

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

CENTER/STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Center/Stanton Public School
January 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Chairman Richard Schmidt called the regular board meeting of the Center/Stanton School Board to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 8, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Schmidt were John Schwab, Shiloh Becher, Jesse Krieger, and Kelly Erhardt. Elementary Principal Mark Sondag, and Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke. Also, present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt. Set Agenda. K. Erhardt made a motion to set agenda as amended with the addition of pool update to letter A under old business. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried (M/C).
Approval of Minutes. Becher moved to approve the minutes from December 11, 2024 and December 23, 2024 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 December payroll totals were presented to the Board. Krieger moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Bills. Schwab moved to pay the following bills as presented: 3P LEARNING INC 300.00; ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 1,881.01; BUSINESS U LLC 895.00; CAPITAL ONE 276.35; CDW GOVERNMENT 44.05; CENTER COAL COMPANY 5,222.83; CENTER MACHINE INC 225.00; CENTER REPUBLICAN 537.43; CDLN 1,245.26; CREA 75.00; CITY OF CENTER 432.73; CCCHC 220.00; COLE PAPERS 952.10; CONTINENTAL ATHLETIC SUPPLY 2,501.50; CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES 316.58; DAVE'S SALES & SERVICE 46.90; EGGERS ELECTIC MOTOR CO 426.33; EIDE BAILLY 18,900.00; FREEDOM TRUCK CENTER 3,930.22; GOVERNMENT LEASING & FINANCE 86,979.60; HARLOWS BUS SALES & SERVICE 1,042.63; JOSTENS INC 522.37; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 292.10; MANDAN PLUMBING & HEATING INC 412.50; MDU 4,540.64; ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION 229.00; NDSOS 30.00; NDDTSEA 64.00; NETWORK CENTER 1,140.00; NORTHERN TROPHY & SILK SCREENING 1,805.97; OLIVER COUNTY TREASURER 747.11; PLUNKETTS PEST CONTROL 232.37; QUINLIVAN, STEVEN 210.00; RUD PROPANE 5,100.08; SCHOOL

SPECIALTY 13.24; SFBNDVISA 4,659.24; STEINS INC 345.57; TWIN CITY ROOFING 673.00; VITEK, KEITH 1,425.67; WARRENS LOCKS & KEYS 465.80. General Fund Total: 149,359.18. CITY OF CENTER 3,352.57. Building Fund Total: 3,352.57. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Administrative Reports: Elementary Principal's Report. Mr. Sondag reported on Enrollment; 1st & 2nd Nine Weeks Completed; Student Testing Follow Up; Elementary Attendance; and Upcoming Events. Secondary Principal's Report. Ms. Nitschke reported on Mentorship; All Staff Appreciation; Intervention Program; and Class Enrollments for second semester. Schmidt Report. Schmidt reported that Superintendent Tracy Peterson has been placed on administrative leave until further notice.
Old Business:
A. Pool Update. Schwab gave an update from the pool committee that the city will be repainting the inside of the pool and the draining of the pool will begin tentatively on March 8th. Acid washing and painting will take place after that.
New Business:
A. Motion to move into executive session to discuss negotiations

strategy. Legal Authority: NDCC 44-04-19.1(9). K. Erhardt made a motion to move into executive session to discuss Superintendent Position. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C (Motion Carried). Board went into executive session at 6:26 p.m. on January 8, 2025.
Chairman Schmidt called the Board meeting back into open session at 7:52 p.m. on January 8, 2025.
Meeting Dates:
Building/Grounds/Transportation Meeting – January 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. CT
Extra-Curricular Meeting – January 16, 2025 7:00 a.m. CT
Budget Committee Meeting – January 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. CT
Regular Board Meeting – February 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. CT
Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. CT.
These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board.
Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager
(01-23-2025)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO STANDARDS OF WATER QUALITY
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting views and will hold a public hearing on the N.D. Admin. Code 33.1-16-02.1 at:
ND Dept. of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy Street
Bismarck, ND
58503-1324
March 17th, 2025
5:00 p.m. CT

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting views and holding a hearing relating to the Standards of Quality for Waters of the State, N.D. Administrative Code Chapter 33.1-16-02.1. This is an opportunity for all citizens and stakeholders to voice concerns and provide input during the review process as required by 33 U.S.C. § 1313(c). The standards may be viewed on the department's website www.nddeq.gov. A copy may also be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality at 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck ND 58503 or by calling the Department at 701-328-5210. A virtual option to attend the hearing will be provided. Information to attend the virtual option can be obtained by calling the Department phone number listed above. Written comments sent to the mailing address above received by the Department until March 28th, 2025, will be fully considered. The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations, contact the Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5150 or deqej@nd.gov by March 14th, 2025. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.
Dated this 13th day of January 2025. Karl H Rockeman, Deputy Director, Division of Water Quality.

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taught in schools, argued Janice Lorrh of the Pacific Justice Institute, a legal nonprofit that describes itself as focusing on defending civil liberties.
“The passage of HB 1145 will enable students in the state of North Dakota to know the history and traditions of our legal system,” Lorrh said.
KrisAn Norby-Jahner, legal counsel for North Dakota School Boards Association, and other opponents of the bill said HB 1145 differs from the Kennedy case, which was filed after a football coach was fired for praying with his players after a game.
“A school employee choosing to exercise a constitutional right is different from a public school being required to adopt and display a specific religious observation,” Norby-Jahner said.
Norby-Jahner said the language of HB 1145 is almost the same as a bill approved by the Louisiana legislature last year, which has been challenged in federal court. Last November, U.S. District Court Judge John W. deGravelles ruled the law was unconstitutional, saying the Louisiana law did not provide “any constitutional way to display the Ten Commandments.”
Cody Schuler, a spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union, said many students in North Dakota practice different religious beliefs, and they may openly discuss them in school already. State law also gives school boards the ability to post the Ten Commandments in their classrooms already, he said.
However, under HB 1145, posting the Ten Com-

mandments “would be not only endorsed by the school, it would be endorsed by the state, it would be the state showing preference to a particular religious tradition,” said Schuler.
Supporters of the legislation said the Ten Commandments would teach students about morality and values.
“There is a long-standing history and tradition of the Ten Commandments being used in education, not because it was a promotion of religion but a promotion of morality,” Barton said.
Pat Dean, a former school principal and advocate for the bill, said it was “rooted in history and morals, not religion and the changing thereof.” If students were instructed about the Ten Commandments, some of today’s student behavioral problems could be avoided, he said.
Olivia Data, of Mandan, said posting the Ten Commandments would not address urgent problems facing public schools.
“Surely issues like teacher shortages, equitable funding or post-COVID behavioral and academic declines should take priority over what posters are displayed in the classroom,” Data said.
According to the bill, the Ten Commandments display must be a poster or framed document that is at least 11-inches by 14-inches and printed in a large and easily readable font.



THREE CS GRADS EARN DSU DEAN'S LIST RECOGNITION

COMPILED BY RYAN SCHLEHUBER
Dickinson State University recognized the academic achievements of its students for the Fall 2024 semester, which included three students from the Center community.
Kori Nagel, Shelby Meckle and Katelyn Frank, all from Center, made the DSU Dean's List.
The Dean's List honors students who complete a minimum of 12 credit hours and attain a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

CENTER'S HINTZ, MECKLE GRADUATE FROM DICKINSON STATE UNIVERSITY IN FALL 2024

BY HANNAH DUNHAM
DICKINSON STATE UNIVERSITY
Teanna Hintz and Shelby Meckle, both of Center, graduated from Dickinson State University in fall 2024.
Hintz graduated with a bachelor degree in business administration and Meckle graduated with a Bachelor of Science in education.
DSU celebrated the most recent class of graduates at the institution's fall commencement ceremony. Graduates and their families were invited to participate in the ceremony, which was held in May Hall's Stickney Auditorium on the DSU campus.
The university's mission is to provide high-quality accessible programs, promote excellence in teaching and learning, support scholarly and creative activities, and to provide services relevant to the economy, health and quality of life for the citizens of North Dakota.



JEFF BEACH | NORTH DAKOTA MONITOR
A Ten Commandments monument is displayed near the Civic Center in Fargo.