BOARD PROCEEDINGS
ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

The School Board of Rolette Public School held a regular school board meeting on September 16, 2026, in the office of the Superintendent.

Board members present: Ryan Pederson, Barbara Mothershead, Joseph Graber, Lori Letvin and Brianne Nelson. Others present: Catherine Anderson, Superintendent/Elementary Principal and Michele Grenier, Business Manager.

President Pederson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Opportunity for Pledge of Allegiance was provided.

Letvin moved and Mothershead seconded the approval of the amended agenda with items coop committee report and employment contract. Motion carried 5-0.

A thank you note from Ella Pederson was read for the Rolette Foundation for Education scholarship.

Graber moved and Nelson seconded the approval of the consent agenda with items August 18, 2026 regular board meeting minutes, bills, revised extra curricular contract for Alexis Hall as 50% time FCCLA advisor for $1,350.75, contract for Caitlin Good, 50% FCCLA advisor $1,350.75 and contract for Misty Krumwiede, elementary girls basketball coach $1,575.88, tuition agreements nine students from Belcourt School District, four students from the Dunseith School District and four students from the Mt. Pleasant School District, and the August 2026 financials. Motion carried 5-0.

Bills:

GENERAL FUND	
ACTIVITY ACCOUNT	40.00
ADMIN PARTNERS	150.00
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	905.46
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1,934.82
AMPLIFY EDUCATION	849.30
BUILDING FUND	263.44
CITY OF ROLETTE	1,566.57
COMMERCIAL CARD SOLUTIONS	6,554.97
COMPUTER STORE	149.99
DACOTAH PAPER	318.29
DRIVE CHEVROLET BUICK	85.60
EBSCO	369.33
EVERSPRING INN	244.20
HARLOW'S BUS SALES	701.15
HOT LUNCH ACCOUNT	380.58
KITZMAN, ANGELA	168.66
LEGACY COOPERATIVE	5,250.34
LUNA, CHANTEL	133.90
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	6,342.25
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	211.17
MUNRO HARDWARE	10.00
NATIONAL INDIAN IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSN	300.00
ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION	766.00
ND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS	1,490.00
NDPHIT	34,395.68
NORTHERN TESTING	590.60
ODIN	65.08
OTTERTAIL POWER	2,126.25
RUGBY LUMBER	475.61
SCHOLASTIC	687.53
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND	39.50
TREVIPAY-WALMART	140.73
TURTLE MOUNTAIN STAR	541.20
TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES	194.00
UNUM	106.16
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	68.548.36

BUILDING FUND	
WOLF CREEK CONSTRUCTION	21,400.00
TOTAL BUILDING FUND	21,400.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND	
COMPUTER STORE	1,499.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	706.42
GENERAL FUND	1,183.99
INFINITE CAMPUS	179.00
SYSCO	8,271.01
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND	11,839.42
ACTIVITY FUND	
ACTIVITY ACCOUNT	680.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	95.82
BERG, KERI	48.08
ND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS	115.00
NORTHERN BOTTLING COMPANY	1,538.78
ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL	750.00
SYSCO	505.65
TREVIPAY-WALMART	192.67
TOTAL ACTIVITY FUND	3,926.00

Mothershead moved and Letvin seconded to approve the addition to contract for Emily Biberdorf for $4,500. Motion carried 5-0.

Nelson moved and Letvin seconded to approve the 2026-2027 budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Mothershead moved and Graber seconded to approve the Certificate of Levy. Therefore, be it resolved by the School Board of the Rolette Public School District #29 of the City of Rolette, ND for the fiscal year ending June 20, 2027, and the Business Manager of this Board is hereby instructed to propose the same to the County Auditor, Rolla, North Dakota, as approved by Statute. Tax Levy: 1. General Fund Levy 60 Mills in the amount of $451,872.60; General Fund Levy Board Discretionary 10 Mills in the amount of $75,312.10; Miscellaneous Levy 12 Mills in the amount of $90,374.56, Special Reserve Levy 3 Mills in the amount of $22,593.63, and Building Fund Levy 20 Mills in the amount of $150,624.20. Motion carried 5-0.

Mothershead moved and Nelson seconded to approve the annual DPI Compliance Report. Motion carried 5-0.

Letvin moved and Graber seconded to approve the annual DPI LEA Compliance Report. Motion carried 5-0.

Bids for a 2027 Mini Bus were presented. Hartley's School Buses presented a bid in the amount of $120,000 and Harlow's Bus Sales presented a bid in the amount of $106,050. Harlow's Bus Sales also included a memo stating they had two in-stock minibuses which were not 2027 models, but new for $106,714 each. Discussion regarding new need for another large route bus to eliminate need of several route minibus drivers due to seating at capacity for routes and the current 2013 Bluebird bus having mechanical issues. Anderson recommended purchasing a large bus rather than a minibus at this time.

Letvin moved and Mothershead seconded to reject the bids submitted by Hartley's School Buses and Harlow's Bus Sales. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Letvin and seconded by Graber to give administration the authority to use up to $90,000 in general fund monies to purchase a large bus. Motion carried 5-0.

Coop committee members Letvin and Mothershead gave a report on the joint coop committee meeting held on August 31. On the agenda were proposals from the Rolette school to amend the current coop agreement to include that significant purchases wished to be made by the coop need approval by the superintendents of both schools and that coaching/advisor positions for hire need mutual agreement of both school's superintendents prior to the offer being made to any individual. During the presentation of these proposed changes, the Mt. Pleasant representatives were not prepared to agree to the amendments at this time. Significant discussion between all parties regarding equipment purchase made and communication failures. Rolette representatives asked the committee to establish clear expectations regarding authority and responsibilities of both boards and administration to ensure smooth operations with checks and balances for both districts. Mt. Pleasant Board members agreed that communication needs improvement and is key to a good working coop. It was suggested that the North Prairie Cougar Joint Coop Committee meet following the annual Northern Lights Joint Coop Committee meeting each year to discuss the agreement. The next joint coop committee meeting is set for Monday, November 16th at 7:30 a.m. at the Mt. Pleasant school where Mt. Pleasant will bring forward their suggested solutions. Committee members discussed how some of the issues likely stem from different policies and procedures of each district and how the board members of the committee need to come together with clear expectations that respect both school districts. The Rolla school district denied Rolette grade 4-6 grade girls and boys basketball to participate in their program. Rolette approved a student from Rolla to participate in One Act Play

Anderson presented a report from Principal Luna, who is at a leadership conference. Report on student activities, homecoming week, career fair at DCB, and fall ND A+ assessments.

Anderson reported that the district ND A+ assessment results showed grades 3-8 ELA proficiency up to 64% proficient from 40% in the spring of 2024 and grades 3-8 math proficiency up to 53% proficient from 35% proficient in the spring of 2024. Congratulated staff and students on their hard work in this significant improvement.

Superintendent Anderson report included their will be an training on October 2 for emergencies/active shooter which will include area agencies and the public and community have been notified, Cody Mattson, Director of Emergency Management for Rolette County will assist with updating emergency manuals, ALICE training will be scheduled, several STARS reports have had the due dates pushed back by DPI due to the new Infinite Campus software and the state STARS software not transferring data properly, hiring of a new bus driver is underway, two elementary staff are taking LETRS training, Title I budget has been approved by DPI, Title I teacher will be sent to Title I workshop in October, the CTE consortium board will meet on September 30 for the first time, and gave an update on facility repairs and needs.

Grenier reported on August financials.

Grenier will email out the Superintendent evaluation survey. Completion due date is October 9.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

With no further business, President Pederson adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED: Ryan Pederson, President;

ATTEST: Michele Grenier, Business Manager

(Novembe 2, 2026)