

St. Michael man sentenced to 40 years in federal prison for child abuse

United States Attorney Mac Schneider announced that Collin Ray Delorme, also known as Collin Ray Delorme Sr., age 30, from St. Michael, N.D., appeared in United States District Court for the District of North Dakota in Fargo today and was sentenced by Chief Judge Peter Welte to serve 40 years in federal prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release during which time he will be required to follow a number of conditions. Delorme was also ordered to pay restitution, joint and severally with his codefendant, for medical and funeral expenses.

On Feb. 18, 2023, Delorme's codefendant, Kenzie Rose Baker, called 911 from a home in St. Michael, N.D. within the boundaries of the Spirit

Lake Reservation. Baker reported her one-year-old child was not breathing. The child was transported to CHI St. Alexius in Devils Lake, N.D. and was pronounced dead. An autopsy concluded the cause of death was "battered child" due to multiple, repeated injuries of various ages, evident upon external and internal examination. The child's internal injuries were untreated which created infection and sepsis.

Two of the charges to which Delorme pled are related to his abuse of the deceased one-year-old child. The third charge is the result of his abuse of a three-year-old child that included hitting the child on the arms and throwing him on a bed.

On Aug. 16, 2024, Baker

pleaded guilty to charges of Accessory after the Fact; Child Abuse in Indian country; Child Neglect in Indian country. Baker is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 24, 2025.

"This sentence provides a measure of accountability for the horrendous abuse and tragic death of a toddler," Schneider said. "Through their work on multi-disciplinary teams on each reservation with tribal social services, law enforcement, tribal court prosecutors and behavioral health partners, our Indian country prosecutors are committed to preventing child abuse. They also will not hesitate to bring forceful prosecutions against child abusers in federal court. Our hope is that today's sentence serves as a deterrent in

our efforts to keep children safe."

"The abuse and neglect that these children experienced is truly horrific. No child should ever endure such suffering," said Special Agent in Charge Alvin M. Winston Sr. of FBI Minneapolis. "Today's sentencing demonstrates the FBI and our partners' commitment to protecting the most vulnerable in our communities and ensuring that those who harm children are brought to justice."

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Lori H. Conroy and SheraLynn Ternes.



Legislative Report

by Senator Jerry Klein,
District 14

It's day 30. As of today, we have about six days to get all our bills out of committee, heard on the floor, and moved over to the other chamber. We call it Crossover. The Senate has passed 224 bills with 99 bills remaining to be considered on the floor. The House has passed 305 bills with 160 bills left to consider. The Senate will be very busy in the second half.

There has been a lot of discussion about property tax and property tax reform. There are still a number of ideas being kicked around. We are still working to reach an agreement that is fair and sustainable well into the future.

There continues to be a lot of discussion around road and bridge funding.

There has been a proposal to put \$100 million into bridges. One option is to take half of the automobile excise tax and put it in the highway flexible fund. Another is to take some additional earning from the Legacy Fund. And there is a bill for a 3-cent gas tax increase with 2 cents of that going to cities and counties and 1 cent going to townships. It is likely that a number of these bills will be combined, and I am quite sure that additional money will be provided for our state's roads and bridges. The question is how to best distribute it in a fair manner that also addresses the most critical needs of our state.

Until next time.

Public Notice

MINUTES OF THE NEW ROCKFORD-SHEYENNE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - ZOOM FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2025 AT 8:30 A.M.

Members present: Todd Allmaras, Mike Schaefer, Eric Perleberg, Matt Pfeiffer, Kyle Alfstad, Natalie Becker, Superintendent, Dave Skogen, Business Manager.

President Todd Allmaras called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. **Policy LBE - Indian Policies and Procedures - Review** It was moved by Schaefer and seconded by Alfstad to approve the review of Policy LBE. Motion carried with no dissenting votes. Policy LBE was reviewed as part of a grant application need. The policy was adopted in 2022, but for the Impact Aid Grant, the policy needs a review date of post February 2024.

Adjournment The public meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Dave Skogen, Business Manager
Todd Allmaras, President
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MINUTES OF THE NEW ROCKFORD-SHEYENNE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - ZOOM FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

Members present: Todd Allmaras, Mike Schaefer, Eric Perleberg, Matt Pfeiffer, Kyle Alfstad, LeAnn Drake, Dave Skogen, Business Manager.

President Todd Allmaras called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. **Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to NDCC 15.1-16.22 for the purpose of negotiation strategy.**

It was moved by Schaefer and seconded by Perleberg to enter into executive session at 9:01 a.m. **Meeting in Open Session** The meeting was re-opened at 9:07 a.m.

Adjournment The public meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

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MINUTES OF THE NEW ROCKFORD-SHEYENNE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - CAFETERIA TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M.

Members present: Todd Allmaras, Mike Schaefer, Eric Perleberg, Kyle Alfstad, Dave Skogen, Business Manager.

President Todd Allmaras called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. **Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to NDCC 15.1-16.22 for the purpose of negotiation strategy.**

It was moved by Schaefer and seconded by Perleberg to enter into executive session at 5:06 pm. **Re-open meeting - motion to offer contract**

It was moved by Schaefer and seconded by Perleberg to offer the contract presented for the Superintendent position to Mrs. Natalie Becker. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment The public meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

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NEW ROCKFORD-SHEYENNE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Todd Allmaras, Mike Schaefer, Eric Perleberg, Matt Pfeiffer, Kyle Alfstad. - Others present: Mrs. Natalie Becker, Superintendent; Laura Hager, Secondary Principal, Dave

Skogen, Business Manager. Board President Allmaras called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Perleberg and seconded by Alfstad to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the December 10th Regular Meeting Minutes and December 16th Special Meeting minutes

It was moved by Schaefer and seconded by Pfeiffer to approve the minutes of the December 10th regular meeting and December 16th special meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Alfstad and seconded by Perleberg to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda consisted of the business manager report, and the bills - general fund of \$197,484.03, the food service fund of \$15,247.31 and the activity fund of \$6,692.70.

Monthly Committee Reports

There were no committee meetings this month.

Principals' Reports

Secondary Principal Hager shared her report with the board. Hager reported that she has worked on and submitted two grants recently. A staff team submitted the NDCLIMBS literacy grant, as well as working individually to submit the ND Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group grant. The former would provide for delivering high quality evidence-based literacy instruction, with the latter focusing on the ability to provide interventions that support reducing disciplinary actions, increase school climate and family engagement. Hager recently attended the East Central meeting just before break, as well as supervision of extracurricular activities with basketball games each week. With the end of the semester, grades have been input into PowerSchool as well as registering and re-registering students for the second semester.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Becker shared her report with the board. Becker also shared with the board her involvement in the NDCLIMBS grant. The grant will be awarded in February. Work continues on the Impact Aid grant with a submission before the end of the month. Federal Title Monitoring work is nearing its completion with a due date of the 20th. This has been a very time consuming task as all areas of title are being monitored a year earlier than planned. MLK day will present the staff with a full day of PBIS training with Full Circle Pediatrics leading the staff development day. This training is offset by the stronger connections grant. Lastly, Becker noted and updated the board on the meetings held with legislators ahead of legislative assembly, continued work with supervising activities, weather calls, and facilitating meetings.

Teacher Report

There was no teacher report this evening.

Student Outcomes

There was no student outcomes report this evening.

District Foster Care and Homeless Liaison

It was moved by Alfstad and seconded by Schaefer to appoint Superintendent Natalie Becker the district's Foster Care and Homeless Liaison. Roll call vote was carried unanimously, motion carried. In July Becker was named the District's title representative, however this item was not specifically noted although Becker as served in this role for the district for the past few years. This motion makes the nomination board official.

Policy ICD - Records Retention - Review

It was moved by Schaefer and seconded by Perleberg to approve the review of Policy ICD - Records Retention. Roll call vote was carried unanimously, motion carried. Policy ICD was last amended in 2009. This review will

be added to the policy showing the date it was reviewed.

Policy GABBA - English Language Learners - Review

It was moved by Perleberg and seconded by Pfeiffer to approve the review of Policy GABBA - English Language Learners. Roll call vote was carried unanimously, motion carried. Policy GABBA was last amended in 2009. This review will be added to the policy showing the date it was reviewed. Becker noted to the board the Mr. Nathan Jensen serves as the district's ELL instructor.

Review Pledge of Securities

It was moved by Alfstad and seconded by Schaefer to approve the review of the pledge of securities. Roll call vote was carried unanimously, motion carried. Quarterly review with the board showing that all district assets over and above FDIC limits are secured properly in a pledge pool with the Bank of North Dakota.

'25-'26 Administrative Staffing Discussion

A brief discussion was held about administrative staffing for the coming year. Superintendent Becker shared with the board her intent to pursue the Superintendent position for next year. Becker is currently in an interim superintendent position with the district. Discussion was held on the process moving forward to fill the Superintendent and or Elementary Principal position.

Announcements

Next Regular Meeting: February 10th 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment The board meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

GENERAL FUND:

Adobe	.....2,496.00
Airgas USA	.....26.52
Apple	.....6,413.00
Belquist, Elliott	.....25.00
CenDak Cooperative	.....2,308.29
Cengage Learning	.....1,861.80
Colepapers	.....2,093.03
Dacotah Paper	.....1,978.98
Dakota Dust-Tex	.....320.40
Dauenhauser Diesel	.....330.62
DRN Readitech	.....900.00
Duchscherer Supply	.....116.99
East Central CFEC	.....1,100.00
Flinn Scientific	.....73.28
G & R Controls	.....240.00
Game One	.....59.80
Golden Rule, The	.....59.94
Grainger	.....358.20
Hager Excavating	.....700.00
I-State Truck Center	.....15,440.75
J.W. Pepper & Son	.....133.90
Leaf	.....40.20
Lies, Linda	.....57.40
Madison Ntl. Life Ins.	.....238.31
McGraw-Hill School Education Holdings	.....7,781.18
Micks 281 Service	.....757.52
Miller's Fresh Foods	.....341.77
MDU	.....421.47
ND Center for Distance Education	.....4,540.00
NR Utility Services	.....1,162.98
ND Band Directors Assoc.	.....45.00
Perleberg C-Store	.....2,375.32
Popplers Music Store	.....58.93
Purchase Power	.....265.90

Remind101	.....520.33
Rockford Plg & Htg	.....241.72
School Status	.....3,190.00
Staples	.....1,016.45
Transcript Publishing	.....671.10
Verizon	.....148.21
Yri Electric	.....124.98
Yri, Alaina	.....54.94
Ziegler Repair	.....115.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Cash & Carry Lumber	...7,069.37
G & R Controls	.....5,876.00
Hawkins	.....1,030.00

SCHOOL LUNCH:

Dacotah Paper	.....275.49
Dept. of Pub. Inst	.....1,035.04
Meadow Sweet Dairy	...3,201.07
Miller's Fresh Foods	.....274.13
US Foods	.....9,117.10

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS:

Bachmeier, Alissa	.....38.00
BSN Sports	.....1,718.65
Enget, Roger	.....55.00
Game One	.....3,538.50
Janz, Katie40.00
Kraft, Kim40.00
Myhre, Shirley38.00
Nevco491.08
Omoth, Deb67.00

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO ESTABLISH MILL LEVY AND PRIMARY ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOTS TWO RIVERS RURAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Of Eddy County, Foster County and Wells County, North Dakota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, March 31, 2025**, an election will be held to establish the maximum allowed mill levy for the Two Rivers Rural Ambulance District. Any qualified elector residing in the district is eligible to cast a ballot. The polling location will be the Community Ambulance Service of New Rockford building located at 818 1st Avenue North, New Rockford, North Dakota. The polling location will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Absentee ballots may be obtained by completing an absentee ballot application which can be found online at: www.vote.nd.gov. The completed application must be emailed to newrockfordambulance@gmail.com or mailed to:

Community Ambulance Service of New Rockford
PO Box 246
New Rockford, ND 58356

SAMPLE BALLOT

Shall the Two Rivers Rural Ambulance District levy a tax of not to exceed 15 mills for the purpose of maintaining a rural ambulance district?

Yes - Means you approve the measure as summarized above.
No - Means you reject the measure as summarized above.
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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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