

PUBLIC NOTICES

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The Hazen City Commission will be making board appointment(s) at the July 7, 2025, City Commission Meeting. To be eligible for appointments, interested people must reside within the incorporated limits of the City of Hazen. The commission requests that any person interested in serving contact one of the City Commissioners or the City Auditor or complete the form found on the city website: Jobs & Volunteering - City of Hazen (hazennd.org)

Library Board – One (1) Member – Three Year Term Expiring 6/30/2028
Forestry Board – One (1) Members - Four Year Term Expiring 6/30/2029
Special Assessment Commission – One (1) Member – Six Year Term Expiring 3/31/2031
Ambulance Bord – one (1) Member – Three Year Term Expiring 6/30/2028

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CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2025
Chairman Richard Schmidt called the special board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 16, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Schmidt were Kelly Erhardt, Jesse Krieger, and Shiloh Becher. Also present was business manager Jacob Erhardt
Business:
Resignation & Separation Agreement. Schmidt presented the resignation and separation agreement from Mark Sondag. Krieger made a motion to accept the resignation and separation agreement as presented. Becher seconded the motion. Roll call vote: K. Erhardt-yes, Becher-yes, Krieger-yes, Schmidt-yes. Motion carried (M/C).

Teacher Contracts. Erhardt presented a list of teacher contracts for board approval. K. Erhardt made a motion to accept the following teacher contracts: Lacey Hanson \$58,950.00, Laurie Thompson \$51,250.00, and Daniel Young \$45,750.00. Becher seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Krieger-yes, Becher-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.
K. Erhardt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. CT. These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board. Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

(06-12-2025)

CENTER/STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2025
Chairman Richard Schmidt called the regular board meeting of the Center/Stanton School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 7, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Schmidt were Shiloh Becher, John Schwab, Kelly Erhardt, and Jesse Krieger. Administrator present was Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke. Also present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt.
Set Agenda. K. Erhardt made a motion to set agenda as with addition of Oliver Mercer Special Ed meeting to committee reports and Coaching agreements to letter d. new business. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C (motion carried).
Approval of Minutes. K. Erhardt moved to approve the minutes from April 9, 2025, April 14, 2025, and April 23, 2025 board meeting minutes. Krieger 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 payroll totals for April were presented to the Board. Krieger moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Bills. Krieger moved to pay the following bills as presented: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 1,939.69; ALBERS, KELLY 10.00; BISMARCK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 1,150.00; BOWMAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL 150.00; CAPITAL ONE 146.29; CAPITAL TROPHY 177.00; CARDEN CUSTOM FRAMING 332.78; CASH 700.00; CENTER COAL COMPANY 3,894.90; CENTER REPUBLICAN 257.38; CDLN 50.81; CITY OF CENTER 525.79; COLE PAPERS 1,681.98; FREEDOM TRUCK CENTER 2,362.49; FROSETH-SORGE, MELISSA 51.17; HARVEY WELLS COUNTY 100.00; HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL 50.00; HERZING, SHELLEY 100.00; JONES SCHOOL SUPPLY 179.00; LEARN WELL 198.00; LEINTZ, KEITH 26.96; LILLIS ELECTRIC 1,031.55; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 300.18; MENARDS 361.20; MUD HOLE CUSTOM TACKLE 351.08; ND BCI 80.00; NDSBA 273.00; NETWORK CENTER 743.00; NORTHERN TROPHY & SILK SCREENING 610.50; OMSPED 21,133.22; RDO 84.60; RACTC 300.00; RUD PROPANE 5,651.53; SFBND-VISA 2,556.20; STEINS 197.80; SWEETWATER MUSIC 2,579.79; TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 50.00; UNDERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL 400.00; VITEK, KEITH 822.32; WASHBURN PUBLIC SCHOOL 150.00; WRT 368.60. General Fund Total: \$52,128.81. BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA 16,100.75. Building Fund Total: \$16,100.75. Becher seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Krieger-yes, Schwab-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Becher-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.
Administrative Reports:
Secondary Principal's Report. Ms. Nitschke reported on Sports Update; National Honor Society; Powerscheduler; 25/26 Planner; Testing; and Upcoming Events.
Committee Reports.
• Budget Committee Meeting (4/23/2025). Krieger informed the board of discussions on current budget and transportation needs for the school.
• Building/Grounds/Transportation Meeting (4/24/2025). Becher informed the board of summer plans with maintenance staff, Boiler work; flooring project; and playground fund.
• Oliver Mercer Special Ed. Krieger informed the board that Oliver Mercer Special Education decided on giving grant funds for the positions currently serving Center-Stanton school district to benefit the school's hiring and retention for services within the school districts special education programs.
Old Business:
A. Extra Duty Stipend. Becher made a motion to disperse remaining unpaid 3/8 AD position to remaining Athletic Directors on staff. Roll Call Vote: Becher-yes, Krieger-yes, Schwab-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.
New Business:
A. Approve Candidates for Graduation. Ms. Nitschke presented the list of twenty candidates for graduation from Center-Stanton School on May 25, 2025. Becher moved to approve the twenty candidates for graduation pending completion of state and district requirements from Center Stanton School on May 19, 2024. Schwab seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Schwab-yes, Krieger-yes, Kelly-yes, Becher-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.
B. Elementary Position. K. Erhardt made a motion to approve Janolyn Aichele for the elementary teaching position. Schwab seconded the motion. Roll call vote: K. Erhardt-yes, Becher-yes, Schmidt-yes, Schwab-yes, Krieger-yes. M/C.
C. Resignations. Schmidt read the letters of resignation from Jayden MacDonald resigning from his teaching position at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. K. Erhardt made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Jayden MacDonald. Krieger seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Schmidt-yes, Becher-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Schwab-yes, Krieger-yes.
Schmidt then read a letter from Andrea Martinez resigning from her custodian position on May 16, 2025. Becher made a motion to accept the letters of resignation. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
D. Teacher Contracts/Coaching Work Agreements. Erhardt presented the following teacher contracts and Coaching

Agreements for board approval: Megan Billadeau \$47,250.00, Brooke Boeshans \$54,450.00, Jay Borseth \$55,750.00, Alison Erhardt \$12,563.00, Braeton Erhardt \$26,933.00, Amber Frank \$46,250.00, Melissa Froseth-Sorge \$66,475.00, Lisa Gusewelle \$62,250.00, Shelley Herzing \$59,750.00, Blakeley Kantor \$50,750.00, Keith Leintz \$68,750.00, Milissa Meckle \$68,684.00, Daniel Olson \$46,250.00, Steven Quinlivan \$61,163.00, Renae Schmidt \$52,000.00, Lynn Schwalk \$64,641.00, Carole Sherwin \$73,042.00, Sarah Yunker \$46,250.00, Britney Frohlich Head Volleyball coach \$3,335.00 and ½ C Squad Volleyball Coach \$765.00, Kelly Albers Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach \$2,405.00 and ½ C Squad Volleyball Coach \$765.00. Krieger made a motion to approve the teacher contracts and coaching agreements list as presented. Becher seconded the motion. Roll call vote: K. Erhardt, Becher-yes, Schwab-yes, Krieger-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.
E. Preschool Tuition/Fees. Becher made a motion to set 2025-2026 preschool fees as \$350.00/month for full time students, and \$175.00/month for half-time students. Krieger seconded the motion. Roll call vote: K. Erhardt-yes, Schwab-yes, Krieger-yes, Schmidt-yes, Becher-yes. M/C.
F. Open Enrollments. The board reviewed open enrollments for students enrolling at Washburn school.
G. Motion to move into executive session to discuss negotiations strategy. Legal Authority: NDCC 44-04-19.1(9). Krieger made a motion to move into executive session to discuss negotiations strategy. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Board went into executive session at 7:16 p.m. on May 7, 2025.
Chairman Schmidt called the Board meeting back into open session at 8:14 p.m. on May 7, 2025.
H. Summer Wages. Becher made a motion to raise the summer maintenance staff wages base pay to \$15.50/hr. and summer maintenance supervisor staff base wage to \$17.00/hr. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Meeting Dates.
Policy Committee Meeting – June 3, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. CT
Building/Grounds/Transportation Meeting – June 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. CT
Regular Board Meeting – June 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. CT
Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. CT. These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board. Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

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MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 21, 2025 The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Rick Bauman, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Mark Pierce was absent. Others present during the meeting were Sheriff Terry Ternes, Tax Director Jen Neumiller, States Attorney Todd Schwarz, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, Building Supervisor Jim Albers, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteiner, Moore Engineer Tom Weigel, Trotter Construction Pete Johnner, Highway Superintendent Elroy Opp, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, PRC Wind Representatives Jason Hanselka and Bonnie Pendergast, Josh Martin, Bill Galvin, Rick Thompson, Michelle Renner, Michelle Sailer, and Shiloh Morast, Pledge of allegiance was said.
Folk moved to approve the amended agenda. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Bauman moved to approve the May 7, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Tax Director Jen Neumiller presented the following:
• Zoning Case #25-05-01 Carson Moore-Non-Farm Residence- Tract 1 in SE4 in 2-142-88. Folk moved to approve zoning case #25-05-01 as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
• Temp Use Permit # 654 Mercer County-Scoria Pit- NE4SW4 NW4SE4 26-145-87. Bauman moved to approve Temporary Use

Permit #654 as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
• Vanguard appraisals will start soon and notice letters went out last week to all affected landowners.
Treasurer Dawn Grannis presented more information regarding the State Aid Distribution. Item was placed on next agenda.
HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner, requested a motion to rescind the fire band due to the significant precipitation that has been received.
Voigt moved to rescind the Fire Ban. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Grinsteinner discussed the vacation/sick leave policies and changes that are needed in order to work with the new Tyler software. Voigt moved to approve the vacation accrual go from hourly to monthly.
Bauman seconded. Voigt rescinded his motion. This item was put on the next agenda.
J2 Studio Building Renovation Preliminary Design Quote of \$8,940 was presented and discussed. Folk moved to approve the J2 Studio Preliminary Design Quote as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Recessed at 9:54 a.m.
Reconvened at 10:00 a.m.
Highway Superintendent Elroy Opp presented the Roughrider Utility permit #1771 for a boring project on 64th

Ave SW, 3 miles west of Beulah. Folk moved to approve the Roughrider Utility permit #1771 as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Tom Weigel with Moore engineering stated that on May 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., sealed bids were opened for the CR 24-00-046; chip Seal – Mercer #7, #26, #27 South and Hazen Bay Road (#27 N Alternate) project. A total of 1 bid from Asphalt Technologies Corporation was opened with a base bid amount of \$406,182.75. Asphalt Technologies also the low bid for Alternate A, which consists of 11.6 miles of County Road #27N, at \$418,641.99. Bauman moved to award the base and alternate bids totaling \$824,824.74, to Asphalt Technologies Corporation. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Pete Johnner with Trotter Construction presented the Sakakawea Estates Road project proposal with a quote of \$137,452. Folk moved to approve the proposal as presented with a quote of \$137,452. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Bauman moved to approve the Recorder's April revenues of \$4,679.80. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
2026 Budget Schedule was reviewed.
States Attorney Todd Schwarz advised the Board against entering into the A1 Auto Leasing contract. Portfolio updates were given.
Board reviewed vouchers. Folk moved to approve the bills as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
The following bills were approved for pay-

ment: ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$3,973.29; BAKER, ADAM \$340.00; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$45.48; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$7,288.94; CHI STALEXIUS HEALTH \$419.75; CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY \$29.75; CITY OF STANTON \$6,395.69; D & E SUPPLY CO INC \$433.86; DAKOTA FIRE EXTINGUISHER INC \$1,155.31; DIRECT MED \$514.00; DIRT PRO SERVICES \$165.00; DONOVAN & KAFFAR PLLP \$5,552.40; DOWNTOWN GAS AND AUTO \$971.00; FARMERS UNION OIL CO \$24,874.00; FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOC. LTD \$431.00; FIRESIDE OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$73.05; FLEMMER, RYAN \$14.00; GIERKE, GARY \$51.80; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$184.92; HOLIDAY INN FARGO \$297.00; HUSS, REBECCA \$41.03; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT \$3,753.14; JEEPERS SWEEPERS LLP \$2,500.00; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$67.77; KREBS AUTO BODY LLC \$310.00; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES \$180.00; LEGEND-AIR LLC \$742.50; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$156.97; MERCER COUNTY TREASURER \$40.00; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$183.17; NAPA \$10,161.57; ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES \$126.00; ND SURPLUS PROPERTY DIVISION \$587.20; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$8,006.47; North Central International, LLC \$54,301.72; NORTHWEST TIRE AUTO SERVICE INC. \$3,052.36; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$770.00;

POITRAS, RACHEL \$126.00; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC. \$1,887.92; QUILL OFFICE PRODUCTS \$126.91; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. \$367.60; REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY \$126.32; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC \$1,258.69; S & M LAWN SERVICE \$350.00; SAILER, SHANNON \$28.00; SCHEID, RICHARD \$12.60; SCHLENDER, SCOTT \$25.20; SIGN SOLUTIONS \$238.05; Stein's Inc \$449.40; STERICYCLE, INC. \$22.90; THE GARDEN MILL \$101.86; TOMCHUK, BRYAN \$320.00; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$6,740.00; VERIZON WIRELESS \$491.99; VOIGT, CASEY LEE \$266.60; WIEDRICH, WARREN \$203.65; WILMINGTON TRUST NA \$400.00; WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE \$343.99; PERRY, SHAY \$125.00. (Total: \$152,202.82)
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota. The meetings can be viewed online at www.mercercountynd.com.
Approved: Gene Wolf, Chairman
Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor

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