

SOLEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Solen, ND

April 21, 2026

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

A regular school board meeting of the Solen School Board was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5:30 pm at Cannon Ball Elementary. Members present included Maxine Thunder Hawk; Shannon Thunder Hawk, Pete Red Tomahawk, Madonna Red Bear, Sonya Smith, Tina Conica, Neva White Lightning (arrived at 5:40). Others present included Cari Kramer (Superintendent), David Drapeaux (Business Manager), Levi Kalsow (HS Principal), Tyson Maxon (CEB Principal) and Deb Roberts (CBE Staff), Rebecca Nagel (CBE Staff), George Leingang (Staff) Jason Peterszyn (Swenson-Hagen).

Meeting was called to order by Board President Maxine Thunder Hawk @ 5:36 pm.

Motion by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Smith, to approve agenda with changes. Red Tomahawk asked for a discussion regarding graduation to be added to agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Peterszyn, from Swenson Hagen, discussed with board the CBE parking lot. The discussion lead to the formation of a committee to discuss options. The committee will be made up of the Superintendent, George Leingang and Pete Red Tomahawk. No action was taken.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Smith to approve consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Consent agenda includes the following: Approval of 03/18/26 minutes; March 2026 Financial Board Report

David Drapeaux presented a summary of the March 2026 Financial Report. No action was taken.

Motion was made by S. Thunder Hawk, and seconded by Smith to place on the June 9th, 2026 regular school board election ballot the question whether the District shall be authorized to levy up to twenty (20) mills for a building fund pursuant to NDCC 57-15-16 for the purpose of major building repairs, facility improvements, and other capitol improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Conica, to approve the purchase of a \$2,500,000 CD, using a combination of funds from the rollover of current CD, general fund checking, and money market accounts, from Starion Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Conica, to approve School Psychologist Job Description. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Bear, seconded by Thunder Hawk, to approve the voluntary resignation of Tyrell Taken Alive at the completion of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Red Bear, to approve 2026-2027 Crea contract for Counseling Services, which would include 2 days a week of service for \$43,600. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Red Bear, to offer a 2026-2027 CBE teaching contract to Kelsea Gehling for the 2026-2027 school year. Starting at Lane A-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Smith, to offer 2026-2027 High School teaching contract for Science, to Gloria Ramos for the 2026-2027 school year. Starting at Lane E-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Smith, seconded by Conica, to offer 2026-2027 contract to Megan Rath, for School Psychologist. Motion carried unanimously,

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Red Bear, to approve the 2026-2027 / 2027-2028 Negotiated Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Conica, to approve the updated SPS Non-Certified Pay, which includes work agreements for all returning staff. Board was informed that all current staff, except 2 substitute positions, will be offered work agreements for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Red Bear, to approve the SPS Administrative Non-Licensed Pay Scale as presented by Business Manager, which includes employment agreements for the Business Manager, David Drapeaux; Technology Coordinator; Kristen Henke; Facilities, Transportation Coordinator, George Leingang; CB School Secretary; Sherri One Horn and HS School Secretary Lacy Hatezbuhler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Smith, to approve the SPS Administrative Licensed Pay Scale as presented by Business Manager. Motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Red Bear, to approve Traci Peterson as Title One Coordinator for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion made by Smith, seconded by Red Bear, to approve Joshua Standing Elk as Elementary Dean of Students/Instructional Lead Coach for the 2026-2027 School Year, under the approved Administrative Licensed Pay Scale. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Smith, seconded by Red Bear, to approve Michael Kerns as High School Dean of Students/Instructional Lead Coach for the 2026-2027 School Year under the approved Administrative Licensed Pay Scale.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Smith, to approve Tyson Maxon as Elementary Principal for the 2026-2027 School Year, under the approved Administrative Licensed Pay Scale. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Smith, to approve Levi Kalsow, as High School Principal, for the 2026-2027 School Year. under the approved Administrative Licensed Pay Scale. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Red Tomahawk, seconded by Smith, to approve Cari Kramer, as Superintendent, for the 2026-2027 School Year, under the approved Administrative Licensed Pay Scale. Motion carried unanimously.

Red Tomahawk brought up discussion on graduation attendance for board members and his recommendation that they are paid stipends for attending. Board members agreed since they were paid last year to attend. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM



David Drapeaux
Business Manager

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 10	General Fund	
AALCO Athletic Equipment	55593	Athletic Supplies	775.00
Total AALCO Athletic Equipment			775.00
AdminPartners	40558	PRIOR YEAR EXPENSE	125.00
AdminPartners	41597	PRIOR YEAR EXPENSE	100.00
AdminPartners	43081	PRIOR YEAR EXPENSE	125.00
AdminPartners	47380	COMPLIANCE FEE	125.00
Total AdminPartners			475.00
AFLAC	921005	FEB AFLAC PAYROLL	1,855.04
Total AFLAC			1,855.04
Aire-Master of North Dakota	54257	DEODORIZER	84.00
Aire-Master of North Dakota	54258	DEODORIZER	162.00
Total Aire-Master of North Dakota			246.00
Amazon School Account	DD-021726	CLOTHING & HYGIENE FOR CBE	388.41
Amazon School Account	DD-031326	PROM SUPPLIES	371.84
Amazon School Account	DD-031326 II	GENERAL SUPPLIES	312.13
Amazon School Account	DD-031326 III	INK CARTRIDGES	243.45
Amazon School Account	DD-031626	CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	297.45
Amazon School Account	DD-031726	CLEANING SUPPLIES	136.85
Amazon School Account	DD-031926	ENHANCEMENTS TO WEIGHT ROOM	392.64
Amazon School Account	DD-032626	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS PER NDSC THREAT ASS	1,031.28
Amazon School Account	DD-032726	CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	672.16
Amazon School Account	DD-032726 II	CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	443.22
Amazon School Account	DD-033026	ACTIVITY SUPPLIES	233.01
Amazon School Account	LK-030326	PROM & GRAD SUPPLIES	125.61
Total Amazon School Account			4,648.05
American Express	DD-031626	ANNUAL FEE	895.00
Total American Express			895.00
Arco Gas Stations	CK-022626	GAS-SUBURBAN	40.44
Total Arco Gas Stations			40.44
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	MAR2026	MARCH PREMIUM	46,991.70
Total Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND			46,991.70
BSN Sports Inc	CK-031026	APPARREL FOR TRACK COACHES	207.26
BSN Sports Inc	CK-031326	TRACK APPARREL FOR ADMIN	186.98
Total BSN Sports Inc			394.24
Buffalo Wild Wings	JSE-032826	LUNCH, CONFERENCE FARGO, ND	18.69
Buffalo Wild Wings	JSE-032926	DINNER, CONFERENCE, FARGO	38.00
Total Buffalo Wild Wings			56.69
Burger King	JSE-032726	LUNCH, CONFERENCE FARGO, ND	10.15
Total Burger King			10.15
CREA	2526-0452	CONTRACTED SERVICES	2,495.50
Total CREA			2,495.50

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
D & E Supply	092330	CBE MAINT SUPPLIES	178.49
D & E Supply	092341	PART FOR VACUUM CLEANER	111.95
Total D & E Supply			290.44
Dakota Dust-Tex	0883044	MOP SERVICE	81.55
Total Dakota Dust-Tex			81.55
Dakota Grounds Coffee	LK-031226	FOOD FOR GED TESTING	17.37
Total Dakota Grounds Coffee			17.37
Dakota Supply Group	GL-032426	FILTERS	220.21
Dakota Supply Group	GL-032426 II	VACUUM BREAKER	41.40
Total Dakota Supply Group			261.61
Department of Public Instruction	22611	SNP	1,735.71
Total Department of Public Instruction			1,735.71
Dick's Sporting Goods	JSE-031726	KNEEPADS FOR VB	356.40
Dick's Sporting Goods	JSE-032726	KNEEPADS	64.77
Total Dick's Sporting Goods			421.17
EduTech	8740	POWERSCHOOL CONTACTS	100.00
Total EduTech			100.00
Essentia - Occ Med	MUTCHLER	MUTCHER PHYSICAL	105.00
Total Essentia - Occ Med			105.00
Forte	89143802	ALARM TESTING	3,000.00
Total Forte			3,000.00
HA Thompson & Sons	63068	HS MAINT AGREEMENT 03/01/26 - 05/31/26	5,895.00
HA Thompson & Sons	63071	CB MAINT AGREEMENT 03/01/26 - 05/31/26	2,995.00
Total HA Thompson & Sons			8,890.00
Hoffman's Garage	169312	REPLACE SENSOR & PROGRAM TPMS SYS	205.49
Hoffman's Garage	169453	BLOWER MOTOR	138.57
Hoffman's Garage	169465	HOSE CLAMPS	20.00
Hoffman's Garage	169637	REPAIR SHOCKS	345.00
Hoffman's Garage	19415	WASHER MUZZLE KIT	67.02
Hoffman's Garage	CREDIT	CREDIT FOR SALE OF TRAILER	(5,200.00)
Hoffman's Garage	FEB2026	FEBRUARY GAS	9,802.46
Hoffman's Garage	JAN2026	JANUARY GAS	4,006.45
Total Hoffman's Garage			9,384.99
Holiday Inn Fargo	JSE-032826	BRKFAST AT CONFERENCE	4.15
Total Holiday Inn Fargo			4.15
Information Technology Dept	DP022026.943.2	FEB ND TECH SERVICE	202.39
Total Information Technology Dept			202.39

Board Report - Board

MARCH 2026 BY VENDOR

Invoice Number

Description

Amount

JSE-033026

LUNCH, 3RD DAY OF CONF, FARGO

27.00

27.00

Jacks Steakhouse

CK-030326

LUNCH WITH TITLE COORD

45.50

Total Jacks Steakhouse

45.50

Jersey Mikes

CK-030326

MEAL. MINOT, CAREER FAIR

15.09

Total Jersey Mikes

15.09

Johnson, Orion

TRAVEL-021926

SPED PARA TRAINING, MANDAN PER
DIEM

136.30

Total Johnson, Orion

136.30

Kalsow, Levi

LK-031126

LUNCH FOR STUDENTS TAKING GED

64.00

Kalsow, Levi

TRAVEL-022526 II

RON CLARK ACD, RIDESHARE

291.27

Total Kalsow, Levi

355.27

Kids Therapy Center, The

109792

COUNSELING SERVICES

412.96

Total Kids Therapy Center, The

412.96

Kuske, Bailey

TRAVEL-032626

ND COUNCIL FOR EXP CHIILDREN PER
DIEM

38.00

Total Kuske, Bailey

38.00

Last Chance

031726

PIZZA'S FOR COGNIA TEAM

75.00

Total Last Chance

75.00

Marathon Petro

CK-030426

GAS FOR SCHOOL VEHICLE- MINOT

30.00

Total Marathon Petro

30.00

Martin, Ravin

TRAVEL-022426

MSSEU TRAINING

52.32

Martin, Ravin

TRAVEL-022626-
REISSU

SPED TRAINING -REISSUE CK 9975

46.87

Total Martin, Ravin

99.19

McDonalds

TM-030626

LIBRARY FIELD TRIP, 2ND GRADE

71.33

McDonalds

TM-030626 II

LIBRARY FIELD TRIP, 2ND GRADE

87.72

McDonalds

TM-030926

LIBRARY FIELD TRIP, GRADES 3-5

323.08

Total McDonalds

482.13

Miscellaneous

TM-032626

KINDERGARTEN GRAD SUPPLIES

151.87

Total Miscellaneous

151.87

Mor Gran Sou

2133001-FEB2026

BALL DIAMOND

60.00

Mor Gran Sou

2133002-FEB2026

HS ELECTRIC

3,515.76

Mor Gran Sou

2133005-FEB2026

BUS GARAGE

130.68

Mor Gran Sou

2133006-FEB2026

CB ELECTRIC

5,100.00

Mor Gran Sou

2133007-FEB2026

CB GARAGE

36.51

Mor Gran Sou

2133008-FEB2026

TRAILER D-DUMAPIT

101.57

Mor Gran Sou

2133009-FEB2026

TRAILER C-RAFAEL

86.99

Mor Gran Sou

2133011-FEB2026

TRAILER A-PUNO

82.80

Mor Gran Sou

21333010-FEB2026

TRAILER B-MARTIN

77.13

Total Mor Gran Sou

9,191.44

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
Morton-Sioux Special Educational Unit	2026.03	SPEECH & OT SERVICES FOR FEB	12,103.97
Total Morton-Sioux Special Educational Unit			12,103.97
ND Association of School Businesss Managers	2026 DUES	2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES	50.00
Total ND Association of School Businesss Managers			50.00
ND Center for Distant Education	INV031562	DISTANT LEARNING-CTE	250.00
ND Center for Distant Education	PS-INV030591_	DISTANT LEARNING-CTE	21.00
Total ND Center for Distant Education			271.00
ND Dept.of Environmental Quality Boiler Inspection	N41103	ANNUAL BOILER INSPECTION	60.00
Total ND Dept.of Environmental Quality Boiler Inspection			60.00
ND PERS	MAR2026	MARCH PERS	14,110.50
Total ND PERS			14,110.50
ND Teacher Fund for Retirement	MARCH2026	MARCH TFFR WITHHOLDINGS	42,974.01
Total ND Teacher Fund for Retirement			42,974.01
NDCEL	45380	NDASA CONF-BUS MGR AUG 7, 2025	150.00
NDCEL	47774	NDASA CONF-BUS MGR	150.00
Total NDCEL			300.00
NFHS Learning Center	JSE-030526	LEARNING COURSE - BLUE CLOUD	80.00
Total NFHS Learning Center			80.00
Office of Attorney General	BGC-MARTIN	BGC-R.MARTIN	40.00
Total Office of Attorney General			40.00
Office of State Tax Commissioner	JAN-MAR2026	1ST QTR 2026 NDSIT WITHHOLDINGS	1,428.00
Total Office of State Tax Commissioner			1,428.00
Open AI - Chat GPT	DD-031726	MONTHLY FEE	20.00
Total Open AI - Chat GPT			20.00
PDF Help LLC	CK-030926	PDF CONVERTER SUBSCRIPTION	228.00
Total PDF Help LLC			228.00
Peterson, Traci	TRAVEL-032626	ND COUNCIL FOR EXP CHILDRN PER DIEM	38.00
Peterson, Traci	TRAVEL-FEB2026	FEB MILEAGE CB-HS & BACK	37.50
Total Peterson, Traci			75.50
Petro Gas	JSE-033026	WATER, CONFERENCE FARGO	3.29
Petro Gas	JSE-033026 II	FILL UP GAS FOR SCHOOL V EHCILE	58.46
Total Petro Gas			61.75
Plunketts-Varment Guard	10383068	CB PEST CONTROL	122.00
Total Plunketts-Varment Guard			122.00
Prairie Knights Casino	CK-030426	WORKING LUNCH W/ ADM	69.10
Prairie Knights Casino	DD-031026	LUNCH; BUS MGR / BD PRES	36.52
Prairie Knights Casino	LK-032726	PIZZA FOR STAFF APPRECIATION	116.00

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
Total Prairie Knights Casino			221.62
Quadient Finance USA, Inc	7900044080669199-30	POSTAGE	141.17
Total Quadient Finance USA, Inc			141.17
Quadient Leasing USA Inc.	Q2261054	POSTAGE LEASE PMT 04/12/26 - 07/11/26	177.51
Total Quadient Leasing USA Inc.			177.51
Sam's Club	DD-032026	ANNUAL FEE	245.00
Total Sam's Club			245.00
Sauter, Kloe	REIMB-032426	GOLD COINS & SKITTLES	35.97
Total Sauter, Kloe			35.97
Software Unlimited Inc	20260306-23	REPORT WRITER ONE-TIME LICENSE FEE	1,145.00
Software Unlimited Inc	20260306-24	PRORATED REPORT WRITER	163.00
Total Software Unlimited Inc			1,308.00
SQUARE-TRACI KEDDEDY	LK-031326	TEACHER APPRECIATION GIFTS	320.25
Total SQUARE-TRACI KEDDEDY			320.25
SR Waste Water	8240	MARCH SEWER SERVICES	500.00
Total SR Waste Water			500.00
Standing Rock Propane	81260	PROPANE @HS	2,303.07
Standing Rock Propane	82322	PROPANE @ CB	676.06
Standing Rock Propane	82567	PROPANE @ BUS GARAGE	462.00
Standing Rock Propane	82568	PROPANE @ HS	3,426.50
Total Standing Rock Propane			6,867.63
Sunrise Delivery	4004674	CB SNP	490.00
Sunrise Delivery	40046743	HS SNP	170.00
Sunrise Delivery	4004748	HS SNP	170.00
Sunrise Delivery	4004749	CB SNP	250.00
Sunrise Delivery	4004838	HS SNP	170.00
Sunrise Delivery	4004839	CB SNP	490.00
Sunrise Delivery	4004940	HS SNP	241.04
Sunrise Delivery	4004941	CB SNP	487.97
Sunrise Delivery	4200698	RETURN	(19.50)
Total Sunrise Delivery			2,449.51
Target	CK-022726	SUPPLIES FOR CAREER FAIRS	80.02
Total Target			80.02
Teacher Synergy LLC	LK-030126	SUPPLEMENTAL WORKSHEETS SCIENCE	119.98
Total Teacher Synergy LLC			119.98
TRI State Water	2112700-FEB2026	FEB WATER	206.40
Total TRI State Water			206.40
US Food Service	5218881	HS SNP	3,863.51

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
US Food Service	5218883	CB FFV	318.46
US Food Service	5218885	FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SUPPLIES	861.34
US Food Service	5416701	HS SNP	2,942.20
US Food Service	5416707	CB SNP	2,990.70
US Food Service	5416708	NIGHT LIGHTS	633.89
US Food Service	5416709	CB FFV	246.42
US Food Service	5618313	CB SNP	1,978.52
US Food Service	5618314	FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SUPPLIES	737.13
US Food Service	5813197	HS SNP	2,866.76
US Food Service	5813198	CB SNP	3,147.76
US Food Service	5813199	CB FFV	431.41
US Food Service	5818312	HS SNP	1,546.46
Total US Food Service			22,564.56
Verizon Wireless	FEB2026	FEB1-FEB 28 CELLULAR DED	547.61
Total Verizon Wireless			547.61
Walmart	LK-031126	STAFF APPRECIATION/ST PATRICKS DAY	117.53
Total Walmart			117.53
Waste Management	6829268-0506-5	HS FEB WASTE	557.10
Waste Management	6829269-0506-3	CB FEB WASTE	429.24
Total Waste Management			986.34
Weinberger, Sonya	TRAVEL-032626	ND COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN	70.00
Weinberger, Sonya	TRAVEL-032626 II	TRAVEL PER DIEM, ND COUNCIL	101.40
Total Weinberger, Sonya			171.40
Weippert, Lisa	TRAVEL-FEB2026	TRAVEL CB-SOLEN & BACK	28.28
Total Weippert, Lisa			28.28
West River Telecommunications	MAR2026	MARCH TELEPHONE	490.14
Total West River Telecommunications			490.14
Westin Peachtree Plaza	LK-022826	HOTEL FOR RON CLARK PD, ATLANTA	783.03
Total Westin Peachtree Plaza			783.03
Fund Number 10			204,723.62
Checking Account ID 1			204,723.62