

DRAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Present: Mark Hatloy, Reid Christenson, Randy Corrick, Jessica Hermanson
Present: Jason Keating, Jessica Gunderson, Angela Aasand
Hatloy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM
Christenson made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 7f: reimbursement request, seconded by Corrick, and approved by all.
Corrick made a motion to approve the consent agenda (minutes 8/11/25 and 8/25/25, bills, and financial reports), seconded by Hermanson, and approved by all.
Emanuelson arrived at 7:12PM. Corrick made a motion to approve open enrollment for 2 children that moved out of the district. The motion was seconded by Christenson, and approved by all
Christenson made a motion to approve the open enrollment for 1 new student from out of the district, seconded by Corick, and approved by all.
Emanuelson made the motion to approve the Tuition agreement with Kittson County, seconded by Corrick, and approved by all.
Corrick made the motion to approve the Annual Compliance Report, seconded by Hermanson, and approved by all.
Hermanson motion to approve the Second Reading of Policies GABE - Human Trafficking Education; BCBA - Public Participation at Board Meetings; ACCB - Protection for student victims of sexual offenses; FFK- Suspension & Expulsion; FFK-BR - Suspension & Expulsion Regulations; FF- Student Conduct & Discipline. The motion was seconded by Christenson, and approved by all.
Hermanson made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Financial Report, seconded by Corrick, approved by all.
Emanuelson made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Budget and Levies, seconded

by Corrick, and approved by all.
Emanuelson made a motion to adjourn at 9:12PM, seconded by Corrick, and approved by all.
1878 GROCERY COMPANY \$203.25; B&S CONSTRUCTION \$625.00; BRENCO CLEANING EQUIPMENT \$260.78; CASS CLAY CREAMERY, INC \$1,323.79; CAVALIER CHRONICLE, THE \$30.00; CENGAGE LEARNING \$25,183.41; CITY OF DRAYTON \$2,256.87; CREATIVETIME SOLUTIONS \$70.00; CULINEX, \$175.18; DACOTAH PAPER CO FARGO ND\$2,704.88; DAHLSTROM MOTORS, INC.\$116.00; DAKOTA EAST GIFT SHOP \$734.40; DAKOTA NATURAL GAS \$207.00; DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY \$26.90; DRAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOL \$351.41; ED'S LAWNCARE \$1,780.00; EWING OIL \$57.22; GERRELL'S SPORT CENTER, INC. \$192.74; GRAFTON FLORAL \$107.00; HALCROW'S INC \$5,830.53; HARLOW'S BUS SALES, INC \$44.65; HARTLEY'S SCHOOL BUS \$32.79; HOUGHTON MIFFLIN CO \$3,665.06; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$16,613.41; JOHNSON CONTROLS \$2,766.68; JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE \$2,203.58; KEATING, JASON \$412.30; LIBRARY STORE, INC, THE \$345.45; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC.\$1,342.00; ND FFA ASSOCIATION \$530.00; NDASBM \$50.00; NDCEL \$250.00; NDSBA \$1,095.00;NORTHDALE OIL, CO. \$508.73; ODIN \$96.02; POLAR COMMUNICATIONS \$483.85; POPP BINDING & LAMINATING INC. \$380.60; QUIMBY, SHELLY \$590.75; RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK \$102.50; REFR SPORTS \$4,300.00; RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC \$3,488.70; SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC. \$287.12; SCHUMACHER & SONS \$79.15; SMART, KENDYLE \$25.00; STEGMAN, KERRI \$200.00; STEIN'S INC \$510.81; THORSTEINSON, BARBARA \$29.42; UPPER VALLEY SPICAL EDUCATION \$80,726.49; VALLEY BUILDING CENTER \$25.99; VALLEY NEWS & VIEWS \$476.90

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‘PETS’ CON’T FROM PAGE 6

Glow sticks

Glow sticks are a safe way for children to enjoy some spooky fun on Halloween night and become more visible when the sun sets. But those glow sticks may be attractive to pets and they can bite them, ingesting the liquid. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center says typically pets experience a mild and self-limiting taste reaction to glow stick liquid. Wiping off the excess with a damp cloth to help prevent the pet from licking again and having another reaction can help.

Accessibility to candy

One of the biggest Halloween dangers for pets is the accessibility of candy, especially chocolate. Chocolate is toxic and particularly dangerous to dogs. Chocolate with high amounts of cacao is

especially dangerous. Raisins and gum with the artificial sweetener xylitol also are problematic. Candy wrappers can get stuck in the intestinal tract and cause a life-threatening blockage. Lock candy away so pets can't get into it.

Nerves

Many youngsters will ring the door bell on Halloween. Anxious pets, and even those that normally aren't nervous with visitors, may be overwhelmed. Keep pets in a dark, calm room away from the door to reduce anxiety and make it less likely skittish pets will escape the home and get lost.

Understanding common Halloween dangers can help keep pets safe on this fun-filled holiday.

‘FAREWELL’ CON’T FROM PAGE 1

10 to section 15, which borders the present North Dakota Highway 17.”

According to the bulletin, exactly 29 years later, a second church was erected at this location, and the former church was used solely as a parsonage. It was during the summer of 1947 that the church building in Drayton was moved into town and placed on its present site.

“After a lot of work and delays due to material shortages, our Worship Services became a reality in the church in October. The following months were very busy months,” the bulletin states. “Trinity's State Charter, showing official incorporation, is dated June 20, 1947. Official membership into the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, was effected during the District Convention at Hankinson, N.D., May 31-June 4, 1948. The dedication of the church property took place Aug. 8, 1948.”

According to members of Trinity Lutheran Church, discussions to close began during their January meeting, and the final decision was made in March of this year.

Long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Roger Weinlaeder, said the entire discernment process has been a journey. He said the decline in membership started to become apparent during COVID.

“People pass and people move away. We had several couples who moved away,” Weinlaeder said. “The youngest in our congregation is in their late 60s.”

There has been many years of history surrounding Trinity Lutheran Church, as well as family lineages that have been members of the church. Many of the current parishioners were baptized, confirmed, and joined in marriage there, as were their children and grandchildren. There is a strong sense of grief associated with the closing of a century-old established church and parish.

“The community should be aware of the fact this congregation won't be contributing to the community anymore,” Weinlaeder said. “All the good things that came out of our church, including a lot of good Christians who moved to different communities. Our population is dropping, and you just don't see the population coming in.”

Trinity Lutheran Church emphasized missionary work

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throughout the many years since they were established. Members of the congregation said there were several parishioners in the history of the church who helped establish connections for strong missionary work.

They decided to hold their final service on Nov. 30 because it is between Thanksgiving and Advent. Weinlaeder said it is a symbolic time to give thanks for the many years it has served the community, as well as to celebrate the coming of the Savior.

Roger's wife Sheila, said they want to make it a celebration of their church and how it has served its parishioners throughout the years, as well as the community. She said there have been a few area congregations in need of items from the church, which Trinity Lutheran will donate to.

“There are other congregations that said they have needs and could use a few items,” Sheila said. “One church asked for the hymn books and some have asked for our Bibles. If these items in the church have a place and there are parishes in need of something, we will be able to help.”

At a recent service held at Trinity Lutheran Church, the hymn, “Oh God of Light,” from the Lutheran Service Book was sung by the congregation. The words are a testament to the many years the congregation has served their parishioners and the community, as well as the grief of having to make the ultimate decision to close. They sang, “God of light, Your word, a lamp, unfailing shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way and show your grace, your plan for us unveiling and guide our footsteps to the perfect day.”

According to Roger, it will probably take years to dismantle everything in the church, and they are not sure what exactly will happen with the building as of yet but they hope their congregation has been an integral part of the Drayton community. Many of the existing parishioners will be receiving letters from Zion English Lutheran Church in Grafton, a joint parish, inviting them to join their congregation after the closing.

Looking around the church at the handmade banners hanging on the walls, as well as the symbolism of the beautiful stained glass windows which light up as the sun comes up on their Sunday morning services, the church will be missed by generations of those who served Trinity Lutheran Church and the Drayton community with outreach work. Decades of parishioners who have walked through the front doors throughout the many years of service will say their final farewells to a congregation that became family.

“It is very sad, I will give you that. Certainly, multiple personalities and people made up this congregation,” Roger said. “People who were not only a good influence on our church but also a good influence on our community.”

letter to the editor

It comes as no surprise that the constitutionality of North Dakota's Beef Commission Act has landed in court. Ranchers who choose not to pay dues to the Stockmen's Association

have been advising the legislature for a decade or more about their dissatisfaction with the law's preferential treatment of certain select groups, yet the legislature has ignored them. It would have been so easy to amend and correct the century code, yet here we are, to no one's surprise.

The first mistake out of the gate was to assign oversight and governance of the state beef checkoff to the commission tasked with oversight and governance of the federal beef checkoff. After the state checkoff was implemented in 2015, it didn't take long for the commission to start sending hundreds of thousands of our checkoff dollars south to Colorado into the coffers of NCBA's Federation. It is unacceptable and offensive to me that my state checkoff dollars are part of those handed over to the group that has fought tooth and nail to defeat mandatory country of origin labeling. NCBA is the outfit that declared in its battle against MCOOL, “beef is beef no matter where it comes from.” Not in my world.

The second mistake was not permitting a producer referendum on the new checkoff to see if producers approved of the new tax. It's almost as if lawmakers think they know better than we do about what's best for us.

Worse yet, any North Dakota cattle producer requesting a refund of his or her state checkoff is stripped of their eligibility to serve on the commission for three years. Let me be clear: if I request a refund of my state checkoff, it is NOT a signal that I don't believe in the program's possibilities; it's because I do not want to fund NCBA, and I want my money to remain in North Dakota promoting North Dakota beef.

As a North Dakota taxpayer, I expect the attorney general to expeditiously move this case forward rather than trying to run out the clock in hopes that the three North Dakota cattle producers who brought the suit will run out of resources and energy. They won't. Why? Because there are many of us behind them who believe this lawsuit needed to happen, and we are putting our shoulders behind the wheel and opening our checkbooks. We are watching what our state government does, and we have long memories.

Dig deep, friends, and send a check to RRI, PO Box 12, Sterling, ND 58572. They're fighting a fight for all of us and our rights under the ND Constitution. It's the right thing to do.

Steve Fallgatter
Driscoll, ND

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