

**MILNOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**

The School Board of Milnor Public School, District No. 2, met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the ITV Room. President Fyre called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Board members present- Chad Fyre, Scott Berndt, Krista Bussman, Betsy Speich, and Angela Bogart. Also, present Superintendent Chris Larson, Business Manager Katie Bixby, and High School Principal Ryan Weber. The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented Bogart/Speich. The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda (consisting of the August 11 regular board meeting minutes, financial report, and present bills totaling \$136,069.50), Berndt/Bogart.

Bills:

TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	\$72.45
MAGIC WRIGHTER	350.00
CASH/STOCK GROWERS BANK	345.00
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	2,898.90
INFINITE CAMPUS	0.86
A W DIESEL SERVICE INC	4,429.84
APPLE, INC	1,199.00
ARROWHEAD PEST CONTROL	405.00
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	546.39
CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC.	4,223.63
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	583.90
DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOP.	1,097.51
ECKROTH MUSIC CO.	1,389.94
KAYLEE ERICKSON	2,500.00
THERESA ERICKSON	10.45
EXPLOREK12, INC	2,268.00
CHRIS GLEASON	280.83
HERITAGE INSURANCE SERVICES	10,160.00
ICARE ELECTRONIC REPAIR	1,400.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	126.00
J & M PRINTING INC.	2,969.22
LIBRARYWORLD, INC	550.00
LIGHTSPEED SOLUTIONS, LLC	

LISBON TRUE VALUE	2,060.00
LOFFLER	120.63
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	113.15
MILNOR MARKET	1,683.68
MOBRIDGE/NORDAK PUBLISHING	95.61
ALEX MOE	483.71
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.	175.00
NDCEL	1,376.28
NORTH DAKOTA SMALL ORGANIZED SCHOOLS	904.00
ONLINE DAKOTA INFORMATION NETWORK	500.00
OTTER TAIL POWER CO.	125.22
QUAVER MUSIC.COM LLC	437.86
RESEARCH TRIANGLE INSTITUTE	900.00
RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER	5,000.00
SOUTH EAST EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE	220.56
SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER & TECH. CENTER	1,000.00
STOCK GROWERS PUBLIC FINANCE, LLC	20,886.00
STORBAKKEN SANITATION, INC.	24,393.34
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	592.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	709.00
VERIZON	1,263.52
WORLD BOOK, INC.	222.14
SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE	1,005.46
NORTH DAKOTA STATE SPELLING BEE	206.50
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO., INC	99.00
ND DRIVERS LICENSE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY	8.23
ND BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	3.00
MARYJO LOTHSPICH	40.00

Superintendent's Report: Busses have been a challenge so far this year. Bus 4 was in Fargo for an extended period of time for an AC issue. The charter went out a couple of weeks ago and the AC didn't keep up. It went to AW Diesel again and still wasn't great. Delivered the charter bus to Freightliner in Fargo and picked up bus 4 from Nelson International. Having both minis around is a huge help for our

needs in the fall. Enjoyed being at the colony and teaching for a period each day. There are some challenges, as well. Days are always fast, but now they fly by being out at the colony for a couple hours a day. Infinite Campus has still been a battle. The features are nice. Getting everyone there and the kinds worked out is very much an ongoing process. Do believe that most of the struggles are only first-time setup pieces. SE AD's met. Lots of frustration with the new Arbiter system. Many in our area went on a meeting with "Bound", which is a similar product that seems to have some better tailoring options. Neither product has much zip if we aren't all on board with it. Overall, off to a solid start. A big thank you to our staff and parents as we try to navigate our new systems and get out the appropriate information and tweaks made.

High School Principal's Report: Student of the month will start next month. Congratulations to Andrew Yagow and Lily Gaden on being named our Homecoming King and Queen. Our freshman and sophomores are signed up for Bobcat Manufacturing day on October 7. No Schedule yet, but will share when it becomes available. Putting together another career day for our high school students this semester. Going to reach out to businesses that weren't able to make it last year. Looking at a date in October if possible. Ms. Busch has done an excellent job recruiting kids into our music program. Numbers are up. She's pretty relentless about it! Will be attending Principals Bootcamp in Bismarck on September 15. Have Headmasters meeting September 16 in Wyndmere.

Elementary Principal's Report: Congratulations to our new Elementary Student Council members: Lyla Peterson, Pablo Cortes, Rilyn Eskildsen, Hailyn Berndt, Kennedy Erickson, Holden Yagow, Everly Speich, Kenna Peterson, and Charli Anderson. Had their first meeting last week and they are excited about representing. If anyone has ideas of projects, they would like to see them work on, let me know. Mrs. Tapson and I worked this summer on the start of STEAM cabinets in the

library. Classes have started getting in there to check it out and we are excited to keep adding to it. Autumn Zirnhelt will be student teaching both first and second semesters with Mrs. Dahlgren. Mr. Weber, Mrs. Dahlgren, Mr. Fitzgerald, and I attended training this summer for the LLIN (requirement of CLIMBS grant). We had a Zoom meeting with them Tuesday and will be working on updating our district literacy plan and ways to improve literacy in our schools. Fastbridge testing is beginning this week at all grade levels. NDA+ will follow that over the next few weeks. All students are tested in reading and math. Will be attending Principals Bootcamp in Bismarck on September 15.

New Business- Bussman moved to approve the contract addendums for lane changes for both Alisha Olson and Kaylee Erickson, Berndt seconded, motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Bussman moved to approve the EL Agreements for Shannon Berndt, Anna Harles, and Chelsie Helgeson, Bogart seconded. Berndt noted conflict of interest to vote, board gave approval to let him vote. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion on colony class stipend for

Mr. Jacobson with him already teaching 6 hours plus the colony. Some concern since not all teachers teaching a class at the colony will receive this. Other teachers are only teaching 5 hours plus the colony so still have their prep time. Berndt moved to approve a colony class stipend for Mr. Jacobson, Bogart seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Speich moved to approve the Tuition Agreement from North Sargent for one student, Berndt seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Berndt moved to approve the Certificate of Levy and send to county, Bogart seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Berndt moved to approve the Annual Compliance Report, Speich seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion was had on NDHSAA Classification and how this affects us as a co-op. With explanation of how everything works, better understanding is had.

Discussion was had on NDSBA Convention and Delegates. Bus. Mgr. Bixby has everyone registered that wants or needs to attend.

Bussman moved to approve the annual policy review of FDB, FDC,

FDE, and GABAA, Berndt seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Larson wrote up two grants for the Milnor Community Fund, one for the playground, and one for mental health. Bogart moved to approve the MCF grants, Speich seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

Facilities, Transportation, Technology: Picked up bus 4, charter bus is in Fargo for AC problems.

Negotiations, Extracurricular, Budget: None.

Sports Co-op: None.

MACC: Annual meeting had. New stage coming, AC units fixed, bleachers fixed.

Sundale School: Going well.

SMMSL: Met in August. Book Fair is scheduled for October.

MCF: Meet October 7.

Next board meeting will be October 13th at 7:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm, Berndt/Bogart.

Business Manager, Katie Bixby
Milnor School Board President,
C Fyre

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