will be accepted until Friday April 10th, 2026.** Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Bid for Mail or drop sealed bids at the Auditor's Office, 602 Adams Ave. Ste 201, Hettinger ND 58639.

Bids must be in a sealed envelope plainly marked: "Bid for (equipment listing description or number as labeled above)"

All bids will be opened at the Adams County Courthouse during the April 14, 2026 Commission meeting.

Adams County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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