Valley City Public School District #2 Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 7:00 AM

Call to Order:
President Sherri Horsager called the regular school board meeting of the Valley City Public School District #2 to order at 7:00 AM on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

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

-Others Attending: Superintendent Joshua Johnson, Business Manager Jackie Cordie, Jordyn Heck, Courtnie Lyter, Becky Goven, Chad Lueck, Tara Glandt, Sarah Lerud, Matt Maresh, and Josh Lagein.
Zoom: Allie Stevens, Kyle Kvamme, Heather Oliveieri – Icon Architectural Group.
Lance Monson – Construction Engineers

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

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 requested to add 8C to include Icon Architectural Group and Construction Engineers.
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the agenda with the modification.
-Second: Hatcher seconded the motion.
-The board approved the agenda as set.

Consent Agenda:
-Bills totaling $138,381.49 (page 4) and the minutes from the January 21, 2026, regular meeting, 01.26 General Fund, and 01.26 Health Fund.
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the consent agenda.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion.
-The board approved the consent agenda.

School Facility Project 2028 – Presentation for Icon and Construction Engineers:
-Allie Stevens from Icon reported on the progress of the school design, targeting 100% completion of CD by the end of February. They will issue the final design drawings to bidders on March 10, 2026. Bid day is April 2, 2026. Allie presented the VE alternates, deduction options and recommendations to the board after bids are analyzed (April). Josh Lagein spoke on behalf the steering committee regarding the scope of the work and to focus the resources in the new school and to not have to make any concessions unless necessary. If there are concessions that need to be made, they do not want it to compromise the programming for students. It is a priority of the committee to not eliminate any classroom space. Darin Anderson, expressed concerns about not having a clear funded plan to demolish the current high school, Mr. Johnson said that the plan, if needed, is to review the deduction options as needed.

Reports:
- Transportation & Facility Committee – Discussions around the community member questions on existing high school, update on the School Facility Project 2028, review of the RFP on the school related equipment (Skid Steer), review additional district equipment, update on the Bus Shop project, discussion on Summer Maintenance Projects (2026), update on Appraisals/CMA of Washington and parking lot. The district is moving forward with the Appraisal of Washington Elementary, and the CMA for the district office came in around $250K and the parking lot was between $9,000 and $13,000.00.
Recommendation: No action on the RFP for the Skid Steer equipment until committee and/or school board discusses district budgets for 2026-27.

Superintendent Report:
-Mr. Johnson provided the board an update on the Collaboration with Barnes County Museum, ND Special Legislative Session (January 2026), School Safety and Security Report for 2025-26, Best in Class Grant Application for Pre-Kindergarten, Barnes County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning, Superintendent Evaluation, Employment Posting for the 2025-26 School Year, and the Enrollment Report.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:
-District Policies (Second Readings):
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to move to adopt the four listed policies as presented .

- AACA – Section 504
- BAA – Employing Board Members
- BAB – Board Conflict of Interest
- FDE – Education of Special Education Students/Students with Disabilities

The policy adoption date is June 12, 2025.
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

-2026-2027 District Calendar (Second Reading):
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the 2026-2027 district calendar as presented on the second reading.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

-Request for Proposals on School District Facility and Grounds Equipment
-No action

-Petition for Recognition of Appropriating Negotiating Unit from VCEA:
-Motion: Anderson motioned that the VCPS Board recognized the submitted petition for an appropriating negotiating unit and grant recognition as presented.
-Second: Hatcher seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

- Establish the Date/Time/Location for the School Board Election:
-The 2026 School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Central Admin Building from 9:00AM to 7:00PM. We have two school board seats open: one (1) At Large and one (1) Rural.
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to set the School Board Election for Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Central Admin Building from 9:00AM to 7:00PM.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

-Recommendation for the Board to Determine Scope of Reduction-In-Force:
-Motion: Anderson motioned based on the needs of the school district – lack or uncertainty of funds and declining enrollment, to eliminate one (1) .78 FTE English Language Learner (ELL) teaching position and instruct the Superintendent to identify the individuals for RIF based on the Reduction Procedure in the Negotiated Agreement.
-Second: Hatcher seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried

Next Meetings Date/Time:
- Regular School Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Adjournment:
- Time: Horsager declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 AM

Signatures:

President _____

Business Manager _____

Date 03-18-26

February 2026 Bill List					
Payee	Amount		Payee	Amount	
AED EVERYWHERE, INC.	$ 2,486.08		ND ATTORNEY GENERAL	$ 80.00	
AMAZON Capital Services	$ 3,066.34		ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION	$ 4,235.00	
Apex Water & Process Inc	$ 2,611.57		ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION	$ 6,226.00	
BEK COMMUNICATIONS	$ 1,695.64		ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION	$ 4,251.00	
Berts Truck Equipment	$ 442.91		ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION	$ 6,047.00	
BLICK ART MATERIALS	$ 71.00		ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION	$ 4,580.00	
BradyMartz	$ 21,000.00		NORTHLAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	$ 9,043.01	
CITY OF VALLEY CITY	$ 22,500.00		O'Reilly Auto Parts	$ 463.73	
COLE PAPERS	$ 247.99		OptimizED Strategic Solutions	$ 10,092.80	
DACOTAH BANK	$ 9,545.65		PIZZA CORNER	$ 267.25	
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	$ 3,505.52		POPPLERS MUSIC INC.	$ 186.39	
DOCU SHRED INC	$ 50.42		Quadient - Leasing	$ 342.42	
EDUTECH	$ 60.00		QUALITY ALIGNMENT AND BRAKE CENTER	$ 27.00	
Elan Financial Services	$ 4,687.51		RACHELLE HUNT	$ 227.50	
HANDY HARDWARE & RENTAL	$ 502.37		SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC	$ 194.90	
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	$ 113.15		SHARON BRATRUD	$ 227.50	
JANA OLSON	$ 30.00		SHAWEN DUMLAO	$ 30.00	
JoEllen Lee	$ 30.00		SHEILA KRIEWALD	$ 1,299.20	
JOHN DRUMMOND	$ 30.38		SMITH LUMBER CO	$ 52.45	
JOHNSON CONTROLS	$ 1,795.66		SOUTH EAST EDUCATION COOPERATIVE	$ 1,211.29	
JOSHUA JOHNSON	$ 966.52		Special Education Gurus	$ 500.00	
KEITH'S INC	$ 551.33		Stoudt Miller, Inc.	$ 793.06	
LearnWell	$ 82.50		Tabitha Muncy	$ 682.50	
Loffler	$ 516.93		TRISTAN RATHS	$ 49.23	
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	$ 377.35		VALLEY AUTO PARTS	$ 387.69	
Midwest Bus Parts	$ 338.09		VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY	$ 135.00	
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	$ 984.72		VC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	$ 595.00	
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	$ 1,883.74		VC PUBLIC WORKS	$ 4,547.39	
ND ATTORNEY GENERAL	$ 40.00		VC TIMES-RECORD	$ 249.90	
ND ATTORNEY GENERAL	$ 80.00		VERIZON WIRELESS	$ 1,063.91	
Total:	$ 138,381.49				