UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9TH, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-2 MET IN THE REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 9TH 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, and PK-8 Principal Paul Clark..

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

I. Call to Order: Chairman Bonnet called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Bonnet led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called for a moment of silence.
II/III. Agenda/Statements of Conflict of Interest: Addition to Contract List under New Business T; Luke Bonefield, Assistant Golf Coach. Motion Johnson, second Donahey to approve the agenda as amended. Member Bonefield will recuse herself from voting on New Business Item T.b.
IV. Consent Agenda: Motion Bonefield, Second Donahey to approve the consent agenda as presented: A) Minutes: Regular Meeting- March 9th, 2026; B) Payment of Bills-see final page; C) FINANCIAL REPORT for the month ending February 28, 2026.

- GENERAL FUND Revenues 186,525.78 (15,650.45 local, 2,741.34 county; 124,263.99 state; federal 43,870); Expenditures 228,465.68; Ending Cash Balance 1,041,896.31
- CAPITAL OUTLAY Revenues 8,608.59 local; Expenditures 1,280.30; Ending Cash Balance 1,980,790.59
- SPECIAL EDUCATION Revenues 3,043.79 local; Expenditures 96,158.78; Ending Cash Balance (93,709.76).
- FOOD SERVICE Revenues 10,947.19 (3,549.29 local; 7,397.90 federal); Expenditures 16,407.44; Ending Cash Balance 3,154.79
- ENTERPRISE Revenues 125; Ending Cash Balance 3,740.25
- TRUST & AGENCY; Ending Cash Balance: 46,514.04

V. Reports- All administrators in attendance provided reports.

VI. Information and Discussion – None

VII. Open Forum – Dawn Gardner spoke on behalf of the AAU Wrestling program. She thanked the school district for ongoing support and thanked personnel for help to ensure success of the program and home tournament. Morgan Wulf spoke as a Community Club Member and thanked the elementary staff and students for making Valentine's for distribution to local communities.

VIII. Old Business

A. Motion Bonefield, second Gardner to approve 2026-2027 School Calendar. Roll Call Vote: Erk: Yea; Gardner: Yea; Donahey: Yea; Bonefield: Yea; Bonnet: Yea; Youngberg; Nay; Johnson: Yea. Motion Passes.

IX. New Business

A. Motion Johnson, second Bonefield to approve Pacing Guide Summer Training.
B. Motion Johnson, second Gardner to table "Senior Project" until the April board meeting.
C. Motion Bonefield, second Johnson to table "Offer Administrative Contracts" until after executive session.

D. Motion Youngberg, second Johnson to approve winter worker payment at the same rate (minimum wage plus $0.50) as fall worker payment; and to table the approval of worker pay rates until the April board meeting.

*New Business Items E-S; First Readings of Policies. Policy Committee members gave updates on the policies and discussion was had. No action taken. Second policy readings in April with final reading and approval to follow in May.*

E. First Reading of Policy ABAA-R(1) Title 1 – Guidelines
F. First Reading of Policy ABAC Relations with Parents
G. First Reading of Policy AC-E(1) Nondiscrimination Complaint
H. First Reading of Policy AC-E(2) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs-Complaint Appeal to Superintendent
I. First Reading of Policy ACAA-R(1) Sexual Harassment – Regulation
J. First Reading of Policy ACAA-E(1) Sexual Harassment – Complaint Form
K. First Reading of Policy ACAA-E(2) Sexual Harassment-Complaint Appeal to Superintendent
L. First Reading of Policy ACAA-E(3) Sexual Harassment-Complaint Appeal to School Board
M. First Reading of Policy ACAB Prohibition Against Aiding or Abetting Sexual Abuse
N. First Reading of Policy ACB Nondiscrimination on the basis of Handicap disability
O. First Reading of Policy AE Wellness Policy 2026
P. First Reading of Policy AEA Tobacco and Vaping Free Schools
Q. First Reading of Policy AF Dangerous Weapons in School
R. First Reading of Policy AH-E(1) Conflict of Interest Disclosure
S. First Reading of Policy AH-E(2) School Board Action
T. Motion Bonefield second Johnson to Approve Administration Recommendations for Personnel as follows:
    a. Resignation: Kimberly Bachman, K-12 Music Teacher effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year
    b. Employment: Jennifer Severson, Temporary Custodian; Molly Moes, Golf Coach; Luke Bonefield, Assistant Golf Coach

X. Motion Johnson, second Donahey to enter Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 7:29 p.m. Board members exited executive session and resumed the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m.

XI. Action Taken:

U. Motion Gardner, second Johnson to approve the resignation of Dr. Pandi Pittman, Superintendent and HS Principal, at the end of her 2025-2026 contract. Board member Bonefield recused herself. All other members vote Yea on Roll Call Vote – Motion passes.
V. Motion Gardner, second Johson to approve remaining administrator contracts: Ryan Niman (Head of Maintenance), Amy Williams (Business Manager), and Amy Engel (Special Education Director).
W. Motion Gardner, second Donahey to advertise for administrator positions as needed.

XII. Motion Johnson, second Youngberg to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

*Unofficial Minutes approved by:*
*Amy Williams, Business Manager; 3-13-2026*

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*Tyrel Bonnet, Board Chairman; 3-13-2026*

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**FEBRUARY 2026 BILLS PAID**

**Checking 1 Fund: 10 GENERAL FUND Total: 96,443.32**

AFLAC 26.36, BENCHMARK EDUCATION COMPANY MTSS FLUENCY 39.95, BIG BATS 2 CHADRON ACTIVIES FUEL 31.39, BIG BATS 2 CHADRON HSWR ACTIVITY FUEL 42.07, BLACK HILLS ENERGY ELECTRICITY 6,195.76, BLICK ART MATERIALS CANVAS FOR ART 41.93,BUTTE CO AMBULANCE AMBULANCE STANDBY 100.00, CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING HOSPITALITY ROOM 60.47, CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CONCESSIONS 531.75,CC120 SPED FUEL 3.21, CHADRON HIGH SCHOOL HSWR FEES 50.00,CHADRON INN & SUITES HSWR MOTEL ROOMS 307.00, CIRCLE K MITCHELL SD ACTIVITIES FUEL 53.00,COCA COLA BOTTLING CO OF BH COKE PRODUCTS 564.71, COCA COLA BOTTLING CO OF BH COKE PRODUCTS 274.71,COMFORT INN (SD017) MOTEL ROOM AFNR CONF 224.00,COMFORT INN (SD017) MOTEL REBATE (8.96), DECKER, INC SUPPLIES 57.45,DELTA DENTAL DENTAL INS FEB 2026 923.06,DEMCO INC SHELVING FOR LIBRARY 1,984.36, DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #19960 CONCESSIONS 94.20, DVORAK CONVENIENCE STORES, INC CONCESSIONS 400.81,FAITH FARMERS UNION OIL ACTIVIES FUEL 51.71,FILTER KING LLC FILTERS 972.15,FIRST NATIONAL BANK FIRST NATIONAL BANK FEES 42.00,GETTYSBURG HIGH SCHOOL HSWR FEES 300.00, GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES SECURITY CARE 219.95, HARDING CO SCHOOL DIST HSWR FEES 200.00
HILEX, INC WATER LINE BREAK REPAIRS 6,623.45,HILLYARD CAN LINERS 301.72,JTS QUICK STOP ACTIVIES FUEL 50.34,KETEL THORSTENSON, LLP AUDIT WORK TD 27,552.99, KSB SCHOOL LAW LEGAL SERVICES 1,870.00,LAKEVIEW SINCLAIR ACTIVITIES FUEL 60.51, LEAD-DEADWOOD SCHOOL DIST 40-1 MSGBB TOURN FEE 50.00, LYMAN HIGH SCHOOL HSWR FEES 300.00, LYNNS DAKOTA MART FOOD 81.04,MARCO, INC. COPIER LEASE 90.50,MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM. CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES 1,086.26,NEWELL HARDWARE AND SUPPLY LLC SUPPLIES 187.51,OFFICE DEPOT W2 ENVELOPES & STAMPS 259.51,OLSON FUELS LLC PROPANE 11,125.00,OPTILEGRA, INC. VISION INS 377.72 PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-MARSHALL HOSPITALITY ROOM 156.85,PRESHO GENERAL STORE HSWR ACTIVITY FUEL 66.12, RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES SERVICE CALL 839.70, REGION MUSIC CONTEST MUSIC CONTEST 23.25,RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE FEB 26 SUPP LIFE 22.96, SAFETY UNLIMITED, INC DOT SUPERVISOR COURSE 29.95,SAMS CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 116.82, SHAYKETT, LUAINE PLAYGROUND TOYS 64.96, SPEARFISH HS HSWR FEES 25.00, STANDARD, THE BASIC LIFE PREMIUMS 159.36SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY CO. OFFICE USE 67.33, SVOBODA, COURTNEY TITLE STEM NIGHT 168.81, SYNCB/AMAZON PLANNERS 6-12 474.05, THRIFTBOOKS.COM BOOKS 203.82, TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC TMS-MAY 60.30, TOWN OF NEWELL UTILITIES 1,398.68, WALMART.COM SUPPLIES 117.85, WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD 27,614.00 HEALTH INSURANCE FEB 2026 PREMIUMS, WEST RIVER COOP TELEPHONE CO INC PHONE 598.11, YOUNGBERG, LUANN SUPPLIES 435.81

**Checking 1 Fund: 21 CAPITAL OUTLAY Fund Total: 1,280.30**

MARCO, INC. COPIER LEASE 1,280.30

**Checking 1 Fund: 22 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND Total: 49,366.60**

212/79 SERVICE CENTER SPED FUEL 185.17, BHSSC DAY RATE 4,950.00, BHSSC DAY RATE 3,375.00, BHSSC DAY RATE 2,475.00, BJS NEWELL CONOCO SPED FUEL 156.97, BLACK HILLS PIONEER CHILD FIND AD 120.00, BUILDING BLOCKS THERAPY, INC FEB OT SERVICES 951.75, CC120 SPED FUEL 98.12, CHILDREN'S CARE HOSPITAL & SCHOOL OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT 6,426.00, DELTA DENTAL DENTAL INS JAN 2026 400.80, EVENTBRITE SPED CONFERENCE 480.00, KICKSTART SPED FUEL 51.38, OPTILEGRA, INC. VISION INS 121.71 PEARSON EDUCATION, INC Q-GLOBAL SCORING 185.00, PEARSON EDUCATION, INC PRESCHOOL SCREENING KITS 53.50, RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE JAN 26 SUPP LIFE 4.73, SD DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHOOL DIST MATCH 13,883.41, SN PSYCH ASSO., LLC EVALUATIONS 1,850.00, STANDARD, THE BASIC LIFE PREMIUMS 80.64, SYNCB/AMAZON SPED SUPPLIES 24.99, SYNCB/AMAZON LIFE SKILLS 87.06, THERAPY SOLUTIONS, LLC SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES 4,186.00, TRAILIES LLC BIG FEELINGS 29.95, WALMART.COM LIFE SKILLS 81.42 WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD 9,108.00 HEALTH INSURANCE FEB 2026 PREMIUMS

**Checking 1 Fund: 51 FOOD SERVICE Fund Total: 9,405.09**

52 FARM AND RANCH, LLC FRESH BULK EGGS 95.00, BRUNER, BETTY REIM KITCHEN 22.36 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING FOOD SERVICE 1699.55, DELTA DENTAL DENTAL INS JAN 2026 40.56 EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC MILK 1273.38, EQUIPMENT SERVICE PROFESSIONAL WI FREEZER SERVICE 1785.14, LYNNS DAKOTA MART FOOD 14.70, OPTILEGRA, INC. VISION INS 47.28, PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-MARSHALL FOOD PURCHASES 3234.54, PRAIRIE LANE FARM BULK LETTUCE 50.00, RITER, GREG LUNCH ACCT REFUND 102.95, SCHALESKY, GAIL REIM KITCHEN 7.43, SD DEPT. OF EDUCATION CANS COMMODITY 81.80, SNA DEPOSITORY SNA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 57.00, STANDARD, THE BASIC LIFE PREMIUMS 11.52, SYNCB/AMAZON DISH TEMP THERMOMETER 53.91 WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD 828.00 HEALTH INSURANCE FEB 2026 PREMIUMS

**Checking Account Total: 156,495.31**