UNAPPROVED
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AUGUST 10, 2026

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SPEARFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 40-2, LAWRENCE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WAS HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING ON THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: President Nathan Hoogshagen, Vice President Eric Skavang, Alesha Limbo, Terssa Markworth, and Kevin McGill. School administrators present were: Gottlob, Caldwell, Wademan, Williams, Anderson, Lyon, Jacobs, Sumners, Heilman, Seyer, Main.

All motions were passed by unanimous vote unless stated otherwise.

President Hoogshagen called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

President Hoogshagen led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Vice President Skavang to appoint Kevin McGill to the open board seat and to amend the agenda to reflect the same. The motion was seconded by Limbo and carried to approve McGill's appointment.

President Hoogshagen completed swearing in of Business Manager, Mistie Caldwell.

Caldwell completed swearing in of newly appointed School Board Member Kevin McGill.

Motion was made by Limbo, seconded by Skavang and carried to approve the agenda with the addendum.

There was no unscheduled audience participation.

The Board did not have any conflict-of-interest wavers to consider.

Superintendent Nick Gottlob provided updates on district activities. Since last reported two weeks ago, preliminary enrollment numbers went from 2275 to 2297 (the FY2027 budget based on 2264). The numbers are not finalized and do not include adjustments for part-time students.

Gottlob followed up on the middle school water main damage. As of 8/10, a formal review of the subfloor and potential HVAC hazards are being reviewed by the insurance company. Stanley Steemer is moving ahead with the floor removal process, and the gym floor replacement could begin as early has two weeks from today – with the emergency declaration. All bills are paid through the district after the insurance company approves the expenditure. Reimbursement will come in the form of one payment from EMC Insurance. One the gym floor is installed and the necessary settling time is complete, the finishes will be completed with availability for used yet this fall.

The Mountain View alley project is nearing completion. This is a collaborative project with the City of Spearfish. The City approved Change Order #1; at this time, Superintendent Gottlob needs to review the change order to identify those items that are part of the shared expense and will seek approval for this change order, as well as any others that may arise, once substantial completion is reached. The project includes updating the alley for ADA compliance within the school bus lanes, and turf on the west playground. The bus lane is anticipated to be open for the August 25 school start date.

The FY2026 tiny homes will be open for public auction in the coming months. An auction company has been contacted; there will be opportunities for the public to see the builds. The expectation is to have both disbursed prior to the September board meeting.

Superintendent Gottlob closed by identifying a number of back-to-school activities including, but not limited to:

- End of summer custodial appreciation picnic on 8/13 at Noon at the district office
- New staff orientation on 8/18-8/19
- District welcome on 8/24
- Open houses on 8/25
- Back-to-school picnic sponsored by the Spearfish Foundation for Public Education on 8/26 at Noon at the main picnic shelter of Spearfish City Park.

Motion made by Limbo, seconded by Markworth and carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with West River Mental Health.

Motion made by Markworth, seconded by McGill and carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with West River Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Motion by Limbo, seconded by Skavang and carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding – Sports Field with the City of Spearfish.

Motion made by Skavang, seconded by McGill and carried to approve the $59, 686 change order for the Spearfish Middle School track project.

Motion by Limbo, seconded by Markworth and carried to assign school board members to the following committees for the 2026-27 school year:

- Policy: Markworth, McGill
- District Improvement Team: Limbo
- Finance: Hoogshagen, Skavang
- Facilities: Hoogshagen, Limbo
- Safety: McGill

Motion made by Skavang, seconded by Limbo and carried to approve the following consent agenda with the addendum:

A. Personnel (all hires contingent on successful completion of background check)
   1. Consider the following resignations:
      a. Shannon Ellingsen, West Elementary, SPED-ESP, effective 07/31/2026
      b. Nellie Krueger, High School Assistant Boys' and Girls' Golf Coach, effective 07/17/2026
      c. Steve Sabo, Mail/Freight Delivery person, effective 08/04/2026
   2. Consider the following classified agreements:
      a. Erica Walton, Part-Time School Nurse, 15 hours per week, 3 days per week (school calendar), $31.00 per hour, effective 08/18/2026
      b. Sarah Heilman, Custodian, up to 19 hours per week, $17.70 per hour, effective 08/10/2026
      c. Jaime Haynes, Mtn. View Elementary, Administrative Assistant, 8/hr. day, 10 months,

$17.70/ per hour, effective 08/10/2026

d. Haley Escalera, Mountain View Elementary, Gen Ed-ESP, 7/hr. day, 9 months, $17.70 per hour, effective 08/24/2026

e. Shelli Shevling, West Elementary, Gen Ed Library-ESP, 8/hr. day, 9 months, $17.70 per hour, effective 08/24/2026

f. Cindy Crooks, Creekside Elementary, SPED-ESP, 7/hr. day, 9 months, $17.70 per hour, + $2.00 differential pay for personal care attendant, effective 08/24/2026

g. Christine Siorida, Creekside Elementary, SPED-ESP, 7/hr. day, 9 months, $17.70 per hour, + $1.00 differential pay for behavior support, effective 08/24/2026

h. Ashley Bahr, Middle School, SPED-ESP, 7/hr. day, 9 months, $17.70 per hour, + $2.00 differential pay for personal care attendant, effective 08/24/2026

i. Hunter Muller, Custodian, 8/hr. day, 12 months, $17.70 per hour, effective 08/21/2026

j. Halle Kirsch, Creekside Elementary, Gen Ed-ESP, 7/hr. day, 9 months, $17.70 per hour, effective 08/24/2026

k. Samantha Van Matre, West Elementary, SPED-ESP, 7/hr. day, 9 months, $17.70 per hour, + $1.00 differential pay for behavior support, effective 08/24/202

3. Consider the following extra-duty agreements:
   a. Ryan Young, Assistant Boys' Soccer, Level 5 $2,891.60
   b. Eric Santure, Field Maintenance, Level 4 $2,391.05 (split 2/3 = $1,594.03)
4. Consider the following transfer:
   a. Danette Jarzab, Creekside Elementary SPED-ESP to District ESL-ESP, 20 hours per week, effective 08/24/2026

B. Approve change in adult meal pricing, breakfast $2.50 to $2.54 and lunch $5.25 to $5.34, per SD Child and Nutrition Services

C. Volunteers

Mistie Caldwell provided an update from the Business Office. The Department of Education Annual Report is nearing completion. Once that is finalized, Mistie will provide with a full year in review at the September board meeting. Looking ahead, the Business Office is preparing for the upcoming audit. July saw an uptick in preparatory expenditures in anticipation of the beginning of the school year. As the board moves closer to a decision on the future of West Elementary, debt service calculations and projections are anticipated.

Motion was made by Markworth, seconded by McGill and carried to approve the meeting minutes of the regular meeting on July 13, the annual meeting on July 13 and the special meeting on August 4, 2026.

Motion was made by Limbo, seconded by Markworth and carried to accept the financial reports and bills as presented.

Motion was made by Markworth, seconded by Skavang and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Nathan Hoogshagen, Board President _____

Mistie Caldwell, Business Manager _____