Valley City Public School District #2 Special School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Call to Order:
President Sherri Horsager called the special school board meeting of the Valley City Public School District #2 to order at 5:32 PM on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Attendees:
- Board Members Present: Darin Anderson, Ryan Mathias, Phil Hatcher
-Tommy Bergan arrived at 5:40 PM

Others Attending: Superintendent Joshua Johnson, Business Manager Jackie Cordie, and Sarah Lerud.

Out of State Travel Request- DECA:
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve the out of state travel request for DECA students to travel to Atlanta, GA.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved (Bergan was absent), motion carried.

Open Enrollment / District Tuition Agreement:
-Motion: Anderson motioned to approve the following:
2025-26 Tuition Agreement – Student from BCN
2026-27 Open Enrollment (Out of District) – Two students to Jamestown (currently attend Jamestown); One to Yellowstone
2026-27 Open Enrollment (Come to District) – Student from BCN
-Second: Hatcher seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved (Bergan was absent), motion carried.

Spring 2026 Superintendent Evaluation:
-President Horsager read the following statement: Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the Superintendent as satisfactory in the performance areas of Goal and Vision Setting, Board Relations, Human Resources, Curriculum and Student Support Services, Community Relations, and Operations and Resources. Given the Consensus, do I have a motion and a second to approve each of these performance areas as satisfactory?
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion
- President Horsager: Is there any discussion? I will have the business manager call roll once the discussion is complete.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved (Bergan was absent), motion carried.

Superintendent Individual Comments:
-There was discussion around individual comments, if they are attached to the evaluation they become a board comment. It was decided to table adding the comments, until there is clarification on them becoming a board comment vs an individual comment.

-Motion: Anderson motioned to table adding the comments to the superintendent review.
-Second: Hatcher seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried.

Teacher Negotiation Strategy (Executive Session Per NDCC44-04-19.1 (9)):

-President Horsager Read the Following Statement:
- The next item on the agenda is the teacher negotiation strategy. This item may be discussed in an executive session only when an open meeting would have an adverse fiscal effect on the bargaining or litigating portion of the board. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9). The topic or purpose of this executive session is teacher negotiation strategy.

At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss the next item in executive session rather than in an open meeting. Is there such a motion? Mathias motioned, Bergan seconded. Any discussion on the motion? All present polled, motion carried.

The executive session will be recorded. All members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instruction to our negotiators.

We will now ask the members of the public who are attending the meeting to leave the room. We anticipate adjourning the executive session and reconvening the open portion of the meeting at approximately 7:30 PM.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 5:51 PM and was attended by: Sherri Horsager, Phil Hatcher, Darin Anderson, Ryan Mathias, Tommy Bergan, Josh Johnson, and Jackie Cordie.

Executive Session to discuss Teacher Negotiation Strategy

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 7:29 PM. The public has been invited to return to the meeting room, and we are now back in open session.

Adjournment:
- Time: Horsager declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Signatures:

President Sh Horsager

Business Manager

Date 03-18-26