Valley City Public School District #2 Special School Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 7:00 AM

Call to Order:
President Sherri Horsager called the special school board meeting of the Valley City Public School District #2 to order 7:00 AM on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

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

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

Open Enrollment / District Tuition Agreement:
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the 2025-26 PS District Tuition/Cost Sharing Agreement for the 6th grader from Barnes County North.
-Second: Hatcher seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, Yea – Bergan, Hatcher, and Horsager; Nay – Anderson, Mathias, motion carried.

Open Enrollment / District Tuition Agreement:
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve the following:
2026-27 Tuition Agreement – Student from BCN
2027-28 Open Enrollment – Student from BCN
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried.

Mr. Johnson shared with the board the retirement letter from Ms. Lisa Rinehart, English Language (EL) teacher. Ms. Rinehart has been with the district for 11 years and we appreciate and thank her for her years of service to our school district.
No action needed; the EL position was RIF'd last month (like every year) due to unknown needs for EL.

Advertise for 7-12 Technology Education Position:
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve advertising for a 7-12 Technology Education Position.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried.

Essentia Health Sponsorship Agreement:
-Motion: Horsager motioned to table the approval of the Essentia Health Sponsorship Agreement until the district receives the agreement and it is reviewed by our attorney.
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried.

Bids for Synthetic Turf at Hanna Field:
-Motion: Anderson motioned to table the approval of up to $666,22400 for field turf, until we receive the sponsorship agreement from Essentia Health.

-Second: Mathias 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 8:20 AM.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 7:54 AM 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 8:39 AM. 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 8:39 AM.

Signatures:

President S. Horsager

Business Manager

Date 05-20-26