UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13TH, 2026 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-2 MET IN THE REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 13TH 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 6:00 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 New Business E: a. Resignations-Kim Hamilton, SPED Paraprofessional end of school year b. Employment- Alexis Jarvi 2nd grade teacher 2026-2027 school year. C. Volunteers: Anjaliisa Raisanen. Add New Business F: Authorize membership in the SDHSAA School Board Resolution; and add to X. Executive Session, add (4).*

Motion Bonefield, second Gardner to approve the agenda with the additions.

IV. Consent Agenda: Motion Johnson, Second Donahey to approve the consent agenda as presented: A) Minutes: Regular Meeting- March 9th, 2026 & Special Meeting – April 3, 2026; B) Payment of Bills-see final page; C) FINANCIAL REPORT for the month ending March 31st, 2026.

- GENERAL FUND Revenues 86,057.53 (4,093.53 local, 64,923 state; 17,041 federal) Expenditures 235,260.03; Ending Cash Balance 398,983.87; Investment Transfer Out: 500,000; Revenue Earned on Acct: 682.80 (included in local); Ending Investment Balance: 500,682.80
- CAPITAL OUTLAY Revenues 4,178.58 local; Expenditures 2,553.98; Ending Cash Balance 480,366.79; Investment Transfer out 1,500,000, ending investment balance 1,502,048.40.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION Revenues 71,968.05 local; Expenditures 71,421.47 Ending Cash Balance (90,033.05).
- FOOD SERVICE Revenues 9,189.43 (2,829 local; 6,360.43 federal); Expenditures 12,495.95 Ending Cash Balance 152.25
- ENTERPRISE Revenues 0; Expenditures 0; Ending Cash Balance 3,740.25
- TRUST & AGENCY; Ending Cash Balance: 64,828.21

V. Reports- All administrators in attendance provided reports.

VI. Information and Discussion – Mrs. Cheyenne Geppert provided updates for the Newell FFA Group.

VII. Open Forum - None

VIII. Old Business

Motion Johnson second Donahey to Table 'Approval of Worker Pay Rates' to the June meeting.

Second Reading of the Following Policies. Discussion items only, no action taken: ABAA-R(1) Title 1 – Guidelines; 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 Youngberg to recess until the conclusion of the NHS Banquet. Recess begins at 6:29 p.m. Motion Johnson, second Bonefield to return from recess at 6:58 p.m.

Motion Donahey, second Bonefield to approve Senior Project. Roll Call Vote: Yay-Erk, Gardner, Donahey, Bonefield, Bonnet, Johnson. Nay-Youngberg. Motion passes.

IX. New Business

Motion Bonefield, second Erk to approve budgeted transfer from the General Fund to Food Service Fund.

No motion to change the date for the regular May school board meeting.

Motion Johnson, second Bonefield to acknowledge draft of FY25 Audit from Ketel Thorstensen and sign representation letter.

Motion Johnson, second Youngberg to table New Business D; offering of certified contracts, until after executive session.

Motion Youngberg, second Donahey to approve recommendations for personnel as follows: A) Resignations: Meghan Erickson, Head Track; Wyatt VanderVorst 8-12 Social Studies effective at the end of the 25-26 School Year, Kim Hamilton Special Education paraprofessional end of the 25-26 school year. B) Employment: Amanda Shirley, Head Track Coach for 2026 Season; New Certified Staff effective 26-27 School Year: Erin Lemke, MS Science/Social Studies and Kristyn Stahlecker, 8-12 Social Studies, and Alexis Jarvi 2nd grade; C) Volunteer – Anjaliisa Raisanen.

Motion Bonefield, second Donahey to Authorize membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association for July 1, 2026 through June 20, 2027.

X. Executive Session

Motion Johnson, second Bonefield to enter Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (1) and (4). Board enters executive session at 8:23 p.m. Board exited executive session at 9:37 p.m.

XI. Action following Executive session

Motion Bonefield, second Donahey to offer certified contracts for the 2026-2027 school year with addendum to follow negotiations.

XII. Adjournment

Motion Youngberg, second Erk to Adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Unofficial Minutes approved by:
Amy Williams, Business Manager; 4-23-2026

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Tyrel Bonnet, Board Chairman; 4-23-2026

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MARCH 2026 Bills Paid

GENERAL FUND

95 Percent Group 625.90 CURRICULUM SUPPLIES; AFLAC 26.36 MAR-AFLAC; ASBSD 125.00 NEGOTIATIONS WEBINAR; BIRNER AUTO REPAIR 4,207.25 BUS REPAIRS; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 6,163.78 ELECTRICITY; BLACK HILLS PIONEER 208.73 PUBLICATIONS; BLICK ART MATERIALS 178.73 ART SUPPLIES; CLEAN FREAK CAR WASH 13.00 CAR WASH; DECKER, INC 89.05 SUPPLIES; DELTA DENTAL 923.06 DENTAL INS MAR 2026; DOLLAR GENERAL 59.95 CONCESSIONS; DVORAK, INC 231.24 CONCESSIONS PIZZAS; FIRST NATIONAL BANK 45.80 FIRST NATIONAL BANK FEES; GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES 219.95 SECURITY CARE; HARDING CO SCHOOL DIST 424.40 REGIONAL GBB LOSS SPLIT; HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS 615.70 PAPER TOWELS; JOHNSON CONTROLS BUILDING SOLUTIONS LLC 865.74 ELECTRIC VALVE ACTUATOR; KETEL THORSTENSON, LLP 6,180.00 AUDIT SERVICES; KICKSTART 9.43 FUEL; KINGS INN MOTEL 414.00 MOTEL ROOMS HSWR; KSB SCHOOL LAW 1,758.00 LEGAL; LIVESTOCKJUDGING.COM 300.00 SITE SUBSCRIPTION; LYNNS DAKOTA MART 33.67 FOOD; MARCO, INC. 90.50 COPIER LEASE; NEWELL HARDWARE AND SUPPLY LLC 303.38 SUPPLIES; NEWELL SCHOOL 19,271.04 IMPREST PAYMENT; NEWELL SERVICE CENTER 33.55 WIPER BLADE; OLSON FUELS LLC 16,735.70 UNLEADED GAS; OPTILEGRA, INC. 377.72 VISION INS; PLUMBER OF THE BLACK HILLS, THE 2,144.18 REPLACE WATER HEATER; RAPID CITY CENTRAL HS 203.87 HSGWR LOSS SPLIT; RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES 1,431.55 STARTED UP VAPORIZOR; RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE 22.96 MAR 26 SUPP LIFE; S&S WORLDWIDE 2,491.96 LIBRARY SHELVING; SAMS CLUB 41.79 FFA CANDY; SCOOPTOWN CAR WASH 13.00 CARWASH; SOUTH DAKOTA DRAUG AND ALCOHOL CONSORTIUM 125.00 D0T TEST; STANDARD, THE 49.92 BASIC LIFE PREMIUMS MAR 2026; SYNCB/AMAZON 1,960.70 SUPPLIES; THRIFTBOOKS.COM 211.71 BOOKS; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC 60.30 TMS-MAR; TOBAR, JUSTO 300.00 WINTER OFFICIAL SCHEDULING; TOWN OF NEWELL, THE 1,524.28 UTILITIES; TRIANGLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY 165.43 SUPPLIES; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 218.40 STAMPS; VICTORIA FARMS 105.00 ANIMAL SCIENCE; WELLMARK 26,786.00 HEALTH INSURANCE MAR 2026 PREMIUMS; WEST RIVER COOP TELEPHONE CO INC 613.79 PHONE

GENERAL FUND TOTAL: 99,000.47

CAPITAL OUTLAY

MARCO, INC. 1,280.30 COPIER LEASE; SYNCB/AMAZON 1,273.68 HSWR GIRLS SINGLETS

FUND TOTAL: 2,553.98

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

212/79 SERVICE CENTER 257.51 SPED FUEL; BHSSC 8,750.00 DAY RATE TUITION; BJS NEWELL CONOCO 188.92 SPED FUEL; BLACK HILLS PIONEER 120.00 CHILD FIND AD; BUILDING BLOCKS THERAPY, INC 932.85 FEB OT; DELTA DENTAL 400.80 DENTAL INS MAR; LYNNS DAKOTA MART 22.97 FOOD; OPTILEGRA, INC. 121.71 VISION INS; PEARSON EDUCATION, INC 256.73 WIAT MATERIALS; RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE 5.12 MAR 26 SUPP LIFE; SN PSYCH ASSO., LLC 1,000.00 EVALUATION; STANDARD, THE 26.88 BASIC LIFE PREMIUMS MAR 2026; SYNCB/AMAZON (39.99) REFUND ON STEP STOOL; THERAPY SOLUTIONS, LLC 2,449.60 SPEECH THERAPY; WELLMARK 9,108.00 HEALTH INSURANCE MAR 2026 PREMIUMS

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCTION FUND: 23,601.10

FOOD SERVICE

52 FARM AND RANCH, LLC 47.50 EGGS; CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING 1,777.76 FOOD SERVICE; DELTA DENTAL 40.56 DENTAL INS MAR 2026; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC 938.29 MILK; OPTILEGRA, INC. 47.28 VISION INS; PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE-MARSHALL 1,946.36 FOOD SERVICE; PRAIRIE LANE FARM 150.00 BULK LETTUCE; SD DEPT. OF EDUCATION 317.31 COMMODITY; STANDARD, THE 3.84 BASIC LIFE PREMIUMS MAR 2026; WELLMARK 828.00 HEALTH INSURANCE MAR 2026 PREMIUMS

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE 6,096.90

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 131,252.45