UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MAY 11TH, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-2 MET IN THE REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 11th, 2026
AT 6:00 PM AT THE NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN ROOM 16 OF THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING with chairman Tyrel Bonnet presiding and members Dean Johnson, Kristin Bonefield, Dawn Gardner, Amber Erk, Katie Donahey, and Todd Youngberg present. Administration present were Superintendent/HS Principal Pandi Pittman, Business Manager Amy Williams, PK-8 Principal Paul Clark, Special Education Director Amy Engel, and Activities Director Dominic Santiago.

Unless otherwise noted, all Board action was by unanimous decision.

I. Call to Order: Chairman Bonnet called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Bonnet led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called for a moment of silence.
II/III. Agenda/Statements of Conflict of Interest: *Under New Business Employment: Add PK-12 Principal Mark Galpin and Superintendent Thomas Vail. Member Youngberg requested to add Old Business P: Revisit Senior Project.*

Motion Johnson, second Bonefield to approve the agenda with the addition.

IV. Consent Agenda: Motion Johnson, Second Youngberg to approve the consent agenda as presented: A) Minutes: Regular Meeting- April 13th 2026 & Special Meeting – April 27, 2026; B) Payment of Bills-see final page; C) FINANCIAL REPORT for the month ending April 30th, 2026.

- GENERAL FUND Revenues 245,994.99 (175,326.05 local, 5,745.94 intermediate, 64,923 state) Expenditures 243,111.84; Ending Cash Balance 388,388.32; Ending Investment Balance: 502,047.94
- CAPITAL OUTLAY Revenues 208,732.31 local; Expenditures 21,792.76; Ending Cash Balance 663,260.93; ending investment balance 1,506,143.81
- SPECIAL EDUCATION Revenues 111,673.41 local; Expenditures 116,688.85 Ending Cash Balance (89,433.32)
- FOOD SERVICE Revenues 11,672.45 (4306.36 local; 7366.09 federal); Transfer-In from General Fund: 41,200; Expenditures 17,698.56 Ending Cash Balance 35,630.12
- ENTERPRISE Revenues 0; Expenditures 0; Ending Cash Balance 3,740.25
- TRUST & AGENCY; Ending Cash Balance: 67,786.49

V. Reports- All administrators in attendance provided reports.

VI. Information & Discussion

A. Jeff Yennie with Ketel Thorstensen provided a summary of the 2025 Fiscal Year Audit. After the discussion, he asked the board to make a motion to approve the Audit. Motion Johnson, second Bonefield to approve the FY25 Audit as presented.
B. Business Manager Williams provided an update regarding the June 2nd election.
   - Dean Johnson and Katie Donahey filed petitions for the two (2) open 3-year School Board positions, effective July 2026. There will be no election for the two 3-year positions. Johnson and Donahey will be sworn in at the July 2026 board meeting.
   - Todd Youngberg and Kurt Hocking filed petitions for the one (1) open 2-year position. There will be an election for the open 2-year position on June 2nd.

VIII. Old Business

Motion Bonefield, second Gardner to Approve Policy ABAA-R(1) Title 1 – Guidelines.

Motion Johnson, second Bonefield to Approve the following Policies: ABAC Relations with Parents; AC-E(1) Nondiscrimination Complaint; AC-E(2) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs-Complaint Appeal to Superintendent; ACAA-R(1) Sexual Harassment – Regulation; ACAA-E(1) Sexual Harassment – Complaint Form; ACAA-E(2) Sexual Harassment-Complaint Appeal to Superintendent; ACAA-E(3) Sexual Harassment-Complaint Appeal to School Board; ACAB Prohibition Against Aiding or Abetting Sexual Abuse; ACB Nondiscrimination on the basis of Handicap disability; AE Wellness Policy 2026; AEA Tobacco and Vaping Free Schools; AF Dangerous Weapons in School; AH-E(1) Conflict of Interest Disclosure; AH-E(2) School Board Action

Motion Johnson, second Erk to rescind Motion Approving of the Senior Project. Roll Call Vote: Erk Yea, Donahey Yea, Gardner Yea, Bonefield Nay, Bonnet Nay, Johnson Yea. Motion passes. Discussion is entertained.

Motion Bonefield, second Erk to Approve the Senior Project. Roll Call Vote: Erk Yea, Donahey Yea, Gardner Yea, Bonefield Yea, Bonnet Yea, Youngberg Nay, Johnson Yea. Motion passes.

IX. New Business

Motion Youngberg, second Johnson to approve the 2026 SDHSAA Ballots as recommended by the AD: Amendment No. 1-Yes, Amendment No. 2- Yes, Amendment No. 3-Yes; Division IV Representative Jeff Kosters.

Motion Bonefield, second Donahey to Approve Membership and Participation Agreement with the ASBSD Protective Trust for district health insurance.

Motion Gardner, second Johnson to Approve Negotiated Agreement for the 2026 – 2027 School Year.

Review proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027. *Public Hearing to follow in June-date and time to be announced.*

Motion Bonefield, second Johnson to Approve Administrative Recommendations for Personnel as follows: Resignations effective end of 25-26 school year: Molly Moes, Head Golf and National Honor Society, Cortney Svoboda, Technology Coordinator; Employment: PK-12 Principal Mark Galpin $80,000 effective July 1, 2026; Superintendent Thomas Vail $105,000 effective July 1, 2026.

X. Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (1) & (2): Motion Johnson, second Bonefield to enter executive session at 7:42 p.m. Exit Executive session at 8:43 p.m.

XI. Take necessary action as a result of Executive Session. Motion Johnson, second Youngberg to offer Sandra Fickbohm and half-year contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

XII. Motion Bonefield, second Donahey to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Unofficial Minutes approved by:
Amy Williams, Business Manager; 5-17-2026

Tyrel Bonnet, Board Chairman; 5-17-2026

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APRIL 2026 INVOICES PAID

GENERAL FUND
212/79 SERVICE CENTER FUEL 72.01; AFLAC 26.36; AMERICINN LODGING 112.00 BHSSC/COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STEAM NIGHT 2,000.00; BHSSC FY26 PD 5,980.26 BIRNER AUTO REPAIR BUS REPAIRS 1,598.41; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ELECTRICITY 6,080.48; BLACK HILLS PIONEER MINUTES PUBLISHED 135.52; BSN SPORTS, LLC COACHES GEAR 283.20; CASH STATE FFA PER DIEM 2,448.00; COFFEE CUP FUEL 69.35; COUNTRYTIME CERAMICS ART SUPPLIES 144.00; DELTA DENTAL INS 1,085.30; DOLLAR GENERAL SUPPLIES 75.84; DVORAK CONVENIENCE STORES, PIZZAS 145.71; FIRST BOOK NATIONAL OFFICE LIBRARY BOOKS 32.45; FIRST NATIONAL BANK FIRST NATIONAL BANK FEES 45.80; GOLDEN WEST TECH SECURITY CARE 219.95;GRADUATION SOURCE CAPS/GOWNS/TASSELS 93.68 HARDING CO SCHOOL DIST GBB REGIONAL LOSS SPLIT 526.60; HARDING CO SCHOOL DIST REGION RB WR LOSS SPLIT 341.12; HEARTLAND ELECTRIC CO WIRING UTILITY ROOM 280.94; HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS SUPPLIES 365.72; HONORS GRADUATION GRAD MEDALLIONS 289.00; JUMP, MARTY CONCERT ACCOMPAINMENT 100.00; KETEL THORSTENSON, LLP AUDIT 8,404.80; KSB SCHOOL LAW 1,248.00; LION'S CLUB, THE WINTER SPORTS ADMISSIONS 1,050.00; LYNNS DAKOTA MART CONCESSIONS 187.15; MARCO, INC. COPIER LEASE 90.50 MARC CLEANING SUPPLIES 4,131.15; MISSGUIDED SUPPLIES 98.84; NEWELL HARDWARE AND SUPPLY LLC SUPPLIES 53.13; NEWELL SCHOOL IMPREST PMT 697.78; NEWELL SCHOOL CONCESSION GROUPS WORK 2,515.00 NEWELL SERVICE CENTER AUTOMOTIVE 319.42; OLSON FUELS LLC PRIME GUARD 95.52; OLSON FUELS LLC PROPANE BULK 11,250.00; OPTILEGRA, INC. VISION INS 377.72; OVERDRIVE LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION 382.50; RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE APR 26 SUPP LIFE 22.96; SDASBO BM SPRING CONFERENCE 125.00; SDIAAA AD MEMBERSHIP & CONF. 400.00; STANDARD, THE BASIC LIFE PREMIUMS 48.00; SVOBODA, COURTNEY STEAM NIGHT DOOR PRIZES 93.41; THRIFTBOOKS.COM LIBRARY BOOKS 631.45; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 60.30; TOWN OF NEWELL, UTILITIES 1,420.28; TRI-STATE CHIROPRACTIC DOT PHYSICAL 120.00; US POSTAL SERVICE SHIPPING PLAQUES WRT 33.25; WAL-MART SUPPLIES 58.64 WELLMARK HEALTH INS 26,786.00; WEST RIVER COOP TELEPHONE 595.99 ; YULE, NOREEN STEAM NIGHT SNACKS 350.00
Fund Total: 84,197.85

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
APPTEGY THRILLSHARE SUBSCRIPTION 3,087.00; GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES RUCKUS SUPPORT RENEWAL 1,054.06; MARCO, INC. COPIER LEASE 1,280.30; OTIS ELEVATOR, CONTRCT 4,271.40; US BANK ST. PAUL INTEREST DUE 12,100.00
Fund Total: 21,792.76

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND
212/79 SERVICE CENTER FUEL 136.77 BHSSC DAY RATE TUITION 9,700.00; BJS NEWELL CONOCO FUEL 311.39; BUILDING BLOCKS THERAPY OT SERVICES 828.80; CASEYS CONF TRAVEL 63.67; CC120 FUEL 89.82; CHILDREN'S CARE HOSPITAL & SCHOOL TUITION (2MOS) 13,923.00; CRISIS PREVENTION INSTITUTE, INC CPI ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 200.00; DELTA DENTAL INS 400.80; HOLIDAY INN-SIOUX FALLS MOTEL ROOMS SPED CONF 440.00; OPTILEGRA, INC. VISION INS 121.71; RELIANCE STANDARD SUPP LIFE 5.12; SD DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES NON-FEDERAL MATCH AMT (2MOS) 26,423.26; SHELL OIL OACOMA CONF TRAVEL 79.31 STANDARD, THE BASIC LIFE PREMIUMS 26.88; THERAPY SOLUTIONS, LLC SPEECH THERAPY 4,339.00; VOLK, JOSEPH MILEAGE REIM 547.40; WALMART LIFESKILLS 67.74; WELLMARK HEALTH INSURANCE 6,624.00
Fund Total: 64,328.67

FOOD SERVICE
52 FARM AND RANCH, LLC BULK EGGS 95.00 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING FOOD PURCHASES 1765.30; DELTA DENTAL INS 40.56; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC MILK 1132.44 EQUIPMENT SERVICE PROFESSIONAL WALK IN FREEZER REPAIRS 1408.60; OPTILEGRA, INC. VISION INS 47.28; PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-MARSHALL FOOD PURCHASES 5249.39; PRAIRIE LANE FARM BULK LETTUCE 100.00; STANDARD, THE BASIC LIFE 3.84 SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION 311.00 WELLMARK HEALTH INS 828.00
Fund Total: 10,981.41

Checking Account Total: 181,300.69