

BEACH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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PROCEEDS OF
REGULAR MEETING
Unofficial Minutes Subject
to Review and Revision
of the Board
July 7, 2025

Beach School Board held its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on July 7, 2025 in the high school library. Present were Robert Sperry, Carrie Zachmann, Landon Lechler, Alan Muckle, Heather Dykins, Misty Farnstrom, Jessica Geis and Taryn Sweet. Absent was Lynn Swanson. Visitors present were Mark Lund, Krista Lund, Mark Golberg, Annie Begger, Lindsay Dykins, Jay Dykins, Mike Zier, Loni Thilmony, Gary Howard and Karen Hinch from Elliott and McMahon via Teams.

President Sperry called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Sperry recognized visitors. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sperry called for election of officers. Motion by Zachmann, second by Lechler to nominate Sperry for president and cease all nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Roll call vote carries unanimously. Motion by Lechler, second by Muckle to nominate Zachmann for vice president and cease all nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Sperry presented committee assignments. Sperry and Zachmann to personnel; Sperry

and Lechler to finance and collaborative bargaining; Muckle and Lechler to transportation and facilities; Muckle and Dykins to curriculum and policy; Zachmann and Dykins to technology; Geis to WERC; and Zachmann to SWCTE/RACTC. Motion by Lechler, second by Zachmann to approve changes to committee assignments. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Sperry reviewed the agenda. Geis indicated the agenda is set and ready.

Sperry read public comments on agenda only speaker policy.

No routine board items required further discussion.

Sperry reviewed the items on the consent agenda which included:

- June 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- June 23, 2025 special meeting minutes
- Bills and payroll
- Finance reports
- Committee reports
- Administrative reports

Motion by Muckle, second by Zachmann to approve the consent agenda which includes all agenda items listed in sections A, B, C, D and E. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Approved bills and payroll were:

Admin Partners LLC ...	\$125.00
The Agency Insurance LLC	24,601.00
Amanda Bieber.....	336.30
BSN Sports, LLC	585.00

Buzzy Cafe	70.00
Cellcore Repair LLC	898.00
Cenex Fleetcard/CHS Inc.	325.34
City of Beach	8,206.51
Country Inn and Suites of Fargo	440.00
D & E Supply Company, Inc.	449.91
Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc.	90.00
Denise Dietz	115.82
Dollar General	32.80
EduTech.....	40.00
Jeremy Fix	1,750.00
Great Plains Directory Service	64.00
GS Publishing, LLC	495.70
Integrity Auto Glass	215.00
I-State Truck Inc.	224.58
Kilde Construction	20,770.18
Library World Inc.	540.00
Marman Plumbing & General Const.	2,500.00
MDU Resources Group, Inc.	2,829.56
NDASBM	50.00
ND Center for Distance Education.....	229.00
NDCEL	861.00
ND School Boards Assn.	5,172.65
Olson's Service LLC	127.41
Positive Promotions.....	715.81
Prairie Lumber Corp.	893.88
Radisson Hotel	530.00
ReadiTech.....	8,906.15
Ward Remillong	290.00
Rohan Hardware	466.78
Roughrider North Human Service Zone	1,042.52
RTC Networks	622.00
S & R Interiors Inc.	426.09
School Specialty LLC	38.99
Software Unlimited Inc.	
.....	6,050.00
Teach2Learn	1,000.00
Typing Agent LLC	889.00
Wells Fargo	580.68
WERC Center.....	1,500.00
WEX Bank	258.68
Jeremy Fix	274.90
Wells Fargo	198.27
June Regular Payroll	370,217.71
July Contract Payroll	242,929.08
August Contract Payroll	218,551.81
End of Fiscal Year Payroll	20,310.51

Sperry called for communications and recognition of students and staff.

• Geis presented plaque to Mark Lund for his years of service on the board. Board members, administration and visitors thanked Lund for his years of service.

• Sweet presented recognition of janitorial staff for the cleaning, updating and painting that is being completed.

Geis presented old business.

• Possible sports co-op with Wibaux was discussed. Lechler spoke on football. 9-man has more positions than 8-man on the field, which provides opportunities for more kids. Travel to away games in MT and ND were compared by mileage and Interstate vs. two lane roads. Lechler recommended offering 9-man in ND to Wibaux. Muckle also agreed with the same offering to combine the

best opportunity for all the kids to be successful. Field update and change costs would be high the first year and require a change back in future years, which would be costly for both districts. Adding basketball to the co-op offering was discussed. Zier indicated a co-op between the two schools could provide full team rosters for 5/6 sports; 7/8 sports; A, B and C squad games, JV games, more B tournaments and more C tournaments could be entered. Discussion. Consensus of the board is to continue with the same offer to co-op with Wibaux for 9-man football beginning the fall of 2026 football season in ND and splitting the season 50/50; and adding an offering to Wibaux of co-op basketball beginning the fall of 2026 in ND and splitting the season 50/50.

Geis presented new business.

• Farnstrom presented and reviewed 2024-2025 expenditure and revenue reports.

• Geis presented 2025-2026 preliminary budget. Increase in health insurance rate was presented. Zachmann discussed meeting to review other plans. Motion by Zachmann, second by Muckle to approve budget as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

• Mill levy options and legislative restrictions were discussed.

• Legislative updates were read. Discussion.

• Policy DDC-Unpaid Leave was discussed. Policy committee met and recommended if the unpaid leave is for vacation or personal reasons, the employee be required to pay their health insurance premium for the days they are absent; or if the unpaid leave is for a medical appointment a medical certificate be submitted to substantiate the absence. Discussion regarding if the payment for the health insurance premium can be deducted from payroll or payment be required when submitting the written unpaid leave request form. Geis will contact legal counsel and report back at the regular August meeting.

• Duplex housing rental units were discussed. Current rental prices were discussed. Motion by Dykins, second by Lechler to approve \$550 per month for the two-bedroom units and \$650 for the three-bedroom units. Motion carries unanimously. Discussion. Consensus of the board is to leave the recently vacated three-bedroom unit open as not all the teaching positions are filled.

The next regular school board meeting will be held August 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Sperry called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Lechler, second by Zachmann to adjourn. Sperry adjourned 7:48 p.m.

Robert Sperry, President
Misty Farnstrom,
Business Manager

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Beach Zoning Board

On June 16th, 2025, the Beach Zoning Board reviewed an Application for Approval of Zoning Change submitted by Joe and Sue Finneman to change the zoning of Hunter’s 3rd Addition, Block 3, Lots 7, 8, 9 from Residential 1 to Commercial-2.

The Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing at 8:15 a.m. on July 21st, 2025 at City Hall, 153 Main Street E, for public comment or questions on the Application for Approval of Zoning Change.

Kimberly Gaugler,
Zoning Administrator

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School board reorganizes
Elects Sperry and Zachmann as president and vice president

By Gary Howard
The proposed football co-op between Wibaux and Beach was one of the important topics the Beach School Board discussed at its July 7th meeting.

The talk centered around the latest counteroffer from the Wibaux co-op committee, which had the following items attached: Beach would play football in Montana, sharing home-scheduled games equally; and Wibaux’s boys’ and girls’ basketball teams would play in North Dakota, also hosting home-scheduled games equally. It should be noted that Wibaux is in Montana’s 8-man division for football; the lowest division in North Dakota is 9-man. Football field dimensions between the two states are also different, which would require one of the schools to make adjustments.

School board members decided, after each person expressed their own views on this latest proposal, the Beach proposal will be to play football in North Dakota, sharing home-scheduled games equally, and the Wibaux boys and girls playing basketball in North Dakota, sharing home games equally. The Beach Co-Op Committee will take this proposal to the next scheduled meeting of

the two co-op committees.

The first item on the agenda was to formally recognize former school board member Mark Lund for his 10 years of service on the board. He was also presented a plaque for his work on the board.

The next item to be taken care of was the reorganization of the board, electing a president and vice president for the upcoming school year. Current Board President Robert Sperry was reappointed to his position by unanimous vote and Carrie Zachmann was appointed as board vice president, also by unanimous vote.

Committee assignments for board members were handed out by President Sperry for the new school year.

Superintendent Jessica Geis shared with board members the proposed new public speaking guidelines from the legislature. The suggested guidelines deal with what the public can speak about at the meetings, how long they are allowed to speak and the need to be put on the agenda.

Business Manager Misty Farnstrom took the school board through the financial statements, detailing some of the more important line items in the reports.

Superintendent Geis and Business Manager Farnstrom also went over specifics on the new school budget.

Another important matter discussed by the board was the health insurance policy for school employees. The current insurance took an 18% jump in their rates. After a discussion, research will be done on finding a less expensive provider but still provide the same level

of coverage.

Superintendent Geis went through the dozens of new legislative updates and policy changes that will affect school districts in the future.

Some of the other items dealt with included unpaid leave policies and rental fees for the school’s housing facilities.

As there was no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned.

REQUEST
FOR BID

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY
ROAD DEPARTMENT
PO Box 67, Beach, ND 58621

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Golden Valley County, North Dakota, will receive sealed bids at the County Auditor/Treasurer Office, 150 1st Ave. SE, Beach, ND 58621 on August 5th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. local time for the purchase of a **Double 14’ x 10’ x 58’ Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert**.

Bids will be submitted on the form furnished by the Auditor/Treasurer Office in a sealed envelope with “Box Culvert” marked on the outside of the envelope. Bid submittal form and a detailed list of specifications may be obtained by contacting the Golden Valley County Auditor's office at the Courthouse in Beach.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids as allowed by law, or to accept such bids as may be determined to be in the best interests of the County.

Golden Valley County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in its solicitation of bids.

Dated at Beach, ND this 11th day of July, 2025 by order of the Board of Commissioners.

Tamra Sperry
Golden Valley County Auditor

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE
OF INTENT TO AMEND
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RELATING TO CLINICAL
LABORATORY PRACTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Clinical Laboratory Practice will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, by remote means at <https://zoom.us/j/91257685117> Meeting ID: 912 5768 5117 or by phone at 1 669 444 9171.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Board of Clinical Laboratory Practice at 2900 E Broadway Avenue, Suite 3, Bismarck, ND 58501, e-mailing to ndbclp@aptnd.com, or calling 701-530-0199. Also, written comments may be submitted to 2900 E Broadway Avenue, Suite 3, Bismarck, ND 58501 or ndbclp@aptnd.com until September 5, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Board of Clinical Laboratory Practice at the above telephone number, e-mail, or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2025.

Nikki Owings, Administrator

Notice
to Creditors

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF
GOLDEN VALLEY
SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Irvin Bares, Deceased.
Probate No.
17-2025-PR-00011**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the Personal Representative of the Estate or filed with the Court.

Dated: June 30, 2025

/s/ David Bares
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c/o Christina M. Wenko,
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