

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Special Meeting Garretson School District #49-4 5:30 p.m. November 17, 2025

Present: President Natasha Mendoza, Vice President Justin VanDeBerg, Board Member Wyatt Compton, Board Member Nathan deWit and Board Member Chad Stoterau. Others present: Special Education Director Kayli Cobun, Elementary Principal Katie Hoekman, Superintendent Guy Johnson, MS/HS Principal Chris McGregor, Technology Director Matt Schrank, Business Manager Jacob Schweitzer & Activities Director Kevin Steckler. Others present: Ang Bly, Amber Bos, Tana Clark, Jacob Heumiller, Jeena Lentz, Jacki Liester, Sherri Matthews, Amanda Nelson, Anna Nelson, Kathi Nolz, Amber Schroeder, Tori Steineke, Amy Thompson & Stacy Williamson.

At 5:31 p.m., the Board and Administration convened at Tailgators in Brandon, SD for a special board meeting/school board retreat. All votes are unanimous, unless specifically noted in the minutes.

President Mendoza led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed guests and visitors.

Jacki Liester spoke during the Open Forum portion of the meeting.

President Mendoza called for any additions or corrections to the Board agenda. There were no additions or corrections presented.

Action 26-041: Motion by VanDeBerg, second by Compton, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Action 26-042: Motion by Stoterau, second by VanDeBerg, to rescind **Action 26-037**, a motion from the November 10, 2025 regular board meeting to approve the contract with Dakota Education Consulting. Motion carried.

Action 26-043: Motion by VanDeBerg, second by deWit, to approve the contract with Dakota Education Consulting. Motion carried.

The Board settled on November 24th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for a special board meeting to consult with Tom Oster of Dakota Education Consulting.

Administration provided the Board with four administrative reports:

- a. Financial - Superintendent Guy Johnson & Business Manager Jacob Schweitzer presented the Board with financial data and information.
- b. Special Education - Special Education Director Kayli Coburn went through numerous special education topics with the Board, including the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process and what a typical school day looks like for a Special Education teacher.
- c. Activities - Activities Director Kevin Steckler gave the Board a summary of each of the fine arts and athletic programs in the district.
- d. Technology - Technology Director Matt Schrank made the Board aware of what devices, hardware, and infrastructure the district possesses and what the district's goals and philosophy are as it pertains to teaching students how to be collaborative, creative, and responsible with technology.

Action 26-044: Motion by Stoterau, second by VanDeBerg, to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved by the Garretson Board of Education this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Board President

Business Manager