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NORTH SARGENT SCHOOL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. #3 REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2025

Vice-President Zac Johnson called the **Regular Meeting** of the North Sargent Public School District #3 to order at 5:05p.m. in the North Sargent School boardroom. Board members, Zachary Johnson, Sean Anderson, Andrew Greenmyer and Lucas Jacobson were present. Board President Kris Beck was present via speaker phone. Administration present was Supt. Munro and Business Mgr. Donna Anderson. Also in attendance were Shannon Bergh, Brandon Hanson, Tim and Jessica Peterson, Chris and Anthony Ferderer, Rylan Sarbaum, Brook Olson, Kelsey Nelson, Jess Rasmussen, and Chris Larson.

Motion to adopt the amended agenda, with girls' softball survey added. Greenmyer/Jacobson. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2025, regular meeting. Anderson/Greenmyer. All in favor, motion carried.

Delegations: Chris Ferderer was present to speak on a baseball program. He asked to speak later when the topic is covered.

Business Manager/ Superintendent Reports: Business Mgr. Anderson presented the November 2025 financials.

Supt. Munro reported on expenditure history, transportation summary, TSI training, an ND Counts Grant and replacing the air conditioning unit in the HS Business Room at a cost of \$8,437.00.

Motion to approve the Business Manager and Superintendent's reports. Jacobson/Greenmyer. Voting aye: Johnson, Jacobson, Anderson, Greenmyer, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to pay bill list totaling \$316,839.09. Anderson/Jacobson. Voting aye: Johnson, Jacobson, Anderson, Greenmyer, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: A W DIESEL SERVICE INC. \$792.86 ABEBOOKS.COM 304.59 ADMINPARTNERS 100.00 AFLAC 2,010.74 AMAZON.COM 821.31 BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ND 19,146.00 CASEY'S BUSINESS ADVANTAGE 463.73 CITY OF GWINNER 528.94 COMPUTER EXPRESS 104.25 DACOTAH PAPER CO. 516.81 DRN READITECH 1,255.80 ENDERSON CONSTRUCTION INC 700.00 EVERSPRING INN & SUITES BISMARCK 330.00 FULL CIRCLE AG 411.24 GROTBORG ELECTRIC INC 780.00 HANSEN LUMBER & HARDWARE 31.75 HANSEN, PAULA 84.59 HORACE MANN 12.50 JACOBSON, LYNN 146.16 JOHNSON CONTROLS 2,376.20 JOSTENS INC 233.35 LAKE SHORE LEARNING MATERIALS 236.55 MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC 1,856.55 MARZANO RESOURCES 5,680.00 MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES 1,319.42 ND COUNCIL OF ED. LEADERS 150.00 NELSON, TASHA 36.34 OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY 5,539.06 PEARCE DURICK PLLC 321.25 SARGENT COUNTY TELLER, THE 187.64 SCHMITT MUSIC 198.69 SOUTH VALLEY MULTI-DISTRICT 17,303.40 SRCTC 45,267.00 STOCK GROWERS BANK 59.64 TEAL'S MARKET 301.47

TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 44.10 VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER 1,333.00 WAGEWORKS, INC. 419.34 DECEMBER PAYROLL 205,434.82

Committee Reports: The Co-op Committee met November 19, 2025, at North Sargent. Milnor Supt. Dr. Chris Larson gave a meeting recap.

Principal Reports: Board member Greenmyer read the principal reports in their absence.

Elem. Principal Sorlie reported on the holiday concert and Christmas cheer activities. Semester one ending with grades expected to be sent home in January. Elementary enrollment is projected to be at 98 students in January. One-Act Play competed in the state competition and came home with sixth place. Additional C-Squad games are being scheduled to help compensate for lost opportunities. Help is always needed for events held at NS.

Secondary Principal Wittich reported on the Student Council Food Drive, One-Act and the awards our student actors received. FFA students competed at a regional contest in Wahpeton and came home with a multitude of recognition. He also reported on courses wrapping up at the end of Semester.

Unfinished/Old Business: None.

New Business: Delegation and public comments were allowed at this time regarding co-op sports and a potential baseball program.

Motion to approve the FB-VB-BB Co-op Bylaws-Article IV Section D, regarding Sargent Central travel reimbursement. Greenmyer/Jacobson. Voting aye: Johnson, Jacobson, Anderson, Greenmyer, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on Sargent County starting a baseball program and adding it to the spring sports co-op bylaws.

President Kris Beck was absent from the speaker phone during this discussion.

Motion to approve the Golf-Track-Spring Coop Bylaws-Article I Section B adding a baseball program. Greenmyer/Anderson.

Voting aye: Johnson, Jacobson, Anderson, Greenmyer. Voting nay: none. (Beck was absent for the vote.) All in favor, motion carried.

Items added to the agenda:

The NS students took a girls' softball survey. There was interest in the participating in the Milnor/Sargent Central Softball program.

Motion to approve participating in the Sargent County Girls' Softball Program. Greenmyer/Jacobson. Voting aye: Johnson, Jacobson, Anderson, Greenmyer. Voting nay: none.

Beck was now present on the phone but abstained from the vote citing financial concerns.

With a 4 yes-1 abstain, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Sargent Central submitted a written request to have all co-op sports have equal representation.

Brandon Hanson added that Sargent Central's vote on adding a baseball program to the co-op was contingent on them having an equal one-third representation for all sports.

This topic was tabled due to concerns about moving up a class and the need for further discussion at a cooperative committee meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Jacobson/Greenmyer. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12p.m.

Donna Anderson, Business Manager
Kris Beck, President
Zac Johnson, Vice-President
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Dakota Attitude

Jim and Nettie (Olson) Smykowski

Interview: July 16, 2014

County: Sargent

City: Cayuga

Auctioneer, Farmer, and Legislator



When asked about his childhood ambitions, Jim Smykowski says, "I suppose I dreamt of farming, but knew that all of us couldn't farm because Dad wouldn't have enough acres to set up the whole crew [of eight]. Dad's farm was just across the road. We bought [my uncle's farm] in 1959. We had hogs and cattle. Didn't have much land."

Jim was born in 1934. A few years after graduating from high school, he met Nettie Olson, who was born in California. At first, Jim's mother was worried, he says. "I grew up a Catholic; Nettie was a Catholic. But my mother thought I was going with a Norwegian dancing girl," because of her name. The couple later wed. They have seven children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

If a neighbor who was a big cattle feeder hadn't suggested it, Jim says, "I never would have thought of being an auctioneer. He said, 'I'll let you sell my sale,'" but added Jim needed to get help from another, more experience auctioneer. Jim went to auction school in Mason City, Iowa, then auctioneered more than 40 years. He farmed even longer.

When asked which of the occupations he enjoyed most, he says, "I'd probably have to say the auctioneering, because it brought more people into the circle. It was a good run. It was interesting; I met a lot of people. When I won the state Senate election here, I won on a write-in campaign in the general election." Besides his stint as a state legislator, Jim's civic experiences include a term as school board president and 25 years as a director on a local bank board.

When asked about what's important in life, Nettie says, "You need to keep your faith but you need the education, too. And if you build them together, it's going to help you as an individual."

What's success in life for Jim? "Being able to support your family in good fair way, so they could have opportunities available and to have end up having something to live on when you quit."

(Editor's Note: The following profiles of North Dakota residents were collected by author James Puppe between 2004-2018, covering 617 subjects and 113,000 miles. He has given permission for his book to be serialized in North Dakota Newspapers at no charge. To find out how you can read the entire collection of Dakota Attitude profiles go to dakotaattitude.com.)

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2026 spring wild turkey hunting proclamation.

The season will run from April 11 through May 17. There are 8,490 licenses available in 21 open units. Bag limit is one bearded or male wild turkey.

Deadline to apply is Feb. 11. Only residents are eligible. Apply online at gf.nd.gov. Licenses issued by weighted lottery.

A complete 2026 fall wild turkey proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 N Bismarck Expy Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.

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ATTENTION CANOLA GROWERS

The North Dakota Oilseed Council - Canola election for Sargent County will take place on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:30 AM at the Sargent County Extension Office, 8991 Hwy 32, Suite 3, in Forman, ND.

ELECTION

Anyone who has planted Canola in 2025 or intends to plant in 2026 and is a participating producer who resides in Sargent County is eligible and encouraged to vote.

For more information contact the North Dakota Oilseed Council at 701-328-5107.

ATTENTION DRY PEA & LENTIL GROWERS

The North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council election for Sargent County will take place on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:30 AM at the Sargent County Extension Office, 8991 Hwy 32, Suite 3, in Forman, ND.

ELECTION

Any person who has not applied for a refund for at least three years, plants or causes to be planted a Dry Pea or Lentil crop in which the person has ownership interest with the intent that upon maturity the crop will be harvested is entitled to vote or can be a candidate.

For more information contact the North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council at 701-355-4458.