

BILLINGS COUNTY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
Proceedings

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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
May 14, 2025  
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by President Kessel at 4:11 p.m. MT, Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the DeMores School in Medora. Board members Eric Bock, Jessie Evoniuk, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel and Kinley Slauter were present. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Superintendent Shae Peplinski, Assistant Superintendent Danielle O'Brien, Maintenance Supervisor Bob Hushka, Business Manager Robert Gates. Meeting attendees: Chris Cunningham – JE Dunn, and Erika Honeyman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board toured the DeMores School and reconvened at 5:10 p.m.

M/S Bock/Evoniuk to approve the consent agenda, the April 9th minutes and the April 23rd special meeting minutes, the payments, the financial reports, and the addition of four item to the agenda. AIF

Chris Cunningham of JE Dunn toured with the Board gave an update on the DeMores expansion project. Discussion included updates on the breezeway, main E/W hallway, classroom, carpet, gym floor, and mezzanine siding. Peplinski also informed the board the transition from old classrooms to new classrooms, and re-organization of Admin offices.

Hushka gave a written and oral report on facilities and vehicle maintenance.

O'Brien informed the Board that the Smart Computer con-

tract that was approved in April is actually a two-year contract, not a one-year contract. M/S Johnson/Evoniuk to amend the April 9th motion to a two-year contract with Smart Computers. Roll call vote, with all in favor. O'Brien then informed that the tech budget needs to be amended to include 16 desktops instead of the 8 listed. The DeMores computer lab has not cycled out any desktops in anticipation of the expansion. M/S Slauter/Bock to amend the April 9th motion to change the technology budget to included 16 desktops instead of the 8 desktops as presented in the original budget. Roll Call vote, with all in favor. O'Brien informed the board of an update on the RTC bid to the update the security cameras at both schools since it has been over a year since the original bid. M/S Slauter/Johnson to approve the new bid from RTC. Roll call vote, with AIF.

Peplinski reported that 8th grade graduation will be Wednesday, May 21. The graduation dinner will be at 6p.m. and the graduation will start at 7p.m. at the community center.

Peplinski and O'Brien discussed with the board the recent Cognia Evaluation performed by 3rd party evaluators. This evaluation is required to maintain the school's accreditation. The teaching staff performed very well.

Gates reviewed the 2025-2026 State Aid to Schools Worksheet sent out by Adam Tescher of the ND Department of Public Instruction. This worksheet reflected the recent legislative changes made during the recent legislative session. Gates then presented the board with tuition cost paid to area high schools for Billings County high school

students attendance during the 2024-25 school year. Finally, Gates requested the board to affirm the legal name of the school district. This is needed to meet federal grant requirements. M/S Evoniuk/Bock to affirm the official name of the school district as Billings County Public School District 1. Roll call vote, with AIF.

O'Brien requested of the board to approve the summer tutoring program at the Prairie school. There are 14 students that would benefit from the program, and O'Brian has three teachers that will participate. The cost is estimated at \$5000. M/S Johnson/Evoniuk to approve to support the summer tutoring program at the Prairie school. Roll call vote, with all in favor.

There are 3 sets of the old DeMores pre-school lockers that are excess property. M/S Slauter/Evoniuk to dispose of the excess property. Roll call vote with AIF.

Slauter brought forward the need to approach the Billings County Commissioners for a request of operational funds stemming from the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act of 1937. There was discussion on how other school districts request the funds from their respective county. This discussion is tabled for now.

Committee Reports:  
Building & Grounds Committee:  
Slauter mentioned that the caulk between the building and sidewalk on the South side needs to be replaced. The No Parking sign needs to be replaced.

Negotiations & Finance:  
The committee made the recommendation to the board to increase the Superintendent and Asst. Super. salary by \$3000 on a one-year contract. After discussion, M/S Johnson/Evoniuk to approve the committee recommendation. Roll call vote, AIF. Then the committee recommended to increase all un-contracted hourly employees \$0.75/hr. After some discussion, Slauter suggested a 3% or

\$0.75/hr. increase, whichever is greater. After further discussion, M/S Slauter/Johnson to a 3% or \$0.75/hr. increase, whichever is greater, to all un-contracted hourly employees. Roll call vote, with AIF.

Sports Co-op:  
It was recommended the school district pay the South Heart School District \$2000 and the Belfield School District \$8000 for supporting sports team participation. M/S Evoniuk/Slauter to approve the recommended payments. Roll call vote, with AIF.

Policy committee: Reaffirm Policy:  
AAA Philosophy of Public Schools  
AAB District Goals & Objectives  
ACBD School Medication Program  
BBA School Board Elections  
DEAB Staff Attendance  
FDH-BR1 Foster Care Student Transportation Procedure  
FDH-BR2 Foster Care Student Transportation Dispute Resolution Procedure  
GAAC Review and Complaints of Instructional and Resource Material  
GABC Sex Education  
M/S Johnson/Evoniuk to reaffirm the above listed policies. All in Favor.

A m e n d  
Policy:  
ABAA School District Organization Plan  
ABDA-BR1 Website Accessibility Complaints  
FDE Education of Special Education Students/Students with Disabilities  
M/S Evoniuk/Bock to approve amended policies as presented. All in favor.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2025 at the DeMores School 5p.m.

With no further business, Slauter moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn the meeting. AIF

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

JE Dunn Construction Co.....	606,068.00
JLG ARCHITECTS, LTD.....	7,189.43
Advance Business Methods.....	892.94
Alley Beans.....	34.25
Amazon.....	2,205.03
Americlnn by Wyndham.....	700.00
Ameritus Life Insur.....	63.68
BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL.....	3,436.29
BELFIELD AUTO.....	217.64
BELFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT.....	57,350.85
BCBS of ND.....	1,513.31
BOWMAN PARKS & REC.....	107.22
CANDLEWOOD SUITES.....	149.00
CASH WISE.....	9.58
CERBERUS SECURITY.....	336.00
CHARBONNEAU CAR CENTER.....	281.14
CITY OF MEDORA.....	994.35
CONSOLIDATED.....	239.47
DACOTA PAPER CO.....	1,574.67
DAN'S CONOCO.....	356.59
DPI.....	146.60
DICKINSON PRESS.....	160.00
DICKINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	4,738.33
DOLLAR GENERAL.....	15.50
DQ GRILL & CHILL.....	60.18
FAMILY FARE.....	33.85
FARMERS UNION OIL CO.....	1,300.00
FOUR SEASONS TROPHIES.....	1,024.75
GATES, R.....	112.40
HUSHKA, R.....	45.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE.....	430.26
KILLDEER SCHOOL DIST.....	16,439.71
LOGO MAGIC, INC.....	408.00
Madison National Life Ins.....	464.17
MAHER, J.....	188.90
MALKOWSKI, K.....	9,692.96
MARATHON OIL.....	61.01
MARATHON PETRO.....	143.89
MARTEN, JOHN.....	518.80
MCDONALD'S.....	63.21
McKenzie Co. School District.....	140.00

MEDORA CONVEN.....	361.05
MEDUNA, G.....	9,902.65
MENARDS.....	1,324.59
MGM RURAL SANITATION.....	269.05
MONTANA DEPART OF REV.....	50.00
ND EDUCATION STANDARDS.....	80.00
ND School Bus Mgr Cert Program.....	100.00
NORTHERN BOTTLING CO.....	428.84
O'BRIEN, D.....	297.00
O'BRIEN, J.....	168.23
Obrigewitch, K.....	115.84
PEARCE DURICK PLLC.....	356.25
PIZZA CORNER.....	116.00
RAVEN BREW, THE.....	77.84
REALLY GOOD STUFF.....	159.11
ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC.....	4,134.00
RTC NETWORKS.....	339.00
SCHOOL SPECIALITY.....	91.92
SICKIES GARAGE.....	291.14
SMART COMPUTERS.....	23,979.44
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED.....	5,350.00
SOLGA, KATHLEEN.....	92.00
SOUTH HEART SCHOOL DIST.....	35,378.42
SPARTANNASH COMPANY.....	88.30
SW WATER AUTHORITY.....	121.62
SYMINOW, R.....	30,967.04
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA.....	5,523.16
TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS.....	108.26
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.....	152.30
WALMART.COM.....	71.16
WEST DAKOTA OIL INC.....	644.10
WR STUDENT SERVICES.....	4,542.78
WERC.....	1,500.00
WSI.....	50.00

/s/ Joey Kessel  
Joey Kessel, President  
/s/ Robert Gates  
Robert Gates, Business Manager  
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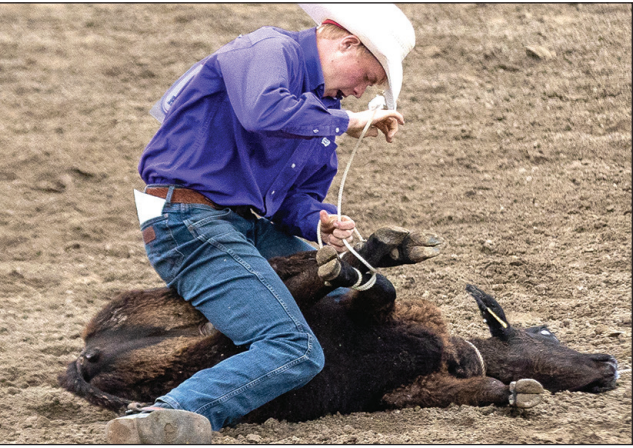
NDHS Rodeo Finals



Rubi Johnson



Sutton Johnson, 2nd place finish, Round 1



Shane Stroh



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