



Ethan Kraft

Grade: Senior
Sport: Track and field, third year
Events: Shot put, discus and javelin
What is the first thing you’re going to enjoy when the last day of school lets out?
Work.

What will keep you busy this summer?
Work is gonna keep me busy almost all summer. I’m planning on working for the city.

What is your favorite track event?
Discus.

What is your favorite meal?
Just steak.

What teammate is best at pushing you to do better?
Brandi Seifert.

Other than sports, what’s a hobby you enjoy?
I like fishing.

What is one thing you’ve learned the most from this track season?
I learned that Mr. Olson can teach working on your form can actually help a lot.

Stat fact: Ethan’s best performance in shot put was 27-feet, 1-inch during the May 2 CMC Invite; in discus, it was 81-feet, 6-inches, set at the HWC Early Bird Invite, April 10; and in javelin, his best outing was 83-feet, 7-inches during the Badlands Conference Meet May 2.

Coach’s quote: “Ethan is a very dedicated thrower and a loyal team member. He has a great sense of humor and has the knack of reminding us all that having some fun is important, too.” – Crystal Huber

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WCS softball drops close battle to Mayville

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In a back-and-forth contest filled with defensive miscues and momentum swings, the Washburn-Center-Stanton Cardinals came up just short against Mayville on Saturday, May 10, falling 11-8 in a seven-inning battle.

Despite both teams collecting just six hits apiece, the game was anything but quiet. A combined 19 errors, nine from WCS and ten from Mayville, played a significant role in the outcome, turning routine innings into extended scoring opportunities.

WCS struck first with two runs in the third inning, taking advantage of Mayville’s defensive struggles.

Brooklyn Hetletved delivered a key hit in the frame and went on to finish 1-for-4 with four RBIs, leading the Cardinals’ offense.

Isabel Samuelson also had a strong showing at the plate, going 3-for-4 with an RBI. Additional RBIs came from Kya Kulzer and Elizabeth Neumiller.

Mayville responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the third, and both teams traded runs again in the fifth, leaving WCS with a narrow 4-3 edge heading into the sixth.

The bottom of the sixth, however, proved costly for WCS. Mayville put together a seven-run rally, fueled by walks, errors, and timely contact, to surge ahead 10-4.

WCS responded admirably in the top of the seventh, scoring four runs to cut the deficit to three, but the comeback came up short as Mayville held on to secure the win.

Kya Kulzer pitched all six innings for WCS, striking out 12 while walking two.

Though she allowed 11 runs, only one was earned as the defense behind her struggled to contain Mayville’s runners.

Kulzer also contributed offensively with an RBI, and teammates Dani Cordell and Hannah Klabunde each chipped in with hits to support the effort.

Despite the loss, the Cardinals showed offensive balance and resilience, scoring in four separate

innings and fighting back late in the game.

The Cardinals’ ability to produce runs against a similarly aggressive opponent offers a silver lining as they continue their season.

The Cardinals will aim to regroup and sharpen their defensive play moving forward, as they look to convert competitive performances like this into wins down the stretch.

| GAME STATS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | R | H | E | | |
| WCS | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 9 | | |
| MAY | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 | x | 11 | 6 | 10 | | |

WCS batting:
Breanna Laning 0-3 1 walk
Brooklyn Hetletved 1-4 4 RBI
Kya Kulzer 0-4 1 RBI
Kathryn Hendrickson 0-4
Isabel Samuelson 3-4 1 RBI
Elizabeth Neumiller 0-4 1 RBI
Kylee Fielder 0-3 1 walk
Dani Cordell 1-3
Hannah Klabunde 1-2 1 walk

WCS pitching:
Kya Kulzer 6.0 IP 6 hits 11 runs 1 ER 2 walks 12 strikeouts

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CENTER/STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2025 Vice Chairman Jesse Krieger called the regular board meeting of the Center/Stanton School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on April 9, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Krieger were Kelly Erhardt, Richard Schmidt (via teams), Shiloh Becher, and John Schwab. Administrators were Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke and Elementary Principal Mark Sondag. Also present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt. Set Agenda. K. Erhardt made a motion to set the agenda as presented. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. M/C. Approval of Minutes. Becher moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2025 and March 31, 2025 meetings. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Financial Reports. Monthly Financial Reports consisting of the General Fund, Activity Fund, Building Fund, Hot Lunch Fund and March payroll totals were presented to the Board. Schwab moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Bills. K. Erhardt moved to pay the following bills as presented: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 1,939.69; CAPITOL ONE 42.52; CENTER COAL COMPANY 2,458.98; CENTER REPUBLICAN 432.75; CDLN 76.41; CITY OF CENTER 1,155.18; COLE PAPERS 1,346.79; DAVE’S SALES & SERVICE 31.40; EGGERS ELECTRIC 199.12; ETSYSTEMS 1,239.04; EXTREME CLEANING 518.00; FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS 365.67; FREEDOM TRUCK

CENTER 19,310.33; HANSON, LACEY 594.00; HARLOW’S BUS SALES 135.16; HARVEY WELLS COUNTY 200.00; HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL 150.00; HINTZ, JODI 50.00; JW PEPPER & SON 35.00; LILLIS ELECTRIC 365.35; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 275.94; MANDATE AUTOMOTIVE 72.80; MENARDS 409.52; MDU 3,968.08; ND ROUGHRIDER 62.00; NDIT 20.00; NETWORK CENTER 752.00; NEW SALEM-ALMONT PUBLIC SCHOOL 69.00; POPPLERS MUSIC 229.95; PREBLE MEDICAL SERVICES 60.00; QUAST, MARK 41.14; RDO 1,033.57; REGION VII MUSIC 420.00; REGION VII SPEECH 110.00; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 35.00; RUD PROPANE 2,660.51; SCHMIDT, RENAE 405.00; SFBND-VISA 1,612.98; VITEK, KEITH 1,201.18; WRT 412.02. General Fund Total: 44,500.08. CITY AIR MECHANICAL 8,792.00. Building Fund Total \$8,792.00. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Administrative Reports: Elementary Principal’s Report. Mr. Sondag reported on Enrollment; Student Engagement Surveys; SWIS Behavior Report; Reading Month; Current Spring Testing; and Upcoming Events. Secondary Principal’s Report. Ms. Nitschke reported on Civil Rights Data Report; HS Acalympics; Buddy Reading; Prom; State FCCLA; Computer Quotes; and Upcoming Events. New Business: A. Full Day Preschool Presentation. Blakeley Kantor presented to the board a proposal for a full day preschool program for the 2025-2026 school year. K. Erhardt

made a motion to table full day preschool program. She then withdrew the motion. Schwab made a motion to send the preschool proposal to the budget committee to review cost of moving to a full day program. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. B. Resignations. Krieger read the resignation of Ashley Tietz resigning from her Teaching Position. Schwab made a motion to accept the letter of resignation. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Krieger then read a letter of resignation Alexandra Baker resigning from her JH Volleyball Coaching position, Phillip Gaugler resigning from his Boys’ Basketball Coaching Position. Becher made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Alexandra Baker and Phillip Gaugler. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C> C. Work Agreement/Teacher Contract. Erhardt also presented a teaching contract for Shanna Meier for the 2025-2026 school year. K. Erhardt made a motion to accept the contract of Shanna Meier (\$43,750.00). Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Erhardt presented the coaching work agreements for approval: Spring Golf Coach – Shanna Meier (\$2,205.00). K. Erhardt made a motion to accept Shanna Meier as the Spring Golf Coach. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Erhardt presenter the coaching work agreements for approval: Assistant Track Coach – Dominick Isaak (\$2,220.00). Becher made a motion to accept Dominick Isaak as the Assistant Track Coach. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. D. Pool Hallway. Erhardt presented

two quotes for asbestos removal in the pool hallway. One from Horsley Specialties Inc. for \$16,250.00 and Total Control Inc. \$15,150.00. Schwab made a motion to accept the proposal from Total Control Inc. for \$15,150.00. Becher seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Becher-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Schwab-yes, Schmidt-yes, Krieger-yes. M/C. E. Student Credit Recovery. Nitschke informed the board about student absences and process addressed in the student handbook. F. Extra Duty Stipend. Schmidt discussed a stipend for Principals Alicia Nitschke, Mark Sondag, and business manager Jacob Erhardt for the extra duties the have taken on in the absence of a superintendent. Becher made a motion to table it until the May board meeting. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. G. Principal Evaluations. Schmidt recommended having a board member finish the principal evaluation process for 2024-2025 school year. Becher made a motion to have the board president finish the principal evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. H. Counselor Position. Schmidt discussed a proposal from staff on adding another counselor, either half or full time for the 2025-2026 school year. Nitschke added to the discussion the need of adding another counselor to the school to help with social/emotional needs of the students. Becher made a motion to send the counselor position discussion to budget committee to

gather cost from adding a new position to the school. I. Business Manager Evaluation. The board discussed the Business Manager’s evaluation. Schwab made a motion to accept the Business Manager Evaluation as presented. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. J. Motion to move into executive session to discuss negotiations strategy. Legal Authority: NDCC 44-04-19.1(9). Hall made a motion to move into executive session to discuss negotiations strategy. Berger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Board went into executive session at 8:14 p.m. on April 9, 2025. Vice Chairman Krieger called the Board meeting back into open session at 9:22 p.m. on April 9, 2025. Meeting Dates. Budget Committee Meeting – April 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Building/Grounds/Transportation Meeting – April 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting – May 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. C.T. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. CT. These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board. Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager (05-15-2025)