

SOLEND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Solen, ND

May 19, 2026

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

A regular school board meeting of the Solen School Board was held on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, Members present included Maxine Thunder Hawk; Shannon Thunder Hawk, Pete Red Tomahawk, Sonya Smith, Tina Conica, Neva White Lightning. Member absent: Madonna Red Bear. Others present included Cari Kramer (Superintendent), David Drapeaux (Business Manager), Levi Kalsow (HS Principal), Tyson Maxon (CEB Principal), Jason Peterszyn (Swenson-Hagen).

Meeting was called to order by Board President Maxine Thunder Hawk @ 5:33 pm.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Conica, to approve agenda with changes. Drapeaux asked to add action on the school board election and the approval of expenses for Apptegy & SUI. Kramer asked to add ND First MOU recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Peterszyn, from Swenson Hagen, discussed with board the CBE parking lot recommendations. Motion was made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by S. Thunder Hawk to accept the construction plan presented by Swenson Hagen & to direct the engineer to move forward with the solicitation of bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent reported Student Outcome Report. No action taken.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Smith to approve consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Consent agenda includes the following: Approval of 04/21/26 minutes; April 2026 Financial Board Report; Summer School Contracts, 2026-2027 Extra Duty Contracts for Michael Kerns (Instructional Coach); Josh Standing Elk (Athletic Director) Josh Standing Elk (Instructional Coach) Megan Rath (MTSS & Special Ed Assessments), Sonya Weinberger (CPI Trainer), 2026-2027 Coaching Contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Ian Fisher was recognized as Sioux County Teacher of the Year. No action taken.

Wanda Stretches was recognized for her service over the years due to her retirement at the end of the year. No action taken.

Board discussed a possible 4-day school week and what that would look like. No action taken.

Motion made by White Lightning, seconded by Concia, to approve the voluntary resignation of Victoria Engel at the completion of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Conica, seconded by White Lightning to offer Candace Crow Eagle a 2026-2027 teaching contract to teach culture. Lane A, Step 8. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Smith to offer Dmari Love a 2026-2027 contract to teach Reading Intervention. Lane E, Step 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by S. Thunder Hawk to approve Bus Driver Pay Scale as presented by the Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by S. Thunder Hawk, seconded by Smith to approve Cannon Ball Elementary Annual Schoolwide Title I Report/Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by S. Thunder Hawk, seconded by Smith to approve Solen Junior High School Annual Schoolwide Title I Report/Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by S. Thunder Hawk, seconded by Smith to approve Solen High School Annual Schoolwide Title I Report/Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager presented a summary of the April 2026 Financial report presented in the consent agenda. No action taken.

Motion made by S. Thunder Hawk and seconded by Smith, to accept the bid from Jessup Pelkey for the sale of the 2017 Chevy Traverse in the amount of \$5,775. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by S. Thunder Hawk, seconded by Smith, to approve Portages MOU from SRST. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by S. Thunder Hawk, seconded by Smith, to approve ND First MOU as present by Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by S. Thunder Hawk, seconded by Conica to approve CBE and SHS as the polling locations for the June 9, 2026, election and the polling times as 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Motion made by S. Thunder Hawk, seconded by Conica to approve Glenda Vivier, Gail Uses Arrow, Toni Plante, Ravin Martin, Lacey Hatzenbuhler and David Drapeaux as election workers for the June 9, 2026, election. Motion carried unanimously.

White Lightning questioned how the elections are advertised. She was informed of the process of advertising an election following century code and was informed that the Teton Times is our school newspaper. No action was taken.

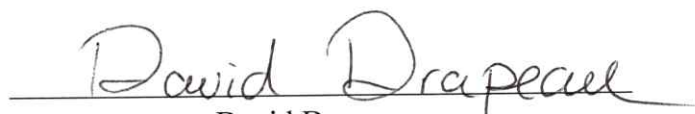
Motion made by Conica and seconded by S. Thunder Hawk to approve Apptegy Inc. expenditure for 2026-2027 Thrill Share Media Subscription in the amount of \$6,394.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by S. Thunder Hawk and seconded by Smith to approve Software Unlimited 2026-2027 annual fees in the amount of \$12,540. Motion carried unanimously.

Red Tomahawk brought up getting paid a stipend for attending graduation. He was reminded that he brought it up at the April 21, 2026, meeting and it was addressed at that meeting. No action taken.

Kalsow reminded the School Board of graduation activities on May 22nd. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.


David Drapeaux
Business Manager