NORTH STAR PUBILC SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 19th, 2026

The School Board of North Star Public School District #10 met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026.

PRESENT: Jeremiah Halley (arrived 7:35), Brooks Larson, Chris Doehler, Jeremy Johnson, Jeana Jorde, Michelle Gibbens, and Paul Wagenman. **Administration**: Jeff Hagler, Kim Tschepen, Nancy Reiser, Jacob Hagler. **Guests**: Karmen Teubner.

Board President Wagenman called the meeting to order at 7:19 am.

Review of the Agenda: No Changes

Public Comment: None

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Jorde, to approve the minutes of the March 18th, 2026, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** all responding yes. (Halley not present)

Approve the Bills:

April 2026 and May 2026 Invoices outstanding/paid since the last board meeting were presented for approval. Gen Fund: $106,138.10 outstanding, $46,630.58 paid; School Lunch Fund: $17,674.88 outstanding; Activity Fund: $2,534.45 outstanding, $12,735.55 paid.

The CC charges for April 2026, paid in May 2026 were presented. GF Charges: $3,191.4; AF Charges: $8,209.62; School Lunch: $90.00 Total: $11,491.02.

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Larson, to approve payment of outstanding invoices and invoices paid as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-NP; Larson-Y; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Review Financial Reports:

Cash flow reports for April 2026 and May 2026 to date were reviewed for the Gen Fund, School Lunch Fund, Activity Fund, and After School Child Care Fund.

GF: May 2026 Tax Receipts were $156,715.46, April Tax Receipts to date are $54,361.73. $18,500.41 in Title 1 funds were received in April; Current fund balance with CD's and Savings is $2,148,086.46.

Building fund balance is $153,219.84; Reserve fund balance is $53,537.07.

Every 3-month CD ladder is in place. Next maturity is 8/11/26.

The acquisition of First State Bank of Cando by 1st United Bank was completed over the weekend.

School Lunch Program: May DPI Claim payment was $13,196.31. May DPI claim payment was $11,631.24. Current fund balance is $55,964.33.

ASCC Billings were mailed on 5/5/26 for a total of $1.440. Total billed to date is $9,720; Total received to date is $6,339; Outstanding receivables are $3,381. Current fund balance is $7201.19.

AF: Current Fund Balance is $39,494.79.

Revenue and expenditure reports for April 2026: Gen Fund Total Revenue received in April = $291,465.12; Gen Fund Total Expenditures for April = $330,603.88.

Rolette County: The Rolette County Auditor has been very responsive and actively communicating. A reconciliation of 2025 tax receipts with Rolette County has been completed. The MILS they were using matched ours, however they made a duplicate payment to us in August of 2025. Due to the duplicate payment, the district received $2,061.44 too much for calendar 2025. A similar reconciliation is to be completed for 2026; however, they are currently having issues with their taxwise system.

The dates planned for fiscal year end payroll and teacher contract payouts in June were reviewed.

Principal's Reports:

The current elementary enrollment is 156; HS enrollment is 123.

Elementary attendance was 95.93% for the past month and 95.57% for the year; HS Attendance was 94.5% for the past month and 94.5% year to date.

Both principals provided updates on end of school year events.

There will be a workday on May 27th for Standards Based Grading.

Changes to the student handbook for 26/27 were presented and discussed.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Halley, to approve the presented changes to the student handbook for 26/27 school year. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-Y; Larson-Y; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Greenlee, history teacher, will not be returning for the next school year.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Johnson, to accept Mr. Greenlees letter of resignation. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Ms. Swanson has history credentials and will be the history teacher next year. This leaves a vacancy for FACS classes and may limit elective offerings if the position cannot be filled. A FACS announcement as well as a middle school announcement are out. After discussion, an elementary teacher will also be announced to provide the greatest flexibility to fill curriculum needs.

Schedules are being worked on for next year but will depend on whether a new hire can be found and if the FACS classes can still be offered.

Activities Director Report:

Details for a summer football camp and acceleration camp were reviewed.

MOTION by Larson, seconded by Jorde, to approve the football and acceleration summer camps. **MOTION CARRIED** All responding yes.

The end of season athletic calendar was reviewed for baseball, track and Golf. We have 6 qualifiers for the state track meet.

Superintendent's Report

The Title 1 review has been officially approved. Final review documents were available for review.

The application for the intent to apply for Title Funds for the 2026-27 school year has been submitted.

There was a meeting with Johnson Controls representative to discuss options for a new heating system. The cost of a new heating system is upwards of $2 Million. A referendum would be required to pay for the updates. Discussion surrounded whether the timing is right, who to use to navigate the referendum process, and other updates that should be included in the referendum. It was decided to proceed with ICON to begin working towards a referendum since they already conducted a feasibility study and have a lot of familiarity with school district funding. The superintendent will contact them to get started and clarify their fee structure.

Our Erate application was approved and will pay 60% of our wi-fi at the crows next.

The driver's education car, Chevy Malibu, has been rented from Lake Chevrolet.

The extracurricular and activity drivers' rate were reviewed and discussed. Current rate is $14/hr. for driving and $11 for each layover hour.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Jorde, to increase the extracurricular and activity driving and layover rates by .50 cents/hr. to $15.00/hr. and $11.50/hr. respectively. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

A kitchen helper has been found for next year. We also need paras and a Bisbee Route bus driver.

Old Business:

The State Superintendent, Levi Bachmeier was here on May 8th. Feedback from the visit was positive.

An election notice will be published in the Towner County Record Herald on May 23, 30th and June 6th. So far, 165 absentee ballots have been mailed and are starting to come in. 2 Judges and 2 Clerks have been found to work the polls on election day. The poll workers have been paid $14.00/hr. the past 2 years.

MOTION by Halley, seconded by Jorde, to appoint Gene Rosinski and Diana Elsperger as Election Judges and Heidi Korb and Peggy Plemel as Election Clerks. Further the Superintendent and Business Manager are given authority to appoint replacement poll workers if an appointed poll worker is unable to work that day. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Larson, seconded by Doehler, to increase poll worker pay to $15/hour. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

New Business:

A proposal for ancillary staff pay increases, for the 2026-27 school year, was presented.

MOTION by Halley, seconded by Larson, to approve the ancillary pay for 2026-27 school year as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Proposals for the administrative staff contracts for 2026-27 were presented.

MOTION by Halley, seconded by Jorde, to approve the administrative staff pay packages for the 2026-27 school year as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The technology committee met and the technology budget proposal is $31,923, including ordering a new server. On the CTE side we are looking at ordering $2,076 of technical education supplies.

MOTION by Halley, seconded by Johnson, to approve technology and CTE budget presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

We want to add more cameras, one outside and at least one more inside the building. Confirmed with NDTC that additional cameras can be added to our current system.

The Scholarship committee meeting minutes were available for review.

Our special education report card was available for review.

Proposed after school childcare pay increases for the 26/27 SY were reviewed.

MOTION by Jorde, seconded by Halley, to approve the proposed after school childcare pay increased for the 26/27 SY. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Board Member Jorde is not running for re-election and will not be returning next year. Board President Wagenman recognized and thanked her for her service.

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, June 22nd, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Paul Wagenman, President

Kimberly Tschepen, Business Manager