Valley City Public School District #2 Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 18, 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, March 18, 2026.

Attendees:
-Board Members Present: Sherri Horsager, Darin Anderson, Ryan Mathias, and Phil Hatcher
-Absent: Tommy Bergan

-Others Attending: Superintendent Joshua Johnson, Business Manager Jackie Cordie, Courtnie Lyter, Travis Peterson, Rob Hunt, Kristi Shanenko, Jill Askin, Darla Jacobson, Connie Schlittenhardt, Derrick Bopp, and Kalyn Botz.

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

Recognition of Students and/or Staff Members:

The following students were recognized: Girls Basketball – State Champions, Boys Basketball (Miken Mattson), Girls Wrestling (Mylee Christianson, Deegan Kirschenmann, Bethani Schuldheisz, and Hailey Ford), Boys Wrestling (Simon Trapp, Tyson Klabo, Ryer Muske, and Owen Hunt), Spelling Bee (Jack Goven, Jett Horsager, Beck Dietrich, and Rachel Drummond) and VEX Robtoics (Isaac Woehl, Devarsh Suryawanshi, Liam Bruns, and Beckett Ness).

President Horsager asked the board if we could move 9A – Out-of-State Travel Request – Robotics up in the agenda, all members agreed.
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the Out-of-State Robotics Travel Request.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried.

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.

-No public comments.

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

Consent Agenda:
-Bills totaling $401,824.93 (page 6) and the minutes from the February 11, 2026, regular meeting and the minutes from the March 3, 2026, Special Meeting, 02.26 General Fund, and 02.26 Health Fund.
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the consent agenda.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion.
-The board approved the consent agenda.

Continuous Improvement (i.e. Accreditation, Board Development, District Goals, and Strategic Plan):
-Mr. Johnson provide the board an update on the district strategic plan and focus goals, originally adopted in 2023. The five focus areas are: Curriculum, Professional Development, Culture and Climate, Social Emotional Learning (SEL), and Engagement.

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.

-Activity Committee, discussions around the Essentia Health Sponsorship Agreement, Storm Water Management and Field Turf, New Practice Fields, Strength and Conditioning Program, Events at the HAC, Scoreboards/Video at the HAC and New School, Update on Bus Shop, Recognition Process for Individuals.
Recommendation: Pending Essentia Health Sponsorship Agreement.

-Health Insurance Committee, discussions around Financial Reports, Health Insurance Plans, Alternative Options, Next Meeting in August on Rates.
Recommendation: N/A.

-Executive Board Committee, discussions around Essentia Health Sponsorship Agreement, District Audit Updates, Teacher Negotiations.
Recommendation: Pending Essentia Health Sponsorship Agreement.

Superintendent Report:
-Mr. Johnson provided the board an update on the 2025-26 District Calendar, Student Information System: Changes from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus, Best in Class Grant Application for Pre-Kindergarten, Legislative Visit to VCHS for Hydroponic Garden, Employment Posting for the 2025-26 School Year, and the Enrollment Report.

School Facility Project:
-Mr. Johnson provide the board on update on the school facility project. Bids were advertised on March 10, 2026, and due back by April 2, 2026, at 2:00 PM to Construction Engineers. CE will prepare and share detailed bid summary and plan a formal presentation of bids at the April 15, 2026, School Board meeting. CE anticipates installing safety fencing around the construction site the week of May 11-15.

Secondary Principal Report:
-Mr. Peterson shared with the board potential policy and program direction updated (High School and Alt Education). There was discussion around open campus lunches, busing to the SVACTC, open campus study hall (11-12), on campus for six periods per day, may have one online class and/or study hall. No action taken, will be routed through the Policy Committee and returned to the School Board for a formal action.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:
-Reduction-in-Force Agreements:
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the Reduction-in-Force RIF based on the needs of the school district and fluctuating enrollment and school funding, to eliminate one ELL position.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

-Teaching Positions for 2026-27:
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve the administrations recommendation to hire internally a Kindergarten Teacher and hire internally a 7-12 English Teacher for the 2026-27 school year.
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

-Superintendent Evaluation Comments:
Individual Comments – Goal and Vision Setting
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to include the Goal and Vision Setting individual comments.
-Second: Mathais seconded the motion
Upon poll, Yay – Anderson and Mathias; Nay – Hatcher and Horsager, Absent – Bergan, motion carried.

Individual Comments – Board Relations
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to include the Board Relations individual comments.
-Second: Mathais seconded the motion
Upon poll, Yay – Anderson and Mathias; Nay – Hatcher and Horsager, Absent – Bergan, motion carried.

Individual Comments – Human Resources
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to include the Human Resources individual comments.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion
Upon poll, Yay – Anderson, Mathias, and Hatcher; Nay – Horsager, Absent – Bergan, motion carried.

Individual Comments – Operations and Resources
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to include the Operations and Resources individual comments.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion
Upon poll, Yay – Anderson, Mathias, and Hatcher; Nay – Horsager, Absent – Bergan, motion carried.

-Essentia Health Sponsorship Agreement:
Mr. Johnson provided the board with an update on the Essentia Health Sponsorship Agreement renewal/extension. There was discussion around including the Hanna Field Turf over stormwater management as an addendum to the existing new school bid package rather than running a separate bid. Mr. Johnson reiterated that any turf cost would be covered by the sponsorship and would not be part of the $46MM bond referendum.
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to direct administration and Construction Engineers to include the turf over stormwater management as an addendum in the new school bid documents.
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

-Petition for Representative Organization for Teacher Negotiations- VCEA:
-Motion: Mathias motioned to recognize the Valley City Educators Association (VCEA) as the teacher negotiation unit.
-Second: Anderson 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, Anderson 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 8:30 PM.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 7:50 PM and was attended by: Sherri Horsager, Phil Hatcher, Darin Anderson, Ryan Mathias, Josh Johnson, and Jackie Cordie.

Executive Session to discuss Teacher Negotiation Strategy

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 8:44 PM. The public has been invited to return to the meeting room, and we are now back in open session.

Next Meetings Date/Time:
- Regular School Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Adjournment:
- Time: Horsager declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Signatures:

President Jon Horsager

Business Manager _____

Date 04-15-26

March 2026 Bill List					
Entity Name		Amount	Entity Name		Amount
AED EVERYWHERE, INC.	$	143.72	MIDAMERICA BOOKS	$	2,449.15
ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY	$	156.50	Midwest Bus Parts	$	779.65
AMAZON Capital Services	$	1,422.44	MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	$	3,596.45
ASAP ELECTRIC	$	202.16	MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	$	3,493.37
BEK COMMUNICATIONS	$	1,205.77	NDSAA	$	115.00
BEK COMMUNICATIONS	$	1,156.32	New Life Church	$	729.00
BOYD WESTMAN	$	150.00	NORTH DAKOTA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL	$	70.00
BradyMartz	$	17,850.00	NORTHLAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	$	9,087.11
BRENT PETERSON	$	170.72	O'Reilly Auto Parts	$	196.77
CENEX FLEETCARD	$	554.16	PEARCE DURICK PLLC	$	498.75
CENEX FLEETCARD	$	150.00	Petro Serve USA	$	9,038.14
CENTRAL AVENUE CHIROPRACTIC PC	$	375.00	Petro Serve USA	$	6,131.74
CITY OF VALLEY CITY	$	178.00	PIZZA RANCH	$	89.18
COLE PAPERS	$	6,361.53	POPPLERS MUSIC INC.	$	155.88
DACOTAH BANK	$	9,545.65	Pye-Barker Fire & Safety	$	561.00
DARIN ANDERSON	$	184.73	Quadient- Postage Funding	$	1,000.00
DOCU SHRED INC	$	51.10	Quadient- Postage Funding	$	52.81
EDGELEY PS	$	1,250.00	QUALITY ALIGNMENT AND BRAKE CENTER	$	35.00
Elan Financial Services	$	3,050.14	Region V	$	213.74
Essentia Health	$	11,900.00	Sanford Health OccMed	$	1,525.00
GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.	$	989.48	SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC	$	62.36
GRIGGS COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL	$	1,250.00	SHERRI HORSAGER	$	197.10
GROTBERG ELECTRIC INC	$	1,300.33	SHEYENNE VALLEY AREA CAREER TECH	$	107,827.58
HANDY HARDWARE & RENTAL	$	761.61	SHEYENNE VALLEY MULTIDISTRICT SP. ED.	$	115,628.16
HIGH PLAINS WATER TREATMENT IN	$	250.50	SMITH LUMBER CO	$	788.18
HIGH PLAINS WATER TREATMENT IN	$	136.80	SODEXO, INC & AFFILIATES	$	725.00
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	$	455.69	SOUTH CENTRAL ADULT SERVICES	$	888.00
JACQUELINE CORDIE	$	292.52	VALLEY AUTO PARTS	$	611.06
JOHNSON CONTROLS	$	585.80	VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	$	2,500.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS BUILDING SOLUTIONS,	$	1,254.00	VALLEY GLASS SHOP	$	75.00
KEITH'S INC	$	4,035.72	VALLEY SERVICE	$	157.25
LEAF	$	1,418.45	VC PUBLIC WORKS	$	22,000.96
LEAF	$	1,418.45	VC PUBLIC WORKS	$	677.78
LearnWell	$	103.00	VC PUBLIC WORKS	$	4,320.32
LEEVERS	$	801.17	VC PUBLIC WORKS	$	17,504.05
MARCO, INC.	$	2,443.28	VC TIMES-RECORD	$	516.80
MARCO, INC.	$	2,431.28	VERIZON WIRELESS	$	513.92
MATTHEW MARESH	$	508.40	VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER	$	10,000.00
MCT INC.	$	500.00	WILD PRAIRIE BAKERY	$	19.25
Total:	$	401,824.93			