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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-2 MET IN THE REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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, PK-8 Principal Paul Clark, 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 6:00 pm. Bonnet led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called for a moment of silence.
II/III. Agenda/Statements of Conflict of Interest: Additions to Resignation List and Contract List under New Business C. Add New Business Items D & E. Motion Johnosn, second Bonefield to approve agenda as amended..
IV. Consent Agenda: Motion Johnson, Second Bonefield to approve the consent agenda as presented: A) Minutes: Regular Meeting- January 12th, 2026; B) Payment of Bills-see final page; C) FINANCIAL REPORT for the month ending January 31, 2026.

- GENERAL FUND Revenues 234,168.74 (30,765.04 local, 1480.70 county; 201,923 state); Expenditures 198,358.64; Ending Cash Balance 1,083,254.38..
- CAPITAL OUTLAY Revenues 16,005.12 local; Expenditures 1926.98; Ending Cash Balance 1,973,462.30.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION Revenues 7,305.05 local; Expenditures 98,715.96; Ending Cash Balance (594.77).
- FOOD SERVICE Revenues 8,857.61 (4,568.44 local; 4271.17 federal); Expenditures 10,079.18; Ending Cash Balance 8,128.43
- ENTERPRISE Revenues 450; Ending Cash Balance 3,615.25
- TRUST & AGENCY; Ending Cash Balance: 54,215.61

V. Reports- All administrators in attendance provided reports.
VI. Information and Discussion - Advisor Cheyenne Geppert provided an FFA update.

VII. Open Forum - Sherry Hocking spoke to the board regarding district responses to fire alarms.

VIII. Old Business

A. Motion Donahey, second Bonefield to approve Policy ECABB Multi-Occupancy Room Use.
B. Motion Donahey, second Bonefield to approve Policy GCDB Criminal Background Check.
C. Motion Donahey, second Bonefield to approve Policy GCDBC Criminal Background Checks-Volunteers and Employees of Contractors.
D. Motion Donahey, second Bonefield to approve Policy JEA Compulsory Attendance Ages.
E. Motion Donahey, second Bonefield to approve Policy JEG Exemptions from School Attendance.

IX. New Business

A. School Board Appreciation Week, Feb 16-20
B. Second viewing of the proposed 2026/2027 School Calendar

C. Motion Youngberg, second Erk to table Item C until after executive session. Members Bonefield and Donahey recused themselves.

D. [Added] Motion Bonefield, second Gardner to Authorize the Business Manager to invest and reinvest funds in institutions which serve the greatest advantage to the School District.

E. [Added] Motion Bonefield, second Johnson to Approve resolution with SDFIT.

X. Motion Johnson, second Gardner to enter Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 6:35 pm
Exit executive session at 9:12 pm.

XI. Take necessary action as a result of Executive Session:

Motion Youngberg, second Erk to approve tabled new business item C: Approve Administration Recommendations for Personnel excluding Resignation of Luke Bonefield and excluding contracts for Shawn Donahey, Head GBB Coach and Cheryl Hohenberger, Assistant GBB Coach. Members Bonefield and Donahey recused themselves. Approved resignations: Stephen Simpson, teacher, effective and of 25-26 school year; Amanda Shirley, teacher, effective end of 25-26 school year; [Added] Paul Clark, effective June 30th. Approved [Added] contracts: Meghan Erickson, Head HS Track Coach; Eirelyn Bender, Assistant MS Track Coach; Lynnae Merten, Elementary Teacher 26-27 school year. Approved volunteer June Wetz-Siebold.

Motion Johnson, second Erk to Reinstate Luke Bonefield as Head GBB Coach. Members Bonefield and Donahey recused themselves.

XII. Motion Johnson, second Bonefield to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Unofficial Minutes approved by:
Amy Williams, Business Manager; 2-16-2026

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Tyrel Bonnet, Board Chairman; 2-16-2026

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JANUARY 1 – 31 2026 BILLS PAID

Checking 1 Fund: 10 GENERAL FUND
A & B WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY INC CYLINDER LEASE 175.50, AFLAC JAN-AFLAC 26.36, BIRNER AUTO REPAIR BUS 105 REPAIRS 3,022.11, BLACK HILLS ENERGY ELECTRICITY 6,221.58, BLACK HILLS PIONEER PUBLICATIONS 134.24,BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY CAREER FAIR BOOTH 300.00, CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CONCESSIONS 864.67, CEDAR SHORE RESORT & CONFERENCE 131.35 MOTEL ROOM PITPAN, COCA COLA BOTTLING CO OF BH CONCESSIONS 617.07, COMMON CENTS ACTIVITY FUEL 50.49,

COMMON CENTS FUEL 82.27,DELTA DENTAL DENTAL INS JAN 2026 882.50, DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #19960 SUPPLIES 12.21, DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #19960 SUPPLIES 85.12, DRUG & ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE CLEARINGHOUSE 25.00, DVORAK CONVENIENCE STORES, INC PIZZA CONCESSIONS 61.66, EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES ADD BUS 935.00, FIRST NATIONAL BANK FIRST NATIONAL BANK FEES 41.80, GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES SECURITY CARE 219.95, GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES IS BILLABLE LABOR 90.00, HALME, INC WATER LEAK PROJECT 6,116.02, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS SUPPLIES 1,120.95, JOHNSON CONTROLS DAMPER ACTUATORS 759.18, KSB SCHOOL LAW LEGAL FEES 1,044.00, MANGIS CONSTRUCTION LLC WATER LEAK PROJECT 627.55, MARCO, INC. COPIER LEASE 90.50, NEWELL HARDWARE AND SUPPLY INDUSTRIAL ARTS 48.73, NEWELL SERVICE CENTER OIL CHANGE SUBURBAN 94.90, OLSON FUELS LLC PROPANE 11,891.25, OPTILEGRA, INC. VISION INS 377.72, RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES REPLACED SEAL KIT 1,465.76, RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE JAN 26 SUPP LIFE 22.96, SALVATION ARMY, THE MONITOR 21.23, SD DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY WR SCALE USE 28.00, SDAAE REGISTRATION 65.00, SOUTH DAKOTA DRAUG AND ALCOHOL CONSORTIUM RANDOM DRUG TEST DOT 75.00, STAY USA HOTEL & SUITES HOT SPRINGS SD MOTEL ROOMS HSWR 296.00, STAY USA HOTEL & SUITES HOT SPRINGS SD REBATE MOTEL ROOMS (11.84), THRIFTBOOKS.COM BOOKS 101.06, TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 60.30, TOWN OF NEWELL, THE UTILITIES 1,377.88, US POSTAL SERVICE STAMPS 218.40
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS 25,130.00, WEST RIVER COOP TELEPHONE CO INC PHONE 58.65, WEST RIVER COOP TELEPHONE CO INC PHONE 503.80, WEST RIVER COOP TELEPHONE CO INC PHONE 36.85
GENERAL Fund Total: 65,598.73

Checking 1 Fund: 21 CAPITAL OUTLAY
MARCO, INC. COPIER LEASE 1,226.98, US BANK US BANK AGENT FEES 700.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY Fund Total: 1,926.98

Checking 1 Fund: 22 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND
212/79 SERVICE CENTER SPED FUEL 72.94, BHSSC TUITION 3,400.00, BHSSC TUITION 3,800.00, BHSSC TUITION 2,200.00, BHSSC TUITION 1,200.00, BHSSC TUITION 3,600.00, BHSSC TUITION 2,925.00, BJS NEWELL CONOCO SPED FUEL 157.18, BUILDING BLOCKS THERAPY, INC OT SERVICES 630.30, CC120 SPED FUEL 57.51
CHILDREN'S CARE HOSPITAL & SCHOOL TUITION OUT-OF-DISTRICT 6,069.00, DELTA DENTAL DENTAL INS JAN 2026 400.80, OPTILEGRA, INC. VISION INS 121.71, RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE JAN 26 SUPP LIFE 4.73, SD DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT MATCH 13,883.41, SN PSYCH ASSO., LLC EVALUATIONS 1,850.00, SN PSYCH ASSO., LLC EVALUATIONS 1,850.00, THERAPY SOLUTIONS, LLC SPEECH THERAPY 2,684.60, VOLK, JOSEPH MILEAGE TO PARENTS 547.40, WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF SD HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS 9,108.00 SPECIAL EDUCATION Fund Total: 54,562.58

Checking 1 Fund: 51 FOOD SERVICE
5W FARM AND RANCH, LLC EGGS BULK 47.50, BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL & JANITORIAL FS SUPPLIES 231.67, CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING FOOD PURCHASE 562.72, DELTA DENTAL DENTAL INS JAN 2026 40.56, EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC MILK 328.37, EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC MILK 312.68, EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC MILK 16.38, OPTILEGRA, INC. VISION INS 47.28, PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-MARSHALL FOOD PURCHASE 771.74, PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-MARSHALL FOOD PURCHASE 129.54
PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-MARSHALL FOOD PURCHASE 70.84, PRAIRIE LANE FARM BULK LETTUCE 50.00, SD DEPT. OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE 250.52,
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF SD HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS 828.00
FOOD SERVICE Fund Total: 3,687.80
Checking Account Total: 125,776.0