

RAPID CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 51-4 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Rapid City Area School Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 5:30 PM with President Troy Carr calling the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Jamie Clapham, Christine Stephenson, Walt Swan, Katy Urban, and Angela Rafferty. Donna Moore was absent with notice. Also in attendance were CFOO Coy Sasse and Superintendent Dr. Jami Jo Thompson.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

CLAPHAM moved and URBAN seconded to approve the agenda as recommended by administration. MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

SHARING THE WINS

Dr. Thompson shared Brayden Sanderson, a Central High School Senior, who attended a NASA internship in Texas over the summer. Brayden shared some of the things he did and the things he learned while there.

OPEN FORUM

No Speakers

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Thompson gave a presentation on The Promising Futures Fund. You can view this presentation at: <https://aptg.co/6dXStN>

CFOO Report

Mr. Sasse pivoted from his planned special service report to share information about bond amortization. You can view this presentation at: <https://aptg.co/6dXStN>

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Tyresha Grey Horse of Friends of the Children came and shared the summer program success and a grant they received. You can view this presentation at: <https://aptg.co/6dXStN>

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND MOUs

CLAPHAM moved and URBAN seconded to approve the proposed agreements as presented and recommended by administration. MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The District and Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) have partnered to provide eligible high school students with dual enrollment opportunities that allow them to earn both high school and college credit. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the responsibilities of each organization, while the Annual Addendum identifies the approved courses, schedules, contacts, and enrollment details for the 2026–2029 academic years. Together, these agreements ensure students have access to high-quality college coursework while supporting college and career readiness.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Approval of these agreements will continue the partnership between Rapid City Area Schools and Western Dakota Technical College, providing eligible students with access to dual enrollment courses that earn both high school and college credit while supporting college and career readiness.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends to approve the WDTC MOU and Annual Addendum. There is no cost to the District when approving the WDTC MOU and Annual Addendum.

AGREEMENT WITH YouScience

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

YouScience is an online College & Career Readiness platform used at the secondary and district level. The platform combines performance based aptitude activities with student-reported interest to help students identify their strengths, explore related careers, compare post secondary education options and develop individualized education and career plans. YouScience also provides work-based learning support as it houses the College & Career Readiness industry partners database at the district level.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

YouScience is the only aptitude based career assessment offering. It is used within multiple courses at the secondary level. It also houses all of the capstone and business partnerships for the College & Career Readiness department.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends renewing the subscription of YouScience for the 2026-2027 school year. The total cost of this agreement is \$10,620.00 from account 21 E 061 1131 4240 0098.

CONTRACT WITH BLACK HILLS SPECIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Rapid City Area Schools and Black Hills Special Services Cooperative wish to enter into a contract for the purpose of providing work experiences for students with disabilities who qualify for Project SEARCH program for the 2025-2026 school year. This agreement will provide four Project SEARCH student slots. Project SEARCH is a partnership between Monument Health, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Black Hills Special Services Cooperative and Rapid City Area School District.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

This Rapid City Area Schools contract has been in place with BHSSC for Project SEARCH for several years. This contract will provide services for 4 students who meet the eligibility criteria, totaling \$34,000.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the RCAS Board of Education approve the contract agreement between Rapid City Area School District and Black Hills Special Services Cooperative for Project SEARCH starting July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This contract can be terminated for cause by RCAS at any time with or without notice.

AGREEMENT WITH BLACK HILLS SPECIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Rapid City Area Schools and Black Hills Special Services Cooperative wish to enter into an agreement for the 2026-2027 school year to provide school psychologist services for private schools located within the RCAS area. With one open school psychologist position, this contract will assist the district in meeting child find obligations and completing reevaluations for students who are parentally placed in private schools within the district. It is estimated that services may include up to 25 evaluations during the school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Black Hills Special Services Cooperative will provide a school psychologist to work with private schools in the RCAS area. The school psychologist will complete testing, write reports, and be available to attend IEP and 504 meetings. The agreement is in effect from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The District will pay \$800 per evaluation and \$100 per hour for meeting attendance. Billing will be provided monthly.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the RCAS Board of Education approve the contract agreement between Rapid City Area School District and Black Hills Special Services Cooperative for the 2026-2027 school year to provide school psychologist services for private schools within the RCAS area.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN RCAS & RICOH

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This is a one-year software licensing agreement between Ricoh and RCAS for *MarketDirect StoreFront*, a web-to-print solution designed to streamline district printing operations.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

This platform drives cost efficiency by shifting high-volume print jobs from localized desktop printers to the centralized print shop—the district's most economical printing resource. Furthermore, it optimizes operational workflows by significantly reducing administrative labor and processing times for both educators and print shop personnel.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The annual cost for this one-year agreement is \$12,795.00. Funding for this agreement has been allocated in the 2026–2027 fiscal year budget. The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve this agreement.

AGREEMENT WITH MONUMENT HEALTH – WELLENSS SCREENINGS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Rapid City Area Schools (RCAS) seeks to enter into an agreement with Monument Health Rapid City Hospital, Inc. to offer wellness screenings to district staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Under the proposed agreement, Monument Health will provide the following optional services to RCAS staff:

- **Complete Metabolic Panel** – \$45 per employee
- **Influenza Vaccine** – \$50 per employee

These services will be offered on dates and at locations agreed upon during the month of October. This initiative is intended to provide convenient access to preventative care and support staff health and wellness during flu season.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the agreement between Monument Health Rapid City Hospital, Inc. and Rapid City Area Schools to proceed with the wellness screening program.

AGREEMENT WITH RCAS AND TARGETRIVER

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Rapid City Area Schools and Target River wish to enter into an agreement for advertising and community outreach services. Through this agreement, Target River will provide 2,000 double-sided 18" x 24" TargetOutdoor signs with stakes for use in promoting district initiatives and increasing community awareness.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The total cost of the agreement is \$8,375. The agreement includes the production and delivery of 2,000 double-sided yard signs and related marketing services.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the RCAS Board of Education approve the agreement between Rapid City Area Schools and Target River for the provision of TargetOutdoor marketing materials and services in the amount of \$8,375

Agreement With Johnson Controls Building Solutions, LLC for the Lynx Exterior Visual Indicator System**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Rapid City Area Schools received approval from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, for a Grant Award Modification under the district's School Violence Prevention Program grant. The approved modification authorizes the district to expand the project scope to include the Lynx panic, duress, and mass-notification system and exterior visual indicators integrated with the district's existing safety, camera, and access-control infrastructure.

The project will install Axis D4200-VE two-way audio network strobe speakers at district secondary schools. The devices will provide predefined audible and visual notifications during lockdowns, secure-building events, and other emergency situations. The project includes equipment, required Lynx licensing, cabling, installation, programming, testing, commissioning, project coordination, and owner training.

Johnson Controls Building Solutions, LLC submitted a proposal totaling \$163,727.35 for installation at Central High School, Rapid City Alternative Academy, Stevens High School, North Middle School, South Middle School, East Middle School, West Middle School, Southwest Middle School, and four spare devices. The project will be funded through the COPS School Violence Prevention Program grant in accordance with the approved Grant Award Modification.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The Lynx system will strengthen districtwide emergency communication by providing clear, immediate, and consistent notifications to staff, students, visitors, district personnel, and responding agencies. Integration with existing systems will improve situational awareness, reduce reliance on manual communication processes, and support faster, coordinated action during time-sensitive safety events.

Implementation will be coordinated by the district Safety Manager. The district will maintain all required procurement, property, financial, and grant records and will complete installation and training in accordance with the approved COPS grant scope and applicable federal requirements.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Johnson Controls Building Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$163,727.35 for the purchase, installation, integration, testing, commissioning, and training associated with the Lynx Exterior Visual Indicator System, with costs funded through the COPS School Violence Prevention Program grant.

AGREEMENT WITH SECURLY, INC.**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Rapid City Area Schools currently uses Securly Pass in seven secondary schools. The proposed agreement consolidates those subscriptions into one district-level agreement and extends the service to Stevens High School, providing consistent use of Securly Pass across all eight RCAS secondary schools.

Securly Pass is a cloud-based digital hall pass management system. The platform supports student movement and accountability during the school day by allowing authorized staff to issue and manage passes, monitor hall activity, and use consistent procedures and information to support school operations and student safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The agreement provides Securly Pass subscriptions for 6,778 students at Central High School, Stevens High School, Rapid City Alternative Academy, and East, North, South, Southwest, and West middle schools. The service term is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The total one-year cost is \$22,841.86.

A districtwide agreement will provide a common platform and consistent expectations across secondary schools while allowing school leaders to use student movement data to strengthen supervision, reduce instructional disruptions, and identify patterns that may require intervention. The service agreement states that RCAS retains ownership of its user data and that Securly will use student information only to provide the contracted services or comply with law. The agreement also requires Securly to maintain reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards and to comply with applicable student privacy requirements, including FERPA and COPPA.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the one-year agreement with Securly, Inc. for Securly Pass services at all eight RCAS secondary schools for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a total cost of \$22,841.86, and authorize the appropriate district officials to execute the agreement.

AGREEMENT WITH OAYE LUTA OKOLAKICIYE**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Oaye Luta Okolakiciye will provide Lakota-based, culturally responsive, trauma-informed counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and behavioral health support to referred at-risk American Indian students and their families to promote student wellness, identity development, academic success, and attendance. The partnership will also support students through one-to-one mentoring, targeted interventions for freshmen receiving out-of-school suspensions, and ongoing academic and attendance assistance. Family engagement will be strengthened through culturally relevant parenting classes, family engagement nights, attendance outreach, home visits, attendance celebrations, and the creation of family-friendly academic and attendance calendars. Services will be provided to identified students at Central High School and RCAA.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The MOU with Oaye Luta Okolakiciye will enhance District supports by providing culturally responsive mental health services, mentoring, family engagement, attendance interventions, academic support, and cultural programming that complement and strengthen existing student support services.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve this agreement with Oyate Luta Okolakiciye beginning July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029. There is no cost associated with this MOU.

AGREEMENT WITH LIFESIGHT (KidsFIRST Free Vision Screenings Memorandum of Understanding)**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Memorandum of Understanding continues the partnership between Rapid City Area Schools and LifeSight to provide free annual KidsFIRST vision screenings for preschool through 5th grade students at all 14 RCAS elementary schools. The agreement outlines each party's responsibilities related to scheduling, parental consent, volunteer requirements, reporting, insurance, and follow-up care to support early identification of vision concerns and improve student learning outcomes. The agreement automatically renews annually unless terminated with 90 days' written notice.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

This agreement formalizes the ongoing partnership with LifeSight and does not create a financial obligation for the District. It establishes operational expectations, liability and insurance requirements, and procedures necessary to provide vision screenings for eligible RCAS students.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Rapid City Area Schools and LifeSight to continue providing KidsFIRST free vision screenings for eligible RCAS students.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

URBAN moved and CLAPHAM seconded to approve the following proposed consent agenda items as recommended by the administration. MOTION CARRIED (6-0).

RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT OF BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Rapid City Area School District No. 51-4, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.2 and after duly considering the proposed budget amendment, hereby approves and adopts the following amendment in total:

Increase: \$461,833.00

Function:

18-2219 Perkins – Professional Development	\$89,733.00
18-1131 Perkins – HS Professional Development	\$203,330.00
17-2113 McKinney Vento - Social Work Services	\$133,064.00
17-2559 McKinney Vento – Stud. Transportation Services	\$20,000.00
17-2490 McKinney Vento – Admin.	\$15,706.00

Decrease: \$451,784.00

Function:

18-1192 Perkins - Professional Development	\$301,784.00
17-1276 McKinney Vento - Homeless Grant	\$136,950.00
17-2443 McKinney Vento - Admin	\$13,050.00

Amend budget functions for Perkins and McKinney Vento to reflect allocated budget for 2026-27.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve to adopt the Resolution for Amendment to the budget function.

RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT OF BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Rapid City Area School District No. 51-4, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.2 and after duly considering the proposed budget amendment, hereby approves and adopts the following amendment pending State approval in total:

Increase: \$21,170.00

Function:

11-1273 Title IA – General School Wide	\$10,490.00
11-2110 Title IA – Attendance & Social Work	\$5,500.00
11-2128 Title IA – Parent Advisory	\$2,680.00
14-2448 Title IV – Administration	\$2,500.00

Decrease: \$21,170.00

11-2214 Title IA – Improvement of Instruction	\$6,430.00
11-2440 Title IA – Administration	\$12,240.00
14-1290 Title IV	\$2,500.00

Amend budget functions for Title IA and Title IV to reflect reallocations for 2025-26.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve to adopt the Resolution for Amendment to the budget function.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL

Administration recommends approval of the minutes from the following meetings:

- A. [July 7, 2026 Board of Education Minutes](#)
- B. [July 13, 2026 Board of Education Minutes](#)
- C. [July 21, 2026 Board of Education Minutes](#)

BUSING AGREEMENT WITH MEADE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**Background Information:**

The SD Legislature passed SDCL 13-28-45 during the 2011 session. This statute requires both school boards, Rapid City Area School District 51-4 and Meade School District 46-1, to approve bus routes located in a neighboring school district. The law is intended to protect the safety of students.

This 2026-2027 school year in Summerset we will have five stops:

1. Savannah Lane and Castlewood Drive
2. Castlewood Drive and North end of Ventura Lane
3. Castlewood Drive and South end of Remington Street
4. Leisure Lane and Astoria Lane
5. Bellingham Drive and Brighton Street

Similarly, from last school year our position will be to maintain these stops for the 2026-2027 school year. Open enrollment students from this area continue to attend Piedmont Valley Elementary and Stagebarn Middle School. The proposed stops will help provide safety for students traveling to these two schools.

Administrative Recommendation:

The administration recommends approving this busing agreement with Meade County School District 46-1 as per SDCL 13-28-45.

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A & J Screening				
10	Supplies	3,013.75		
				3,013.75
Acadience Learning Inc.				
12	Supplies	904.90		
				904.90
Admin Partners, LLC				
10	Other Professional Services	200.00		
				200.00
Amazon.Com Inc				
10	Uniforms	319.86		
10	Supplies	3,022.78		
10	Supplies - Technology	80.83		
21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	9,269.84		
21	Other Equip Replace < \$10,000	4,775.68		
22	Supplies	435.10		
				17,904.09
Amick Sound Inc				
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	271.82		
				271.82
Belson Outdoor, Inc.				
21	Other Equip Replace < \$10,000	2,819.22		
				2,819.22
BH Sports Officials Association				
10	Other Professional Services	650.00		
				650.00
Black Hills Chemical, Inc.				
51	Supplies	187.37		
				187.37
Black Hills Special Svcs Co-Op				
22	Payments/Other Educ Institute	3,150.66		
				3,150.66
Blick Art Materials				
21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	845.00		
				845.00
BSN Sports Team GL Sports				
21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	19,693.59		
21	Other Equip Replace < \$10,000	1,871.79		
21	Other Equip New > \$10,000	11,007.36		
				32,572.74
Carolina Biological Supply Co				
10	Supplies	109.49		
				109.49
Cash-WA Distributing, Inc.				

51	Food - Purchased	4,312.86	
51	Food - Purchased Produce	680.39	
			4,993.25
CDW Government Inc.			
10	Computer Licensing	1,575.00	
			1,575.00
Children's Home Society of SD			
22	Other Professional Services	945.00	
			945.00
City Of Rapid City			
10	Water/Sewer/Garbage	193.91	
			193.91
Column Software PBC			
10	Advertising	58.70	
			58.70
Complete Concrete Inc dba Complete Cont			
21	All Objects	-4,120.67	
21	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	41,206.60	
			37,085.93
Computer Village Inc			
10	Cell Phone	127.50	
			127.50
Conscious Discipline Holdings LLC			
21	Printed Textbooks	934.00	
			934.00
Construction Industry Center			
10	Dues and Fees	450.00	
			450.00
Council For Exceptional Children			
22	Dues and Fees	199.00	
			199.00
D & R Service, Inc.			
21	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	537.02	
			537.02
Dakota Potters Supply			
10	Supplies	7,912.21	
			7,912.21
Dakota Power Services			
51	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	2,182.67	
			2,182.67
Dakota State University			
19	Registration Fees	4,356.90	
			4,356.90
Epic Sports, Inc.			
21	Other Equip Replace < \$10,000	238.38	
			238.38

Family First Homecare Of South Dakota				
22	Other Professional Services	1,449.00		1,449.00
Fastenal Company, Inc.				
10	All Objects	5,690.08		5,690.08
Flinn Scientific Inc				
21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	5,260.74		5,260.74
Floyd's Truck Center - Rapid City				
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	1,742.81		1,742.81
Follett Content Solutions, LLC				
21	Library Media	7,297.50		7,297.50
Fun and Function LLC				
11	Other Equip New < \$10,000	5,254.68		5,254.68
Gorman Kelly Rae				
12	Other Professional Services	815.00		815.00
Hagen Glass Windows and Siding, INC				
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	371.51		371.51
Hillyard Floor Care Supply				
10	All Objects	17,713.45		17,713.45
Hoch Music				
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	275.00		275.00
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt				
21	Instructional Software	87,500.00		87,500.00
I-State Truck Center				
21	Licensed Vehicle Replace	360,750.00		360,750.00
Johnson Controls Building Solutions				
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	2,393.34		
21	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	61,243.72		63,637.06
Johnson Controls Fire Protection				
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	1,686.52		1,686.52
Kieffer Sanitation				
21	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	1,081.42		
21	Building Improvement	802.48		

				1,883.90
Kipp's Construction				
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	1,261.00		
				1,261.00
Midwest Technology Products Midwest Sho				
10	Supplies	32.09		
				32.09
Parks Burton D				
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	700.00		
				700.00
Perform Better				
21	Other Equip Replace < \$10,000	613.96		
				613.96
Prairie Farms Dairy				
51	Food - Purchased	2,398.61		
				2,398.61
Premier Striping & Landscapes, LLC				
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	31,100.00		
				31,100.00
Pyramid School Products				
10	Supplies	236.96		
				236.96
Riddell/all American Sports				
21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	9,674.63		
21	Other Equip Replace > \$10,000	16,998.50		
				26,673.13
Riverside Technologies, Inc.				
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	2,069.00		
				2,069.00
Rochester Armored Car Co Inc				
10	Other Professional Services	478.60		
				478.60
Safeguard Business Systems				
10	Supplies	1,366.78		
				1,366.78
Sanford Bismarck				
10	Other Professional Services	1,810.50		
22	Other Professional Services	1,326.50		
				3,137.00
School Specialty, LLC				
21	Other Equip Replace < \$10,000	9,514.08		
				9,514.08
SD Dept Of Human Services				
22	Payments/Other Educ Institute	11,256.28		
				11,256.28
SD Div Criminal Investigation				

10	Other Professional Services	2,400.00	2,400.00
SD School Of Mines & Tech			
21	Rentals	69,211.69	69,211.69
Seco Construction Inc			
21	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	12,500.00	12,500.00
Servall, Inc.			
10	Laundry Services	3,366.78	3,366.78
Sign Express			
21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	166.58	166.58
Southeastern Performance			
21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	591.25	591.25
Southwest Binding & Laminating			
10	Supplies	1,245.00	1,245.00
Specialty Installation, LLC			
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	16,225.33	16,225.33
Spore Creative			
10	Supplies	264.00	264.00
Staples Advantage			
10	All Objects	634.90	634.90
Steam Cleaning Specialists			
51	Other Professional Services	16,800.00	16,800.00
Studer Education LLC			
12	Other Professional Services	37,506.00	37,506.00
Summit Companies			
10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	2,774.14	3,335.36
22	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	561.22	
Sweetwater Sound			
21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	9,400.48	9,400.48
Taylor Music Inc.			
21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
Tilberg Donavon A			

	10	Supplies	52.91	
				52.91
Tumbleweed Press				
	10	Computer Licensing	8,389.50	
				8,389.50
Turf Tank, Inc.				
	21	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	15,000.00	
				15,000.00
Vigilant Business Solutions				
	10	Other Professional Services	92.00	
				92.00
Watertree Inc.				
	51	Registration Fees	25.00	
				25.00
West Music Company				
	21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	528.20	
				528.20
Western Communications Inc				
	21	Other Equip New < \$10,000	3,694.24	
	21	Other Equip Replace < \$10,000	8,096.20	
	21	Other Equip Replace > \$10,000	10,120.25	
				21,910.69
Western Dakota Tech Institute				
	10	Other Professional Services	75.00	
	22	Other Professional Services	75.00	
				150.00
Western States Fire Protection, Inc				
	10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	1,354.00	
				1,354.00
WW Norton & Co. Inc				
	21	Printed Textbooks	3,432.00	
				3,432.00
Ymca				
	10	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs	2,883.45	
				2,883.45
			Total =	1,007,048.37

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Western Dakota Insurors, Inc

10	Property, Liability & Fidelity	1,120,937.47	
21	Property, Liability & Fidelity	1,165,018.00	
			2,285,955.47
		Total =	2,285,955.47

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS (2026-2027)

SUPERINTENDENT:

- Dr. Jami Jo Thompson - 2.5% wage increase and four additional holidays to align with other groups (1 day at Thanksgiving, 1 day at Christmas, 2 days at Easter)

CHIEF FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS OFFICER

- Coy Sasse - Four additional holidays to align with other groups (1 day at Thanksgiving, 1 day at Christmas, 2 days at Easter)

DIRECTORS

- Gina Curran - Four additional holidays to align with other groups (1 day at Thanksgiving, 1 day at Christmas, 2 days at Easter)

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

- Kelsey Parker – Up to 2.5% matching retirement contribution and four additional holidays to align with other groups (1 day at Thanksgiving, 1 day at Christmas, 2 days at Easter)

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS**1. STUDENT ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS****BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

SDCL 13-28-10. School residency of child residing in a home other than residence of parents, guardian, or noncustodial parents – Petition to local school board. If a school age child resides in a home other than the residence of his parents, guardian, or noncustodial parents on a temporary or permanent basis, the school residency of the child is where the parents, noncustodial parents, or guardian reside unless, upon request of the person with whom the child is living, the local school board accepts the child as a resident of that school district...

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Four students have requested assignments to the Rapid City Area School District for the 2026-27 school year. For these requests, approval is subject to program and/or space availability.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests SA-7101-7102 and SA-7104-7105.

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS**2. OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS****BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

SDCL 13-28-40. Enrollment options program established. An enrollment options program is established to enable any South Dakota kindergarten through twelfth-grade student to attend any public school that serves the student's grade level in any South Dakota school district, subject to the provisions in SDCL 13-28-40 to 13-28-47, inclusive...

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Two students have submitted open enrollment applications to the Rapid City Area School District for the 2026-2027 school year. For these requests, approval is subject to program and/or space availability.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests: OE-998 and OE-1000.

HIGH NEEDS SIGNING BONUS**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Rapid City Area Schools strives to recruit and hire the most qualified candidates to all positions. Each year, the District identifies positions that are more difficult to fill based on competition with other districts and organizations, stringent job qualifications, a lack of qualified candidates, etc. Due to this, the District has negotiated with the Rapid City Education Association (RCEA) the opportunity for Signing Bonuses to be provided for newly hired teachers. (See Section 25.02 of the Negotiated Agreement). Each year, the District reviews the current vacancies, the applicant pools, recruitment trends and data to determine the list of positions that will be considered “High Need” and offered a Signing Bonus.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The following positions have been designated as difficult-to-fill for the 2026-2027 school year and qualify for the High Needs Signing Bonus per the stipulations and criteria in the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement.

- A. Special Services
 - 1. SPED Teacher (Learning Center)
 - 2. SPED Teacher (Behavior Skills)
 - 3. SPED Teacher (Structured Academics)
 - 4. SPED Teacher (Life Skills)
 - 5. Pre-School (Ages 3-5)
 - 6. Adapted Physical Education
 - 7. Blind/Visually Impaired
 - 8. Deaf Education
 - 9. Audiologist
 - 10. Speech Language Pathologist
 - 11. Occupational Therapist
 - 12. Physical Therapist
 - 13. Workforce Development Case Worker
 - 14. Achievement Evaluator
 - 15. Program Specialist
- B. General Education
 - 1. Math Teacher (secondary)
 - 2. Science Teacher (secondary)
 - 3. CTE Teacher
 - 4. Lakota Language Teacher
 - 5. K-5 Elementary Teacher
 - 6. Junior Kindergarten Teacher
 - 7. K-5 General Music Teacher

C. Counselors (elementary & secondary)

Per the Teacher's Negotiated Agreement, the total signing bonus amount is \$4,500 and is paid in three equal installments of \$1,500 over the first three years of employment.

First year of employment: \$1,500.00

Second year of employment: \$1,500.00

Third year of employment: \$1,500.00

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the listed positions as "High Need" and eligible for the Signing Bonus provisions for the 2026-27 school year.

Rapid City Area School District: Imprest Claims Report
7/28/2026

GENERAL FUND

Black Hills Energy	07/16/26	95,355.98	Electricity
		Total Electricity = 95,355.98	
Montana Dakota Utilities	07/16/26	8,081.70	Natural Gas/Fuel Oil
		Total Natural Gas/Fuel Oil = 8,081.70	
Kieffer Sanitation	07/16/26	14,263.86	Water/Sewer/Garbage
Rapid Valley Sanitary District	07/16/26	1,432.02	Water/Sewer/Garbage
		Total Water/Sewer/Garbage = 15,695.88	
Parks Burton D	07/16/26	761.25	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs
Rapid Fire Protection Inc	07/16/26	96.63	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs
		Total Repairs & Maintenance Svcs = 857.88	
Ludeman Arayla	07/16/26	20.23	Travel In-District
		Total Travel In-District = 20.23	
Holiday Inn - Mitchell	07/16/26	2,954.00	Excursions & Activities
		Total Excursions & Activities = 2,954.00	
Bluepeak	07/16/26	294.02	Telephone Services
Granite Telecommunications, LLC	07/16/26	872.44	Telephone Services
		Total Telephone Services = 1,166.46	
			Total GENERAL FUND = 124,132.13

Title IA

Hawki Krystina Marie	07/16/26	248.00	Travel Out-Of-District
		Total Travel Out-Of-District = 248.00	
			Total Title IA = 248.00

Title VI

Medicine Horse Marlin	07/16/26	50.00	Other Professional Services
		Total Other Professional Services = 50.00	
			Total Title VI = 50.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

Climate Control Systems and Servic	07/16/26	88,093.05	Repairs & Maintenance Svcs
		Total Repairs & Maintenance Svcs = 88,093.05	
Tophat Tinting	07/16/26	2,000.00	Other Equip New < \$10,000
		Total Other Equip New < \$10,000 = 2,000.00	
			Total CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND = 90,093.05

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

Bettelyoun Rosa Maria	07/16/26	184.80	Mileage Paid to Parents
Carpenter Janelle Frances	07/14/26	333.20	Mileage Paid to Parents
Johnson Twila L	07/16/26	190.96	Mileage Paid to Parents
		Total Mileage Paid to Parents = 708.96	
			Total SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND = 708.96

STUDENT NUTRITION FUND

Kieffer Sanitation	07/16/26	8,833.38	Water/Sewer/Garbage
		Total Water/Sewer/Garbage = 8,833.38	
			Total STUDENT NUTRITION FUND = 8,833.38

Total Claims: = 224,065.52

RAPID CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 51-4
Jul-26

FUNDS	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	22	25	26	51	54	57	TOTALS
GROSS	4,272,123.07	268,142.42	36,625.81	59,836.83	11,773.34	29,429.70	3,990.54	0.00	16,936.30	845,487.66	238,697.23	6,310.34	73,207.53	5,326.38	6,393.48	5,874,280.63
FICA	303,727.59	18,899.07	2,602.90	4,429.21	884.20	2,097.73	289.22	0.00	1,236.66	56,817.31	16,707.01	475.90	5,165.66	384.38	489.10	414,205.94
RETIREI	253,863.37	16,088.53	2,197.52	3,590.24	706.40	1,765.78	239.44	0.00	1,016.17	50,187.28	14,321.87	378.60	4,392.48	315.54	383.61	349,446.83
INSURAI	721,290.13	36,533.97	2,274.48	2,317.72	858.82	4,806.08	391.18	0.00	1,531.26	111,428.40	40,915.58	404.44	7,114.24	923.02	1.10	930,790.42
403B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	5,551,004.16	339,663.99	43,700.71	70,174.00	14,222.76	38,099.29	4,910.38	0.00	20,720.39	1,063,920.65	310,641.69	7,569.28	89,879.91	6,949.32	7,267.29	7,568,723.82

K-12 CHANGE OF STATUS**Certified & Contracted Personnel**

		<u>Adjusted</u>
Mason, Carrie	Assignment/Forced Transfer Bonus (pro-rated)	600.00
Pehrson, Erika	Assignment/Forced Transfer Bonus	1,500.00
Schulz, Nicole	Assignment/Forced Transfer Bonus (pro-rated)	900.00

Classified Personnel

		<u>Adjusted</u>
Boehm, Michael	Assignment/Increase from 0.5 FTE to	0.75
Kellermann, Richard	Assignment/Decrease from 21.06 to	20.50
Lowman, Timothy	Assignment/Decrease from 0.75 FTE to	0.5
Lowman, Waleena	Assignment/Decrease from 0.75 FTE to	0.5
Timblin, Ronald	Assignment/Increase from 0.5 FTE to	0.75

Additional Pay

		<u>Actual</u>
Brooks, Andrea	Staff Development Instructor Fee	2,090.00

K-12 EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**Certified & Contracted Personnel**

		<u>Actual Pay</u>
Bento, Chad	East/Cross Country	2,750.00
Bento, Chad	East/Intramural Girls Basketball	1,500.00
Bento, Chad	East/7 th Grade Boys Basketball	2,750.00
Bergeron, Veronika	West/SPED	51,500.00
Bergeron, Veronika	West/Signing Bonus	4,500.00
Hawkins, Rose	South Park/Kindergarten (temp)	46,201.00
Keetch, MacKenzie	Knollwood/Jr Kindergarten (temp)	46,201.00
Knox, Mary	Stevens/Assistant Competitive Dance	4,521.00*
Kowand, Madison	East/Student Council Advisor	2,750.00
Mach, Stephanie	Southwest/8 th Grade Volleyball	2,750.00
Mills, Thomas	RCAA/Math	57,379.71
Mills, Thomas	RCAA/Signing Bonus	4,500.00
Sayaloune, Brendinh	East/CTE	46,201.00
Sayaloune, Brendinh	East/Signing Bonus	4,500.00
Sayaloune, Brendinh	East/8 th Grade Girls Basketball	2,750.00
Vannett, Rachel	East/Orchestra	1,500.00
Wiedrich, Alyson	Stevens/HOSA	1,850.00

Classified Personnel

		<u>Actual Pay</u>
Biegler, Eugene	STC/Bus Driver	20.00
Cales, Alissa	Valley View/Noon Duty	12.65
Campbell, Savannah	Valley View/Noon Duty	12.65
Caswell, Roberta	STC/Bus Aide	15.79
Hoscheid, Emily	Robbinsdale/Paraeducator	17.99
Hughes, Malachi	South/Noon Duty	12.65
Konigsberg, Michael	Valley View/Paraeducator	18.44
Marolt, Sylvia	Robbinsdale/Paraeducator	17.99
O'Neal, Timothy	Central/9-Month Security	17.83
Pierson, Tonya	Robbinsdale/Library Secretary	15.80
Riley, Tamara	Central/Student Nutrition Team Member	15.41
Todd, Amanda	Knollwood/Paraeducator	21.04
Trapp, Cayleigh	South/Paraeducator	17.99
Warren, Caleb	STC/Diesel/Automotive Technician	30.00

SUBSTITUTES & FIELD PLACEMENTS

Certified Substitutes

BA+ Substitutes

Baird, Scott

Bollinger, Robert

Gates, Jessica

Mahieu, Jaclyn

Non-Degreed Substitutes

Devincent, Kyleigh

Luther, Gloria

Ocheskey, Quinn

Starr, Amber

University Student Field Placements

Starr, Amber

K-12 TERMINATION AND LEAVES**Certified & Contracted Personnel**

		<u>Effective</u>
Agyemang, George	RCAA/Math (offer declined)	07/15/2026
Amo, Aero	Stevens/Assistant Wrestling (resign)	07/17/2026
Leusink, Jayne	Central/School Librarian (resign from LOA)	07/01/2026

Classified Personnel

		<u>Effective</u>
Adair, Adriana	South Canyon/Paraeducator (resign)	07/17/2026
Bobzien, Jaiven	Beadle/Noon Duty (resign)	07/21/2026
Fisher, Shane	IT/Summer Tech Team (job abandonment)	07/17/2026
Jensen, Taylor	Central/School Office Secretary (offer declined)	07/24/2026
Sexe, Michael	STC/Bus Driver (resign)	07/24/2026
Trokey, John	B&G/Season Grounds Laborer(end of assignment)	07/20/2026

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The School District annually disposes of supplies and equipment which are no longer considered necessary or suitable to the operation of the district.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The list of supplies and equipment is no longer considered necessary by the Rapid City Area Schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Education declare that the supplies and the equipment on the list be surplus property.

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 6-13-1. The governing board of a political subdivision may sell, trade, loan, destroy or otherwise dispose of any land, structures, equipment, or other property which such governing board has, by appropriate motion, determined is no longer necessary, useful or suitable for the purpose for which it was acquired.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rapid City Area School District No. 51-4 that the following property is determined to be no longer necessary, useful, or suitable for school purposes and order the sale, trade, convey to other political subdivisions, destruction of or the disposal of:

*Not all property listed below will be available on the annual surplus property auction.

You can view the items for options here: <https://aptg.co/6dXStN>

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Jacobs, Robert

ADDENDUM**K-12 TERMINATION AND LEAVES****Classified Personnel**

Haley, Dean Horace Mann/Paraeducator (resign)

Effective

06/04/2026

K-12 EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**Certified & Contracted Personnel**

Keetch, Mackenzie Knollwood/Signing Bonus

Actual Pay

4,500.00

Classified PersonnelHarris, Whitney Grandview/Paraeducator
Johnson, Danielle Federal Programs/Secretary Level 5**Actual Pay**

19.08

20.25

K-12 CHANGE OF STATUS**Classified Personnel**

Burk, Linda Assignment/Decrease from 21.57 to

Adjusted

18.62

ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLAPHAM shared that Community Outreach Committee is heavily focusing on the bond for the upcoming months, so the Board and the community can plan to see information on more bond updates.

CLAPHAM shared that ASBSD has their annual joint conference with SASD this week and a small group of our staff are excited to be attending. Her ASBSD leadership meeting is on August 17.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY UPDATES

STEPHENSON shared she's excited about the different events that have been coming through the performing arts over the summer, sharing she has gone to numerous shows.

ADJOURNMENT

CLAPHAM moved and URBAN seconded to adjourn the August 4, 2026, Board of Education Meeting at 6:35PM. MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Coy Sasse
CFFO/Business Manager

Maddie Parrent
Executive Administrative Assistant

Troy Carr
Board of Education President