

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MINNEWAUKAN SCHOOL BOARD
January 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Minnewaukan School Board was held Jan. 13, 2025. Members present: Anna Tice, Curt Hanson, Dave Ambers. Members absent: Michele Anderson, Leona LaRoque. Others present: Superintendent Kent Dennis, Elementary Principal MacKenzie Moen, Business Manager Tracie Volk, Tasha Baumtrog and Francis Schneider.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Vice President Tice.

Agenda -- A motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Ambers, to approve the agenda. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Minutes -- A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Tice, to approve the minutes with corrections. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Bills -- A motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Ambers, to approve the bills. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

GENERAL FUND	
TMS	\$83.20
ND Telephone Co.	483.45
Stein's	160.44
Otter Tail Power Co.	11,834.32
CenDak	11,042.50
NAPA--DL	103.20
Mac's	156.45
Advanced Business	
Methods	2,460.04
City of Minnewaukan	1,073.00
Cenex--DL	38.84
Hartleys	997.70
Stone's	1,316.55
BC Treasurer	694.97
Leever's	83.11
Leever's	151.85
Leever's	34.95
Leever's	82.50
Junior Library Guild	6,286.62
Century Electric	893.30
Klemetsrud Plumbing	
& Heating Co.	180.00
Ecolab	200.00
Uline	274.17
NDSBA	1,501.50
Magnum Electric	3,645.00
Athletic Performance	
Solutions	2,780.00
Bremer Credit Card	3,600.01
Fund Total	\$50,157.67
HOT LUNCH FUND	
US Foods	\$14,739.07
Meadow Sweet Dairy	4,033.40
Leever's	160.72
Fund Total	\$18,933.19
ACTIVITY FUND	
Bremer Credit Card	\$1,994.80
Fund Total	\$1,994.80
Financial Reports -- A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Hanson, to approve the financial reports. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.	

Old Business -- Rescind Policies: A motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Tice, to rescind the following policies: Acceptable Use; Violent and Threatening Behavior; Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Second Reading Of Policies: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Hanson, to approve the second reading of the following policies: Acceptable Use; Violent and Threatening Behavior; Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

New Business -- First Reading of Policies -- A motion was made by Tice, seconded by Ambers, to approve the first reading of the following policies: School Board Elections and Terms of Office; Officers of the Board; Meetings of the Board. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Superintendent Authorization on Checking Accounts: A motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Ambers, to approve adding Kent Dennis as an authorized signature on the checking accounts. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Superintendent Evaluation: Will be presented at the February meeting.

Petition for Recognition: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Hanson, to approve the petition for recognition. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Cognia Report: Elementary Principal Moen gave an update on the Cognia report.

Principal Reports: Elementary Principal MacKenzie Moen reported on enrollment; attendance; STAR data; family engagement activities; professional development; TSI update; upcoming events and dates.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Kent Dennis reported on the update on the key fobs; Title I allocation changes; HS enrollment; Professional development in Maddock on 1/20; negotiations seminar 2/6-2/7; Impact Aid application update.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Ambers, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Anna Tice
Vice President
Tracie Volk
Business Manager

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February 19, 2025

A regular meeting of the Minnewaukan School Board was held Feb. 19, 2025. Members present: Dave Ambers, Michele Anderson and Leona LaRoque. Members absent: Curt Hanson and Anna Tice. Others present: Superintendent Kent Dennis, Elementary Principal MacKenzie Moen, Business Manager Tracie Volk, and Francis Schneider.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Anderson.

Agenda -- A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by LaRoque, to approve the agenda. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Delegation and Communication -- Amy Ertelt, Hilary Kratzke and Lindsey Illerbrunn did a presentation about the Get Your Teach On conference they attended.

Minutes -- A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by LaRoque, to approve the minutes. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Bills -- A motion was made by LaRoque, seconded by Ambers, to approve the bills. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

GENERAL FUND	
TMS	\$83.20
ND Telephone Co.	483.45
BC Farmers Press	501.75
Stein's	1,343.54
Otter Tail Power Co.	11,403.35
CenDak	9,446.00
NAPA-DL	358.91
Advanced Business	
Methods	2,460.04
City of Minnewaukan	1,388.00
Cenex--DL	292.19
Hartley's	5,754.18
NDSBA	1,599.00
Apple	1,818.00
Cognia	450.00
NCB Electric	177.80
Klemetsrud Plumbing	
& Heating Co.	286.47
McGraw Hill	11,188.38
Johnson Controls	3,051.16
NDCOL	300.00
Radisson	205.00
Ecolab	145.73
Hartley's	125,000.00
Bremer Credit Card	7,119.73
Fund Total	\$185,307.51
HOT LUNCH FUND	
US Foods	\$21,517.65
Meadow Sweet Dairy	2,742.90
Bremer Credit Card	48.57
Leever's	358.25
Fund Total	\$24,667.37
ACTIVITY FUND	
Decorated Wearables ...	\$3,669.50
Fund Total	\$3,669.50
Financial Reports -- A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by LaRoque, to approve the financial reports. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.	

Old Business -- Rescind Policies: A motion was made by LaRoque, seconded by Ambers, to rescind the following policies: School Board Elections and Terms of Office; Officers of the Board; Meetings of the Board. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Second Reading: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by LaRoque, to approve the second reading of the following policies: School Board Elections and Terms of Office; Officers of the Board; Meetings of the Board. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

First Reading of Policies: A motion was made by LaRoque, seconded by Ambers, to approve the first reading of the following policies: Board Meeting Agenda and Pre-Meeting Preparation; Executive Sessions; and table Compensation and Expenses for Board Members. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Single Reading of Policy DEBD: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by LaRoque, to approve the single reading of Staff-Student Relations (Non-Fraternalization Policy). All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Superintendent Evaluation: Goal and Vision Setting: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by LaRoque, to approve the rating. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Board Relations: A motion was made by LaRoque, seconded by Ambers, to approve the rating. All members voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Human Resource Management: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by LaRoque, to approve the rating. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Curriculum and Student Support Services: A motion was made by LaRoque, seconded by Ambers, to approve the rating. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Community Relations: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by LaRoque, to approve the rating. All

members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Operations and Resource Management: A motion was made by LaRoque, seconded by Ambers, to approve the rating. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Approval of 2025-26 School Calendar: A motion was made by LaRoque, seconded by Ambers, to approve the 2025-26 school calendar as presented. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

School Board Election: School board election will be June 10 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by LaRoque, to approve the date and time of the school board election. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Principal Report: Principal Moen reported on student engagement survey being complete; attendance update; elementary staff evaluations update; winner of the Technology Showcase (some 1st and 2nd graders will be going to Bismarck to show them our IndiCar knowledge! Great job!); enrollment numbers; PD update; TSI update; upcoming events; Read Across America Week March 3-7.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Dennis reported on key fobs update; fitness center updates; negotiations seminar; Title I fund update; staffing update; new bus has arrived; spring activities; state wrestling.

Congratulations to Daniel Charboneau for qualifying for state wrestling!

Next meeting is March 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by LaRoque, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Tracie Volk
Business Manager

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
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March 17, 2025

A regular meeting of the Minnewaukan School Board was held March 17, 2025. Members present: Curt Hanson, Michele Anderson, Dave Ambers, Anna Tice. Members absent: Leona LaRoque. Others present: Superintendent Kent Dennis, Business Manager Tracie Volk, Elementary Principal MacKenzie Moen, Shilo Davis, Alyssa Walter, Francis Schneider.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Anderson.

Agenda -- A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Hanson, to approve the agenda. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Delegations and Communications -- None.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tice, seconded by Ambers, to approve the minutes with corrections. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Bills -- A motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Tice, to approve the bills. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

GENERAL FUND	
TMS	\$82.79
ND Telephone Co.	487.79
Otter Tail Power Co.	12,158.51
CenDak	12,824.56
NAPA-Maddock	149.14
Advanced Business	
Methods	2,460.04
City of Minnewaukan	2,143.50
Cenex--DL	274.87
Runnings	46.20
DL Journal	206.85
Bytespeed	3,263.04
Bravera	14,631.00
Intellinetics	1,835.26
Bremer Credit Card	4,485.03
Fund Total	\$55,048.58
HOT LUNCH FUND	
US Foods	\$14,739.07
Bremer Credit Card	182.72
Leever's	28.94
Fund Total	\$14,950.73
ACTIVITY FUND	
Bremer Credit Card	\$56.56
Fund Total	\$56.56
Financial Reports -- A motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Tice, to approve the financial reports. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.	

Old Business -- None.

New Business -- Approval of Negotiating Unit: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Tice, to approve the negotiating unit. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

American Funds as 403B: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Hanson, to approve American Funds as a 403B option for employees. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Resignation: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Hanson, to approve the resignation of David Mahon. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Cognia Report: Elementary Principal Moen gave an update on the Cognia report.

Principal Report: Elementary Principal Moen reported on the

Technology Showcase; enrollment; attendance; school improvement update; family engagement participation; PD update; TSI update.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Dennis reported on NAFIS conference; Title I funding; bus update; walk-through with JLG; staffing update; HS attendance; senior trip to Bismarck.

Next meeting is April 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Congratulations to the boys and girls basketball teams on a great season!

Congratulations to Marial Deng and Ron McKay for being named to the All-Region Team!

Congratulations to Caprial Littlewind for receiving a \$1,000 scholarship from the NDSU English Department for being awarded Gold and the American Voices Award at the statewide/regional Scholastic Art and Writing Awards!

A motion was made by Tice, seconded by Hanson, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Tracie Volk
Business Manager

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
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April 14, 2025

A regular meeting of the Minnewaukan School Board was held April 14, 2025. Members present: Michele Anderson, Anna Tice, Dave Ambers. Members absent: Curt Hanson and Leona LaRoque. Others present: Superintendent Kent Dennis, Elementary Principal MacKenzie Moen, Business Manager Tracie Volk, Tara Hoffner, Rose Sherman, Sarah Zacher.

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 4:30 p.m.

Agenda -- A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Tice, to approve the agenda. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Delegations and Communications -- None.

Minutes -- A motion was made by Tice, seconded by Ambers, to approve the minutes. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Bills -- A motion was made by Tice, seconded by Ambers, to approve the bills. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

GENERAL FUND	
TMS	\$83.29
ND Telephone Co.	547.28
Stein's	1,487.17
Otter Tail Power Co.	11,139.11
BC Farmers Press	111.00
CenDak	8,638.14
Advanced Business	
Methods	2,460.04
City of Minnewaukan	1,568.00
Hartley's School Buses, Inc.	1,264.39
DL Journal	206.85
Farmers Union Oil --York	702.00
JayMar	553.79
Grainger	206.42
Mac's Hardware	84.96
Bravera	921.00
Lake Area Career & Tech Center	148.00
Bremer Credit Card	5,990.14
Fund Total	\$36,111.58
HOT LUNCH FUND	
US Foods	\$13,585.61
Meadow Sweet Dairy	2,383.00
Leever's	59.77
Fund Total	\$16,028.38
ACTIVITY FUND	
Bremer Credit Card	\$5,795.41
Fund Total	\$5,795.41
Financial Reports -- A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Tice, to approve the financial reports. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.	

New Business -- Minnewaukan Mascot: A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Ambers, to move forward with changing of the mascot. On a roll call vote: Anderson--yes, Ambers--yes, Tice--no. The motion carried with a 2-1 vote. Great job to Rose Sherman on the wonderful presentation!

Funds Transfer: A motion was made by Tice, seconded by Ambers, to approve a funds transfer from the general fund to the hot lunch fund. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Policy Updates: A motion was made by Ambers, seconded by Tice, to approve the following policies: Federal Fiscal Compliance; Data Protection and Security Breaches; Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment. All members present voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Title I: Superintendent Dennis gave an update on the changes for Title I Funding for next year.

Cognia Report: Elementary Principal Moen gave an update on the Cognia report.

Principal's Report: Elementary Principal Moen reported on enrollment; attendance; state testing; TSI update; upcoming events and dates; professional development; PT conference attendance.

HS Principal/Superintendent Report: Superintendent Dennis reported on HS enrollment; HS

attendance; school carnival April 29; PT conference attendance.

Superintendent Report: Staffing updates; NESCHS teachers class schedule for life skills; Legislature update; Impact Aid update; negotiations meeting Thursday, April 24 at 8 a.m.; spring sports update; graduation is Friday, May 23, 2025 at 1 p.m.

Thank you to Randii Reed for a

successful job with state testing!

Next meeting is May 12, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Tice, seconded by Ambers, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Tracie Volk
Business Manager

Michele Anderson
President

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BENSON COUNTY
NORTH DAKOTA
May 20, 2025

The Benson County commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 8 a.m. in the commissioner room of the Benson County Courthouse, Minnewaukan, ND. Commissioners present: Dick Horner, Doris M. Griffin, Ron Stadum and Tammy Kuk. David Davidson was present via Teams. The meeting was called to order by Chair Stadum. Other people present: Kelly Glover, Benson County Farmers Press; James P. Wang, Benson County state's attorney; and Scott Todahl, DEM and highway superintendent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Horner, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 6, 2025. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

Scott Todahl, DEM and highway superintendent, met with the board to give a report for the highway department. He stated he spoke with the NDDOT office in Devils Lake regarding increasing the speed limit on paved county roads in Benson County. He indicated that department stated it was at the discretion of the board of commissioners on whether or not to increase the speed limit; however, he suggested to look at the crash analysis prior to making any determination. Todahl indicated approximately 20 signs would need to be replaced, but this would not be a large cost.

Joy Orvedal, highway department clerk, came to the meeting.

Horner stated perhaps the board should wait to get township input on increasing the speed limit on paved county roads. Kuk asked Todahl to contact bordering counties to get their input also.

Todahl stated the new John Deere motor grader will be delivered to his department tomorrow and he is advertising the gravel blade for bids. He discussed the Flex Funding Grant with the board.

The board reviewed a draft resolution for project HEC-0003(024) for accepting the low bid received from Gowan Construction, Inc. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Griffin, to approve and have the chair sign the resolution. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the implementation of the temporary seven-day burn ban that went into effect May 8, 2025 per request of Todahl. Todahl indicated because of the recent rain and the end of the seven-day period, the ban has now expired. Todahl also indicated that if a red flag warning is in place by the ND Weather Service, that would supersede the rules of Benson County.

A motion was made by Davidson, seconded by Horner, to reappoint Susan Fossen as Benson County

Transportation director for a period of one year commencing June 1, 2025. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

Sheriff Ethan Rode came to the meeting.

The board reviewed a letter from LRCSP regarding a request for a monetary contribution, along with JPA entered into in 2024 between Benson County and the LRCSP. A motion was made by Davidson, seconded by Kuk, to release the \$10,000 funding to be paid from the State Revenue Sharing fund. Rode gave input on this issue and indicated the need for the program. Roll call vote: Davidson--yes; Horner--yes; Griffin--yes; Stadum--no; Kuk--yes. The motion carried.

Rode stated he had a meeting with the juvenile court, who indicated the juvenile detention center in Grand Forks is close to being completed. He commented on the increase in upcoming costs for those detained at the Grand Forks facility. Rode stated the 2022 Durango experienced head gasket issues which he is hoping are covered under warranty. Rode stated a hawk hit the windshield of the 2023 vehicle used by his department but the windshield has been repaired through insurance.

Rode stated an annual K-9 conference will be held on June 18, 2025 at Ruger Park in Devils Lake.

The board discussed the transfer of the weed board shed to the highway department. The board reviewed a draft bill of sale prepared by Wang. The board discussed the amount of money to be paid to the weed board for the transfer. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Kuk, to approve and have the chair sign the bill of sale with the price being \$500. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The final certification of local match for project SC-0300(200) was presented to the board. A motion was made by Kuk, seconded by Davidson, to approve and have the chair sign. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The board discussed information presented by Wang regarding the zoning regulations which Pierce County has in effect regarding wind or solar energy farms. Davidson questioned the process of starting a wind farm and whether or not any regulations should include the opportunity for public input on any proposed project. The board concluded to include the zoning board in on this proposed change.

Davidson left the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

The board reviewed and discussed the county bills that need to be paid prior to end of month. A motion was made by Kuk, seconded by Griffin, to pay the bills. All members voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9 a.m.

Bonnie Erickson
Benson County Auditor

Ron Stadum
Chair

Enjoy broccoli salad as a light summer lunch



Watermelon, strawberries, corn and green beans get all the fresh produce love in the summer, but don't forget broccoli as a warm-weather staple. Instead of dunking in dressing or smothering with melted cheese, go for a lighter dish with this broccoli salad -- an ideal light lunch or simple summer side. Visit Culinary.net to find more veggie-inspired salad ideas.

Broccoli Salad

Courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- Servings: 4-6
- 2 medium heads broccoli
- 2 apples
- Lemon juice
- 1 carrot
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup sunflower seeds
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 package (2-1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
- Dressing:
- 1 cup mayonnaise

--Family Features

Lebanon donations

Lebanon cemetery donations may be sent in care of Steve Stevenson, 2312 13th Ave. SW, Devils Lake, ND 58301.

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Chris Plummer - owner & manager

- **Tues., June 17:** Regular Sale
- **Tues., June 24:** No Sale
- **Tues., July 1:** Regular Sale
- **Tues., July 8:** No Sale
- **Tues., July 15:**