Valley City Public School District #2 Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Call to Order:
President Sherri Horsager called the regular school board meeting of the Valley City Public School District #2 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Attendees:
-Board Members Present: Sherri Horsager, Darin Anderson, Ryan Mathias, and Phil Hatcher
-Zoom: Tommy Bergan, Kyle Kvamme, and Karl Helland

-Others Attending: Superintendent Joshua Johnson, Business Manager Jackie Cordie, Courtnie Lyter, Travis Peterson, Rob Hunt, Byan Kriewald, Chad Lueck, Becky Goven, Jordyn Heck, Jen Pecoraro, Sarah Lerud, Courtney Jorissen, Matt Jorissen, Tara Glandt, Matt Maresh, Josh Lagein, Dave Carlsrud, Brandon Nadeau, and Steve Uriness. Also attending Icon Architectural Group, Allie Stevens and Construction Engineers, Mike Dunn, Nick Fiecke, Lance Monson, and Leon Sevigny

Pledge of Allegiance:
-President Horsager led the board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Students and/or Staff Members:

Mrs. Goven recognized Elsie Jorissen for being selected as Valley City Mayor for a Day through an essay contest for local third graders.

Mr. Peterson recognized Myles Elliott for being the National and International Geography Bee winner. Myles is one of approximately 147 students nationally with that honor. This was Myles third year winning.

Public Comment:
In accordance with North Dakota Century Code 15.1-09-33, the Board provided an opportunity for public comment. Community members were invited to address the Board on any topic from the current agenda or the preceding agenda.

-Brandon Nadeau, parent, discussed concern about a communication stating that students participating in NDCDE programs could not participate in extra-curricular or athletic activities. He expressed concern that it may be unfair or possibly discriminatory.

Approval of Agenda:
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve the agenda.
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion.
-The board approved the agenda as set.

Consent Agenda:
-Bills totaling $195,261.39 (page 5) and the minutes from the March 18, 2026, regular meeting, the 03.26 General Fund, and 03.26 Health Fund.
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the consent agenda.
-Second: Hatcher seconded the motion.
-The board approved the consent agenda.

Continuous Improvement (i.e. Accreditation, Board Development, District Goals, and Strategic Plan):
-None

Reports:
-Finance Committee (Negotiations), discussions around Enrollment Projections, Staffing, and Upcoming Negotiations. There was a meeting with the VCEA negotiators to discuss the financial outlook and future meeting plans.
Recommendation: N/A.

-Negotiations Committee, discussions around Teacher Negotiations.
Recommendation: N/A.

-Facility Committee, discussions around Bids and Project Cost on the School Facility Project 2028, District Maintenance Plan 2026-27.
Recommendation: First Reading of the District Maintenance Plan 2026-27.

-Finance Committee, Bids and Project Cost on the School Facility Project 2028.
Recommendation: N/A.

Superintendent Report:
-Mr. Johnson provided the board an update on the Last Day of School for the 2025-26 School Year, Teen CERT Emergency Exercise at Hanna Field (Wednesday, May 13, 2026), Education Appreciation Week 2026 (May 4-8, 2026) and Teacher of the Year and Celebration Program, Upcoming Events and Activities at VCPS, Employment Posting for the 2025-26 School Year, and the Enrollment Report.

School Facility Project 2028 Report:
-Mr. Johnson provide the board on update on the school facility project. Power transfer (electrical) at Jefferson Elementary and Hanna Field is underway and nearly complete. We will begin working on a groundbreaking ceremony. Mr. Johnson thanked the Facility Advisory Committee, the Facility Steering Committee and the Administrative Team for their extensive work on the project.
Construction Engineers- Mike, Lance, Nick, and Leon provided the school board an update on the bid process. The bidding process was executed in March/early April and there was extensive advertising through bidders' exchanges, local/regional newspapers and CE's subcontractor network. CE received 205 subcontractor bids covering 41 contract categories – approximately

five bids per category, which exceeded the industry target of three per category. CE reviewed the construction and project cost with the board. The base bids and accepted alternates equal $40,625,357 – with design fees, furniture/fixtures and equipment (FF&E), surveying, contingencies, etc., the total project cost is $45,996,000.00.

An allowance of $2M is included as Bid Package 2 for the work on the existing high school – demo and seal-up work and $1M for FF&E which is comparable to like size projects.

Part of the bid was for synthetic turf for the football field, but it was restated that no referendum/taxpayer dollars will be used to fund the turf, it will only proceed if funded by external sponsorships outside of the bond funds.

The construction mobilization will begin the week of May 11, 2026, and we there will be a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

CE noted that the Precast Concrete will be about three months later then planned, due to the lowest bid had a later delivery date, but the bid was $500K lower than the next bid, and the steering committee approved the later schedule for the cost savings.

The certificate of occupancy is expected in May of 2028, final completion in the Summer of 2028, in time for a Fall 2028 Occupancy.

CE and the school district will issue community updates as construction progresses and hold neighborhood/partner meetings as needed.

Allie Stevens, ICON, provided the board with design renderings and educational program fit.

Josh Lagein, provided the board with a reflection from the Steering Committee and stated that it was "a great day to be a Hi-Liner".

On behalf of the Facility Steering Committee, Josh recommended that the board approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)- $45,996,000.00 as presented by Construction Engineers and ICON.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:
-Presentation on Guaranteed Maximum Price Agreement with Construction Engineers and ICON:
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Agreement for the Valley City Public Schools new construction project, as presented by Construction Engineers, the Construction Managers at Risk, in the amount of $45,996,000.00, and authorize the Superintendent and Business Manger to execute all necessary documents.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

-School Construction Loan (Bank of North Dakota) Closing Date:
-Motion: Hatcher motioned that the Valley City Public School Board approve the Bank of North Dakota School Construction Loan in the amount of $15M at 2% interest for a 20-year term, issue

a general obligation bond, and authorize the Superintendent and Business manager to execute all necessary documents.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

-Open Enrollment Applications and Tuition Agreement:
-Motion: Anderson motioned to approve the one Open Enrollment into the district, the one Open Enrollment out of district and the twelve Open Enrollments to Yellowstone School District – East Fairview.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

-2026-27 District Facility Maintenance:
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve the first reading of 2026-27 District Facility Maintenance Plan as presented.
-Second: Mathais seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

Teacher Resignation:
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve Mrs. Alecia Killoran's resignation at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

Out of State Travel Request:
The district received an out of state travel request for the girls' basketball team to attend a summer camp in South Dakota in June 2026.
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the girls' basketball out of state travel request for them to travel to South Dakota in June 2026.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

Mr. Johnson stated there will likely be a Special School Board Meeting sometime before the next scheduled school board meeting – topics could include teacher negotiations, staffing updates, and open enrollment/tuition agreement.

Next Meetings Date/Time:
- Regular School Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7:00 AM

Adjournment:
- Time: Horsager declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM

Signatures:

President _____

Business Manager _____

Date 05-20-26

April 2026 Bill List					
Entity Name	Amount		Entity Name	Amount	
AARON HECK	$ 163.13		MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	$ 883.51	
Abigail Martin	$ 30.00		MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	$ 1,190.54	
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	$ 10,818.80		NATALIE BOE	$ 124.92	
AED EVERYWHERE, INC.	$ 2,445.00		NATHAN HUNT	$ 949.90	
AMAZON Capital Services	$ 2,423.80		National Catholic Educational Association	$ 2,745.00	
American Express	$ 827.40		ND ATTORNEY GENERAL	$ 40.00	
BEK COMMUNICATIONS	$ 1,155.87		ND ATTORNEY GENERAL	$ 40.00	
BITZ TIRE & SERVICE INC	$ 30.60		ND ATTORNEY GENERAL	$ 40.00	
BRADLEY SUFFICOOL	$ 150.00		ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION	$ 848.00	
BradyMartz	$ 36,225.00		ND EDUCATORS SERVICE COOPERATIVE	$ 125.00	
BUSOLOGY	$ 6,126.12		ND SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION	$ 900.00	
Butler Machinery	$ 425.50		NORTHLAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	$ 5,685.57	
COLE PAPERS	$ 302.61		O'Reilly Auto Parts	$ 81.85	
DACOTAH BANK	$ 9,545.65		Petro Serve USA	$ 6,847.98	
DAKOTA BOYS & GIRLS RANCH	$ 6,900.00		RACHELLE HUNT	$ 30.00	
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	$ 3,009.65		RADISSON HOTEL	$ 227.00	
DOCU SHRED INC	$ 51.10		Region V	$ 340.00	
ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV.	$ 361.06		RILEY OLSTAD	$ 30.00	
Elan Financial Services	$ 1,369.22		SARAH LARSEN	$ 358.10	
Essentia Health	$ 3,300.00		SHEYENNE VALLEY MULTIDISTRICT SP. ED.	$ 57,814.08	
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	$ 305.75		SMITH LUMBER CO	$ 61.82	
GAVIN GERHARDT	$ 30.00		TECHCYCLE SOLUTIONS	$ 2,709.84	
GILLE AUTO	$ 50.00		Theodora Dimmer	$ 327.30	
HANDY HARDWARE & RENTAL	$ 854.96		TWIN CITY HARDWARE	$ 148.75	
HIGH PLAINS WATER TREATMENT IN	$ 93.55		VALLEY AUTO PARTS	$ 856.65	
IMAGINE LEARNING, INC	$ 1,980.00		VALLEY CITY PARKS & RECREATION	$ 7,000.00	
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	$ 51.60		VALLEY GLASS SHOP	$ 200.00	
KEITH'S INC	$ 208.69		VC PUBLIC WORKS	$ 1,281.50	
LAQUINTA INNS & SUITES	$ 1,430.00		VC PUBLIC WORKS	$ 3,541.57	
LEAF	$ 1,418.45		VC TIMES-RECORD	$ 379.10	
LearnWell	$ 927.00		VCBC Development Corp	$ 610.00	
LEEVERS	$ 318.98		VERIZON WIRELESS	$ 513.92	
			VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER	$ 5,000.00	
Total:	$ 195,261.39				