

The regular meeting of the Bowdle Board of Education was held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bowdle School with the following members present: Zinter, Hoffman, Heinrich, Belcher, and Hettick.

Others present: Principal Vander Vorst, Carolyn Nelson, Clay Cheskey, and Susan Holsworth.

The meeting was recorded for the Pride.

Chairman Zinter presided.

Motion by Hettick seconded by Belcher to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

No one had requested open forum, conflict disclosure or consideration of waivers.

In Acknowledgements Gary Frankfurth was thanked for making a donation for the End of Year Basketball party for the elementary students that had participated.

Hettick reported conflict of interest with negotiations and offering teacher contracts.

Motion by Hoffman seconded by Hettick to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Bowdle Board of Education held March 9, 2026. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion Heinrich seconded by Belcher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Oahe Special Education that was held March 16, 2026. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Trust & Agency report was presented as follows: Opening balance on March 1, 2026 was:28718.57; March revenue 47.67; March disbursements—0; Balance on hand on March 31, 2026 is 28766.24.

The combined school district financial statement for March was presented as follows: Revenue for the general fund included the following items: Cor-Trust—969.18, interest; First State Bank—152.68, interest; Edmunds, Walworth, and Campbell —48313.12, taxes; State of SD—8127.00, state aid; State of SD---786.23, Medicaid Admin. Capital Outlay received 19386.13 from Edmunds & Walworth counties for tax dollars. Special Education revenue from Edmunds and Walworth Co for taxes was 7543.23, State of SD---Medicaid Admin, 262.08. Lunch fund sales were 1097.60; State of SD—1545.60, CANS Program. Balances on hand on March 31, 2026 were: General---540357.86; Capital Outlay—997095.82; SPED----179552.97; School lunch—441.87.

The following bills were presented and reviewed:

General Fund

Instructional Salaries, April, 26303.17
Supportive Salaries, April, 16831.97
Co-Curricular Salaries, April, 910.97
Cor-Trust, SSA/MED/WH, 11162.98
SDRS, Retirement, 6524.24
NPIP, Health Insurance, 9603.60
American Family, Insurance, 404.25
American Funds, 403B plans, 450.00
Delta Dental, Insurance, 398.10
VSP, Vision Insurance, 150.32
Agtegra, Bus Fuel, 93.54
ASBSD, Training, 125.00
BMO Harris, Supplies, 1219.09
BMO2, Supplies, 1979.79
Bowdle Building and Hardware, Supplies, 14.66
Bowdle School Imprest Fund, Stamps, 156.00
Bowdle Pit Stop, Bus Fuel, 667.62
CashWa, FFV, 313.12
Century Business Products, Copier Usage, 213.24

City of Bowdle, Water, 221.99
Cole Papers, Supplies, 395.90
Edmunds Central, Tuition, 45000.00
Geier, Teresa, Supplies, 16.14
Graves IT Solutions, Support, 250.00
Matheson Tri-Gas, Tank Rental, 146.68
MDU, Natural Gas and Electric, 4437.80
Peterman, Lisa, Library Supplies, 109.25
Pride of the Prairie, Proceedings and Ads, 178.26
Reuer Sanitation, Garbage, 160.00
Sattler, Ronnel, Supplies, 14.86
Servall, Mop Service, 254.52
Turner Drug, Supplies, 4.59
SDMMIS, Medicaid Admin Fee, 56.72
Venture, Phone and Speaker System, 2154.85

Capital Outlay

Time Management, Subscription, 50.00

Special Education

Instructional Salaries, April, 3049.86
Cor-Trust, SSA/WH/MED, 505.28
Alpine Academy, Consultant Services, 2032.81
Bowdle Healthcare, OT/ST Services, 5010.00
Oahe Special Ed Co-op, Contract Service, 13314.92

School Lunch

Supportive Salaries, April, 1955.62
Cor-Trust, SSA/MED/WH, 427.56
SDRS, Retirement, 281.34
NPIP, Group Insurance, 604.00
BMO, Supplies, 29.52
Cash Wa, Food & Supplies, 1398.16
Earthgrains, Bread, 64.40
Kemps, Dairy, 470.30
Kens, Food, 30.22
Kesslers, Food, 61.44

Motion by Hettick seconded by Belcher to approve the March financial statement, Trust & Agency fund, and to allow all bills as read. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Nelson reported that petitions for open board positions were received from Zinter and Heinrich. There will be no election. The cash balance requirements will be met for the school year. Nelson will be attending SDASBO meeting April 21-23 in Pierre.

Motion by Belcher and seconded by Heinrich to enter Executive Session at 5:43 pm for Negotiations, SDCL 1-25-2 (4). All voted aye. Motion Carried.

Holsworth, Cheskey, and Hettick left at this time and returned to the Executive Session at 6:05 pm.

Executive Session ended at 7:25 pm.

Motion by Belcher and second by Hoffman to approve 2.5% raise for teaching staff, increase payout for personal days to 145.00 (rate of pay for a certified substitute for one day), and to change the wordage for sick leave to include Bereavement, Family, and Sick days. Roll call vote was taken with all voting aye and Hettick abstaining. Motion carried.

First reading of the 2026-27 School Calendar was held. Some changes to the calendar were discussed and will be presented to the staff. Second reading and approval of School Calendar will be held at the May meeting.

Mr. Vander Vorst reported that he has placed orders for the kitchen hood vent and the elementary doors. He has been getting quotes for the hand washing sink, landscaping at the Supt. House, and cooler for the concession stand.

Mr. Vander Vorst told the board that he has corresponded with Montana State about the school bobcat logo but has not heard back from them.

Mr. Vander Vorst and Mariah Geier attended the State Title 1 Meeting in Pierre last week and did a presentation on community involvement and the Bowdle School Foundation.

The Spring Concert will be held May 14th at 7:00 pm.

State testing will begin April 21st for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.

Edmunds Central still has our big bus and uses it to transport Bowdle students back and forth. The school van was damaged and a quote was obtained. It was decided to only fix the tail light and not repair the paint due to the mileage on the vehicle.

Salary negotiations for administrative staff and classified staff will be on the May agenda.

Motion by Hettick and seconded by Belcher to enter Executive Session at 7:30 pm to discuss SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel, and SDCL 1-25-2 (4) Negotiations. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Nelson left the meeting at this time.

Executive Session ended at 8:55 pm.

Motion by Heinrich and seconded by Belcher to offer contracts to the following certified staff; Cheskey, Geier, Hettick, Holsworth, Lien, Lucban, and Reilley. Hettick abstained from voting. Roll call vote was taken with all voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hettick and seconded by Hoffman to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will be held May 11th at 5:30 pm.

Zinter declared the meeting adjourned.

Tom Zinter, Chairman

Carolynn Nelson, Bus. Mgr.