Valley City Public School District #2 Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 22, 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 Monday, June 22, 2026.

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

-Others Attending: Superintendent Joshua Johnson, Business Manager Jackie Cordie, Rob Hunt, Bryan Kriewald, Joleen Hagen, and Nicole Powers. Media News Dakota and VC Times Record

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

Recognition of Students and/or Staff Members:

-Mr. Nielson (EDC Coach of the Year) recognized the 2025-26 Girls Tennis Team; Mr. Bakalar recognized the Track and Field students who qualified for state; Baseball, and Softball were also recognized. A copy of the recognition is maintained with the meeting materials.

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:
-Mr. Johnson asked the board to add a comment regarding SVACTC under the Superintendent Report.
-Mathias motioned to approve the agenda as amended.
-Second: Hatcher seconded the motion.
-The board approved the agenda as set – all in favor, none opposed.

Consent Agenda:
-Bills totaling $179,146.11 (page 6) and the minutes from the May 20, 2026, regular meeting, and June 8, 2026, and June 11, 2026, special meetings, the 05.26 General Fund, and 05.26 Health Fund.
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve the consent agenda.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion.
-The board approved the consent agenda – all in favor, none opposed.

Continuous Improvement (i.e. Accreditation, Board Development, District Goals, and Strategic Plan):
-Mr. Johnson reviewed the Professional Development Plan (PD) that had been shared at prior meetings and will be positioned for approval in July for the 2026-27 school year.
-Mr. Johnson highlighted significant improvements in student attendance from last year to this year, emphasizing that student success increases with classroom attendance.

Reports:
-Negotiations Committee: discussions around Teacher Negotiations – next negotiations meeting scheduled for Thursday at 7:00 AM. The board noted the agenda item to discuss the teacher negotiation strategy in executive session later in the meeting
Recommendation: Appears later in action items.

-Activities Committee: discussions around Video Board (Video Board, Scores Table, Shot Clocks, LED Lighting, and Software Subscriptions) for HAC, Recognition Banners for the HAC, and Fine Arts Banquet
Recommendation: N/A.

Superintendent Report:
-Mr. Johnson provided the board with an Update on the Construction of the New School and Hanna Field, Temporary Road and Walking Path Closures on 12th Street, Authorization on Change Orders, Project Reports for our Community, District Sale of Property (Washington and the District Office), and Auditorium Committee. Mr. Johnson also let the board know that Mr. Bopp resigned as Director of SVACTC, effective July 31, 2026, due to personal reasons. SVACTC board is targeting August 1, 2026, as the start date for a new director.

School Facility Project 2028 Report:
-Mr. Johnson provide the board on update on the school facility project. He shared the ground is being built up, foundation work is projected to begin at the end of July, they are continuing to work on the storm water management system installation. CE anticipates turnover to FieldTurf by July 24th, projected completion date is August 14.
-There will be a temporary road closure in 12th Street for a few weeks, it will impact traffic, pedestrians, and events.
-There will be communication sent out via local media, social medica, e-mail and other district channels. Recommend authorization to approve change orders under $100,000.00 (no action at this time).
-Weekly project reports will be provided approximately every two weeks.
-There will be an Auditorium Feasibility Committee of approx. 10 members (staff, parents, community members) to explore an auditorium addition to the new school. We will plan on touring auditoriums in August or September. This will focus on sponsorships and donations.

Directors Reports (Technology, Food Service, and Activities):
-Activities Director Rob Hunt presented the annual Student Activities Participation Report. He reviewed student participation trends from 2018 through the 2025–2026 school year, highlighting participation by grade level and gender, recent activity classification changes, and

numerous student and team accomplishments. Mr. Hunt also discussed participation trends, recruitment efforts, and challenges facing certain activities. No board action was requested.
-Technology Director Bryan Kriewald presented the annual Technology Report. He reviewed the technology budget, including the district's device replacement schedule for student iPads and teacher laptops. Mr. Kriewald also provided an update on the planned Highliner Activity Center sound system upgrade (due to obsolete hardware) and discussed the district's transition from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus, including implementation progress, staff training, anticipated efficiencies, and readiness for the 2026–2027 school year. No board action was requested.
-Food Service Director Joleen Hagen presented the annual Food Service Report. She reviewed the 2025–2026 budget, participation trends, operational challenges, and ongoing efforts to increase student participation through menu improvements and enhanced meal presentation. Mrs. Hagen also discussed the hydroponics program, anticipated efficiencies with the new school facility, reimbursement rates, and factors affecting the financial sustainability of the food service program. No board action was requested.

Canvassing of the School Board Election:
-The Board reviewed the official results of the June 9, 2026, School Board Election. Total ballots cast were 790; Ryan Mathias (722 votes) was elected to the Rural seat, Sherri Horsager (589 votes) was elected to the At-Large seat, and the ballot measure authorizing publication of School Board meeting minutes in the official newspaper for an additional two years was approved.
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the June 9, 2026, School Board Election results.
-Second: Hatcher seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll (Anderson – absent), all present approved, motion carried

Request for Proposal on Fuel Bids for 2026-2027:
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to authorize the Business Manager to publish an RFP for Fuel for the 2026-27 school year.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll (Anderson – absent), all present approved, motion carried

Amend the School District Calendar for 2026-2027:
-Mr. Johnson recommended changing October 22, 2026, from a professional development day to a non-school day, with Infinite Campus training to be completed through flexible summer hours or before the start of the school year.
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve the calendar revision as presented.
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll (Anderson – absent), all present approved, motion carried

Non-Tuition and Open Enrollment Applications:
-Motion: Bergan motioned to approve the open enrollment requests and tuition cost-sharing agreements as presented.
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll (Anderson – absent), all present approved, motion carried

Preliminary Handbooks and Fees for 2026-2027:
-Mr. Johnson presented the proposed 2026–2027 student handbook revisions and fee schedule for first reading. No fee increases were proposed, and a family activity fee cap was introduced for consideration. No action was taken.

Bids on Video Board, Scorer's Table, Shot Clocks and Lighting, Software Programs at the HAC.
The Board reviewed bids for the purchase and installation of video boards, a digital scorer's table, shot clocks, lighting, and associated software for the Highliner Activity Center. Administration reviewed the proposed funding plan, which will be fully funded by a donation from the Hi-Liner Booster Club. There will be no money from the General Fund used to purchase the Video Board. Bids were received from DakTronics, Digital Scoreboard, and Tricorne.
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the bids for the Video Board, Scorer's Table, Shot Clocks and Lighting, Software Programs, as presented.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll (Anderson – absent), all present approved, motion carried

Donation from Valley City Booster Club:
-Motion: Mathias motioned to accept a $200,000 donation from the Valley City Hi-Liner Booster Club to be used toward the purchase and installation of a video board, digital scorer's table, shot clocks, lighting, and associated software for the Highliner Activity Center.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll (Anderson – absent), 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 (Anderson – absent), 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 7:15 PM.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 6:44 PM and was attended by: Sherri Horsager, Phil Hatcher, 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 7:11 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, July 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Adjournment:
- Time: Horsager declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM

Signatures:

President Jh Horsager

Business Manager

Date 07-15-26

June 2026 Bill List

Entity Name	Amount	Entity Name	Amount
ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY	$ 204.00	MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	$ 1,448.61
AMAZON Capital Services	$ 3,782.91	NAPA AUTO PARTS, INC	$ 447.51
ARDIE CORDIE	$ 236.00	ND ATTORNEY GENERAL	$ 2.00
Ava Ask	$ 15.00	ND SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION	$ 156.00
BEK COMMUNICATIONS	$ 1,155.87	New Life Church	$ 217.50
BLAIR'S AUTO BODY, LLC	$ 427.85	NOODLE TOOLS, INC	$ 390.00
BRENDA STEARNS	$ 236.00	NORTHLAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	$ 1,039.62
CENEX FLEETCARD	$ 820.80	O'Reilly Auto Parts	$ 141.10
CENTRAL AVENUE CHIROPRACTIC PC	$ 125.00	OCLC	$ 1,000.00
COLE PAPERS	$ 3,444.37	PEARCE DURICK PLLC	$ 498.75
DACOTAH BANK	$ 9,545.65	Petro Serve USA	$ 10,021.71
DAKOTA BOYS & GIRLS RANCH	$ 4,830.00	Quadient- Postage Funding	$ 1,000.00
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	$ 863.00	QUALITY ALIGNMENT AND BRAKE CENTER	$ 536.69
DAKOTA ROSE FLORAL	$ 65.00	Regency Midwest Ventures	$ 255.00
DOCU SHRED INC	$ 119.24	ROCHESTER 100 INC.	$ 260.40
EDGELEY PS	$ 1,500.00	Sadie Olson	$ 22.50
EDUTECH	$ 60.00	Samantha George	$ 154.00
Elan Financial Services	$ 3,664.93	Sanford Health OccMed	$ 61.00
Elan Financial Services	$ 57.85	SHEILA KRIEWALD	$ 843.90
Emma Kennedy	$ 15.00	SHEILA LARSON	$ 729.94
Essentia Health	$ 862.50	SHEYENNE VALLEY MULTIDISTRICT SP. ED.	$ 65,464.68
GRIGGS COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL	$ 1,500.00	SMITH LUMBER CO	$ 726.62
HANDY HARDWARE & RENTAL	$ 744.82	SOUTH CENTRAL ADULT SERVICES	$ 381.00
HIGH PLAINS WATER TREATMENT IN	$ 91.00	Spencer Brown	$ 15.00
J.W. PEPPER	$ 187.96	THE LIBRARY STORE	$ 178.74
JOANNE BEAR	$ 236.00	THOMAS VANORNY	$ 236.00
JOHN DRUMMOND	$ 278.00	Val Acosta	$ 22.50
JOSTENS INC.	$ 464.55	VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	$ 50.00
KEITH'S INC	$ 312.00	VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	$ 3,000.00
KELVIN LP	$ 123.20	VALLEY OFFICEWORKS	$ 314.40
LEAF	$ 1,418.45	VALLEY SERVICE	$ 143.46
LearnWell	$ 1,556.50	VC PUBLIC WORKS	$ 16,198.77
LEEVERS	$ 1,082.62	VC PUBLIC WORKS	$ 4,353.91
MARCO, INC.	$ 2,443.28	VC PUBLIC WORKS	$ 15,775.54
Missoula Children's Theatre, Inc.	$ 3,700.00	VC TIMES-RECORD	$ 844.05
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	$ 382.04	VERIZON WIRELESS	$ 663.82
		VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER	$ 5,000.00
Total:	$ 179,146.11		