

# Divide County School Board Minutes

**REGULAR MEETING  
OFFICAL MINUTES  
December 10, 2024**

President Reistad called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m. with Hubble, Nystuen, Pulvermacher, Sundberg and Verlinde present and Adams absent. Others present were Elementary Principal Brown, Secondary Principal Haugenoe, Business Manager, King, one staff member, and a member of the press. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Motion 25-12-01: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Pulvermacher to approve the agenda with the addition of 9d-Approve Suburban bid. MC: 6-0.

**Be Legendary Governance**

Superintendent Vandal presented report on Superintendent Guardrails Relative to Teaching and Learning. Goal 2: Math 33% of students scoring proficient or above on the NDSA in Math-Goal met with 34% scoring proficient or above. Goal Progress Measure 2.1-Percentage of Grade 1-2 students scoring proficient or above on the STAR in Math 89% - 87% of students scored proficient. Goal Progress Measure 2.2-Percentage of Grade 3-6 students scoring proficient or above on the STAR in math-89% - 87% of students scored proficient or above. Although GPM's were not meant, scores for testing early in the year can be deceiving as you are testing students on grade material that hasn't been taught yet so scores later in year should show improvement.

**Student Recognitions**

- Congratulations to the following students for being selected to the MSU honor jazz ensemble: Emma Hay-trombone, Easton Tibbs-trumpet, Landyn Wagner-drums
- Congratulations to the following students for being named to the All-Region football team: Stockton Nelson, Connor Artman, Mavrick Wolf, Trayven Head (Honorable Mention)
- The drama department, led by Mr. John Bayer, performed "The Dumbest Play Ever" and did an outstanding job.
- 5th, 6th and High School band concert was held on Monday, December 9. They did a wonderful job creating enthusiasm.
- Elementary Students of the Month - K – Haelyn Paulson, 1 – Kamirae Shefstad, 2 – Sutton Haugenoe, 3 – Memphis Badwound, 4 – Kennedy Ator, 5 – Aynslee Kruger, 6 – Chelsea Throntveit
- Elementary MVR and MVL - Anna Lindsey, Myles Rindel, Rylei Bracco, Avery Vincent, Harper Guenther, Ledger Loucks, Rio Throntveit, Finley Jensen, Aylin Johnson, Hendrix Paulson, Aynslee Kruger, Maddyn Haugenoe, JoCee Fitzgerald, Hoyt Sorum
- Staff Bring the Joy Award - Mrs. Caraway and Mrs. Lund
- Most Improved Band Student - 6 - Jaxon Hendrickson, 5 - Scarlett Nordstog

**Consent Agenda**

Motion 25-12-02: Moved by Sundberg, seconded by Verlinde to approve the Consent Agenda to include the following: MC: 6-0.

- November 12, 2024 School Board Minutes and December 10, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- December 10, 2024 Bill Set
- Extra-Curricular Agreements: Ma Rilou Vasquez, Jr. Class Concessions \$1,300 & Amended FB and VB Concessions \$1,300; Madison Pulvermacher, Prom \$650; Kayla Pulvermacher, Prom \$650 Baymont Inn & Suites.....96.30 Robert Brown..... 136.87 Burke-Divide Electric ..... 4,647.29 Etsystems, Inc ..... 74.00 Dee Johnson.....25.03 Montana Dakota Utilities .. 3,206.14 New Century Ag ..... 17,508.51 Sherwin-Williams ..... 283.93 St Luke's Hospital..... 400.00 T & T Transport ..... 450.00 VISA..... 5,115.80 Advanced Business Methods ..... 2,668.08 Admin Partners ..... 100.00 Amazon Capital Svcs Inc..... 716.44 Bonnie & Clyde Pest Control LLC ..... 300.00 Tanja Brown ..... 133.00 CDW Government, Inc..... 2,558.22 Cenex Fleet Fueling ..... 70.46 City Of Crosby ..... 1,964.45 Twotrees Technologies..... 10,260.00 Dacotah Paper Co. .... 420.06 Dcsd - Food Service..... 442.60 Decker Equipment ..... 1,277.20 Elliott And McMahon..... 10,000.00 Rayme Haggin ..... 600.00 Hometown Lumber ..... 21.80 Jacobs Hardware Hank ..... 743.36 Jostens, Inc..... 145.55 The Journal..... 163.52 Kasey's Construction Inc. ... 200.00 Suzanne Lamontagne ..... 173.00 Linde Gas & Equipment Inc ..... 275.68 McGraw-Hill School Education ..... 164.64 Stanley Auto And Truck..... 11.08 NW Communications Coop. 900.17 US Foodservice, Inc ..... 189.73 Vital Network Inc..... 35,800.00 Barbara King..... 2,515.92 Total ..... 104,758.83

**Action Items**

Motion 25-12-03: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Hubble to approve Virtual Learning Plan 2024-

2025. MC: 6-0.

Motion 25-12-04: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Verlinde to approve 1st reading of the following policies: AAC-Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment, AACA-Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, ABBE-Displays of Religious Objects or Documents, ABDA-Website Accessibility for People with Disabilities, ACBB-Significant Contagious Diseases, ACEA-Bullying, BDD-Compensation and Expenses for Board Members, DBBA-Drug and Alcohol Testing Program for Employees, DEAA-Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace, FAAA-Open Enrollment, FCAF-Concussion Management, FDB-Education of Homeless Students, FDD-Education of Pregnant and Parenting Students, FDE-Education of Special Education Students and Students with Disabilities, FDH-Students in Foster Care, FF-Student Conduct and Discipline, FFA-Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use and Abuse, FFB-Attendance and Absences, FFD-Possessing Weapons, FFE-Extracurricular Participation Requirements, FFK-Suspensions and Expulsions, FGA-Student Education Records and Privacy, FGDD-Student Publication and Freedom of Expression, GAAE-Critical Race Theory, GABAA-Services for English Language Learners, GABDB-Federal Title Programs Dispute Resolution Procedures, GCC-Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, HBAA-Federal Fiscal Compliance, IDC-Data Protection and Security Breaches, KAB-District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy. MC: 6-0.

Motion 25-12-05: Moved by Verlinde, seconded by Pulvermacher to approve adoption of policy ABAC-Virtual Learning Because of Weather or Other Conditions on second reading. MC: 6-0.

Motion 25-12-06: Moved by Nystuen, seconed by Pulvermacher to approve bid for purchase of Suburban from Mandan Chevrolet. MC: 6-0.

**Superintendent Report**

- Working with ND Comprehensive Literacy Improvement through Measured Building Systems (NDCLIMB) to apply for grant.
- Legislative session will begin January 1 with updates for the board on any bills that will impact education and Divide County as information becomes available.
- Will begin the process of updating job descriptions with goal to have them complete in January.
- Work on updating policies will continue with the goal to update the entire manual this year.

**High School Principal's Report**

- Hosted District 16 volleyball tournament Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and Nov. 4.

**Elementary Principal's Report**

- Students celebrated Growth or Green at the end of Quarter 1. Students were recognized for achieving Green or showing Growth on their STAR assessment.
- Annual Title I Fall Parent meeting was held October 29.
- Mrs. Brown and Ms. Lamontagne attended the Safe Schools Conference in Ft. Worth, TX on November 5-6.
- Mitch Strand was at DCSD on November 13 to complete ELEOTs, measuring student engagement in the classroom.
- DCE was awarded a \$2,000 Andrist grant to purchase classroom novels to support the Walk to Read interventions and supports. Thank you to the John and Elaine Andrist family.
- Cognia Accreditation Committee met on November 13 and December 4.
- Learning by Doing books have been distributed to staff and they will be participating in a book study to learn more about implementing Professional Learning Communities (PLC's).
- Instructional coach, Becky Jordan with WERC REA, will be working with new teachers and teachers new to our district.
- Mitch Strand met with DCSD staff on December 4 to share information regarding Vital Network.
- Grades K-2 and 6 Christmas concert was held December 5. Thank you to Mrs. Grace and the students for a wonderful concert!

President Reistad declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Stephanie Reistad  
President  
Barbara King,  
Business Manager

**SPECIAL MEETING  
OFFICAL MINUTES  
December 10, 2024**

President Reistad called meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. with Hubble, Nystuen, Pulvermacher, Sundberg and Verlinde Present and Adams absent.

Motion 25-12-01S: Motion by Nystuen, seconded by Pulvermacher to approve agenda as provided. MC: 6-0.

Motion 25-12-02S: Motion by Nystuen, seconded by Sundberg to approve adding Raise Up bank account to trust and agency funds. MC: 5-0, Pulvermacher abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motion 25-12-03S: Motion by Nystuen, seconded by Hubble to approve first reading of policy ABAC-Virtual Learning Because of Weather and Other Conditions. MC: 6-0.

Reistad declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 a.m.

Stephanie Reistad  
President  
Barbara King,  
Business Manager

**REGULAR MEETING  
OFFICAL MINUTES  
January 14, 2025**

President Reistad called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m. with Hubble, Nystuen, Pulvermacher, Sundberg and Verlinde present and Adams absent. Others present were Elementary Principal Brown, Secondary Principal Haugenoe, Business Manager, King, one staff member, and a member of the press. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Motion 25-01-01: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Pulvermacher to approve the agenda with the change at 8c to Tahoe. MC: 6-0.

**Be Legendary Governance**

Superintendent Vandal presented report on student outcomes noting that they are currently above established goals for both English-Language Arts and Math and all grade levels. Thank you and congratulations to administration and staff for what has been accomplished.

The Board completed their self-evaluation with a score of 37, showing improvement over prior quarter's score of 13.

Adams arrived 7:08 a.m.

**Student and Staff Recognitions**

- Elementary
- Students of the Month: K – Meredith Nordstog, 1 – Leilani Johnson, 2 – Brody Watterud, 3 – Addison Nordstog, 4 – Gracie Harris, 5 – Hadley Nelson, 6 – Aubree Vincent
- Outstanding Positivity: K – Daley Naeb, 1 – Stella Overland, 2 – Owen Lindsey
- MVR/MVL: Stellina Lund, Thome Johnson, Lex Rindel, Madilynn Lambert, Greyson Lesmeister, Scarlett Nitsche, Annie Wissbrod, Barrett Ely, Etta Johnson, Shea Lindsey, Rebecca Kocher, Kaison Watterud, Liam Pulvermacher, Aiden Larson
- Staff Bring the Joy Award: Mrs. Haggin, Mrs. Vigness, Mrs. Rindel

**Middle/High School**

- Q2 Students of the Quarter: 7-8-Breckyn Sundberg, 9-10 Paige Smithberg, 11-12-Gracie Rowse
- Thank you to all staff and students who have went above and beyond to assist with custodial duties with the shortage of custodian in the building every day

**President Reistad's Tell Me Something Good**

- NPSEU is utilizing Amira Learning which uses AI to improve students' reading performance.

**Public Comment**

One staff member was present and spoke to item 9a-Last negotiations there was considerable discussion regarding liquidated damages and she is concerned that a precedent would be sent by waiving them.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion 25-01-02: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Pulvermacher to approve the Consent Agenda to include the following: MC: 7-0.

- December 10, 2024 School Board Minutes
- January 14, 2025 Bill Set
- Approve purchase of Suburban Tahoe
- Approval of Unpaid Leave (Judy Harding)

Postmaster ..... 146.00 U.S. Department Of Homeland Security ..... 460.00 Lisa Dohmstreich ..... 36.70 Jaymar Business Forms, Inc..... 117.01 Kent Melby ..... 525.00 Lindsey Grocery..... 520.88 Montana Dakota Utilities .. 5,290.71 North Dakota Counseling Assn..... 150.00 Sanford Heath Occupational ..... 140.00 Sorum's ..... 431.51 St Luke's Hospital..... 1,076.44 Brad Johnson Insurance ..... 992.00 Burke-Divide Electric ..... 5,379.75 Savvas Learning Company LLC ..... 306.18 VISA..... 391.51 Visa ..... 89.00 Western Dakota Corps Of Discovery ..... 9,000.00 Advanced Business Methods ..... 2,668.08 Amazon Capital Svcs Inc..... 379.87 Baker And Taylor ..... 13.49 Bank Of North Dakota ..... 7,835.54 Bonnie & Clyde Pest Control LLC..... 300.00 City Of Crosby ..... 2,002.74 Central Regional Education Assn..... 50.00 Dacotah Paper Co. .... 3,329.57 DCSD - Food Service..... 499.48 Divide County Treasurer. 13,780.00 Decker Equipment ..... 1,826.40 Duane Johnson ..... 98.00 Sophia Ekness ..... 1,200.00 Shana Haugenoe..... 291.00 Hometown Lumber ..... 728.04 Jacobs Hardware Hank ..... 193.60 Jostens, Inc..... 200.55 The Journal..... 18.98 Karam Law..... 250.00 Kent Melby ..... 962.50

Linde Gas & Equipment Inc .... 287.30 Lindsey Grocery..... 550.72 Allison Muncaster ..... 1,200.00 NW Communications Coop..... 1,040.90 New Century Ag ..... 8,929.50 Disa Ruby..... 600.00 School Datebooks ..... 52.50 Solution Tree..... 2,577.00 Sorum's ..... 41.80 St Luke's Hospital..... 200.00 Anthony Vandal..... 316.26 Total ..... 77,476.51

**Action Items**

Motion 25-01-03: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Pulvermacher to approve resignation of Argielene Ang waiving liquidated damages, effective February 5, 2025. MC: 7-0.

Pulvermacher left 7:41 a.m.

Motion 25-01-04: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Hubble to approve 1st reading of the following policies: AAA-Philosophy of Public Schools, AAB-District Goals & Objectives, ABAA-School District Organization Plan, ABAB-School Year & Calendar, ABABA-Religious Observances, ABBA-North Dakota's Comprehensive Model School Policy for Tobacco Use, ABBB-Community Use of District Property, ABCA-Copyrighted Material & Intellectual Property, ABCB-Sportsmanship, ABCD-Records Retention, ABEB-Child Nutrition Programs, ACAA-Emergency Closings, ACAB-Emergency & Disaster Plans & Drills, ACBA-Automated External Defibrillators (AED), ACBC-Use of Animals in District Schools & in Curricular Programs, ACBD-School Medication Program, ACCA-Sexual Offenders on School Property, ACE-Violent & Threatening Behavior, ACEB-Hazing. MC: 6-0.

Motion 25-01-05: Moved by Verlinde, seconded by Pulvermacher to approve adoption of policies AAC-Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment, AACA-Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, ABBE-Displays of Religious Objects or Documents, ABDA-Website Accessibility for People with Disabilities, ACBB-Significant Contagious Diseases, ACEA-Bullying, BDD-Compensation and Expenses for Board Members, DBBA-Drug and Alcohol Testing Program for Employees, DEAA-Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace, FAAA-Open Enrollment, FCAF-Concussion Management, FDB-Education of Homeless Students, FDD-Education of Pregnant and Parenting Students, FDE-Education of Special Education Students and Students with Disabilities, FDH-Students in Foster Care, FF-Student Conduct and Discipline, FFA-Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use and Abuse, FFB-Attendance and Absences, FFD-Possessing Weapons, FFE-Extracurricular Participation Requirements, FFK-Suspensions and Expulsions, FGA-Student Education Records and Privacy, FGDD-Student Publication and Freedom of Expression, GAAE-Critical Race Theory, GABAA-Services for English Language Learners, GABDB-Federal Title Programs Dispute Resolution Procedures, GCC-Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, HBAA-Federal Fiscal Compliance, IDC-Data Protection and Security Breaches, KAB-District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy on second reading. MC: 6-0.

**Superintendent Report**

- Completed ND Comprehensive Literacy Improvement through Measured Building Systems (NDCLIMB) grant application.
- The day of virtual learning went pretty well overall. There were a few glitches which is to be expected. Completed survey and the vast majority had positive things to say.

**High School Principal's Report**

- We will begin integrating a character development program into our Maroon Core class called Two-Words.
- Divide County will host the District 5 GBB tournament in New Town Feb. 11, 13-15, 2025.
- HS students the State Student Council Convention in Bismarck, December 8-10.
- Mr. Roland, Mrs. Haugenoe, and Dr. Vandal attended the National AVID conference in Dallas, TX Dec. 11-14, 2024.
- FFA attended State LDE in Bismarck on Tuesday, Jan. 7th. They competed in Parliamentary Procedure

**Elementary Principal's Report**

- The Grades 3, 4, & 5 Christmas Concert was held on December 12. Congratulations to Mrs. Grace and the students on an outstanding performance.
- Kindergarten students visited The Villa on December 17 and sang for the residents.
- The K-6 Student Assembly was held on December 20 to recognize Students of the Month, MVR/MVL, Outstanding Positivity, and Staff Bring the Joy Awards. The next assembly is January 31.
- The end of Quarter 2 is January 10. Report cards will be sent home on January 16.
- End of Quarter 2 STAR testing is underway. We will be celebrating Growth or Green next week.
- The Student Engagement survey

window opens January 13.

- Third-grade students will participate with the Minot Symphony Orchestra while playing their recorders on Friday, February 7.
- The Leadership Team has reviewed the Vital Network survey data, which will be shared with elementary staff on January 15. The data will be used to identify strengths and areas for improvement.
- The next Teacher In-service is January 29. We will continue working with Miranda Samuelson from WERC on Mental Health First Aid.

**Committee Meetings**

- Buildings, Grounds and Transportation will be 1/24 at 8:00 a.m.
- Policy and Curriculum will be 1/24 at 2:00 p.m.
- Finance will be 1/24 at 3:00 p.m.

President Reistad declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Stephanie Reistad  
President  
Barbara King,  
Business Manager

**REGULAR MEETING  
OFFICAL MINUTES  
February 11, 2025**

Acting President Verlinde called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. with Hubble, Nystuen, and Pulvermacher present and Adams, Reistad and Sundberg absent. Others present were Elementary Principal Brown, Secondary Principal Haugenoe, Business Manager, King, one staff member, and a member of the press. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Motion 25-02-01: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Hubble to approve the agenda, removing items g. and h. from consent agenda. MC: 4-0.

**Be Legendary Governance**

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Haugenoe presented testing results for second quarter.

Motion 25-02-02: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Pulvermacher to approve the Divide County School District Theory of Action. MC: 4-0.

**Student and Staff Recognitions**

**Elementary**

- Students of the Month: K – Daley Naeb, 1 – Karen Rust, 2 – Hudson Wolter, 3 – Carter MacKinnon, 4 – Oakley Wolter, 5 – Jace Ely, 6 – Cobain Paulson
- Positivity Trait Awards: Cutler Olson, Skyler Gilbertson, Carter Shaw
- MVR/MVL: Miles Peters, Henry Wissbrod, Jeremiah Knutson, Senna Jensen, Connor Lindquist, Kylie Martens, Konnor Larson, Brody Aaberg, Toryn Benson, Avyn Fagerbakke, Evy Benson, Dante Hibbard, Aidian Dahl, Jordyn Gunderson
- Top 5th Grade Spellers: Cian Nichols, Maddyn Haugenoe, Aynslee Kruger
- Top 6th Grade Spellers: Liam Pulvermacher, Aubree Vincent, Jaxon Hendrickson
- Bring the Joy Staff Award: Ms. Van, Mrs. Rowse, Dr. Vandal

**Consent Agenda**

Motion 25-02-03: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Hubble to approve the Consent Agenda, with a thank you to resigning teachers, to include the following: MC: 4-0.

- January 14 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
- February 11, 2025 Bill Set
- Extra-Curricular Agreement for Cody Roland, Pep Club \$550
- Resignation of John Muncaster effective May 21, 2025

**(Permission to Advertise)**

- Resignation of Pamela Buth-Nelson effective at the end of 2024/25 SY

**(Permission to Advertise)**

- District Calendar for 2025-2026 Ryan Chevrolet ..... 43,674.00 Sophia Ekness ..... 600.00 Rebekka Bummer..... 107.00 Burke-Divide Electric ..... 6,138.84 Lisa Dohmstreich..... 40.00 Everspring Inn-Bismarck ..... 99.00 Grenora Public School..... 18,297.13 McGraw-Hill School Education ..... 309.90 Montana Dakota Utilities.. 6,663.78 Microscope World.Com .... 5,601.00 NDCEL ..... 875.00 New Century Ag ..... 12,007.09 Pearce Durick Plc..... 331.25 Sanford Heath Occupational .. 35.00 Eide Ford Lincoln ..... 44,012.00 ND Spelling Bee ..... 170.00 North Dakota Attorney General..... 80.00 VISA ..... 4,860.57 Minot Public Schools..... 71.00 Advanced Business Methods ..... 2,668.08 Amazon Capital Svcs Inc.. 1,144.80 Auto Value Crosby ..... 198.07 Baker And Taylor ..... 27.74 Bonnie & Clyde Pest Control LLC..... 300.00 Brad Johnson Insurance ..... 231.00 Cenex Fleet Fueling ..... 39.11 City Of Crosby ..... 1,909.06 Twotrees Technologies..... 4,950.00 Crafts 4-U..... 4,950.00 Dacotah Paper Co. .... 3,392.59 Divide County Road Dept ..... 10,000.00 DCSD - Food Service..... 684.93 Grainger ..... 484.48 Jacobs Hardware Hank ..... 350.07 The Journal..... 18.25 J.W. Pepper & Son Inc. .... 168.95 Linde Gas & Equipment Inc ..... 295.22 Montana Dakota Utilities..... 172.52

NW Communications Coop ..... 874.97 Sorum's ..... 247.67 Krista Verlinde ..... 355.80 Total ..... 175,955.04

**Action Items**

Motion 25-02-04: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Pulvermacher to approve 1st reading of the following policies: BAA-Employing Board Members, BAB-Board Conflict of Interest Policy, BDBB-Retaining an Attorney, BEC-School Board Evaluation, BBA-School Board Election & Terms of Office Policy, BBBA-Officers of the Board, BBBB-School Board Committees, BBC-Method of Filling a Board Vacancy, BC-Meetings of the Board, BCAA-Board Meeting Agenda & Pre-Meeting Preparation, BCAB-Board Meeting Procedures, BCAC-Minutes, BCAD-Executive Session Policy. MC: 4-0.

Motion 25-02-05: Moved by Verlinde, seconded by Pulvermacher to approve adoption of following policies on second reading: AAA-Philosophy of Public Schools, AAB-District Goals & Objectives, ABAA-School District Organization Plan, ABAB-School Year & Calendar, ABABA-Religious Observances, ABBA-North Dakota's Comprehensive Model School Policy for Tobacco Use, ABBB-Community Use of District Property, ABCA-Copyrighted Material & Intellectual Property, ABCB-Sportsmanship, ABCD-Records Retention, ABEB-Child Nutrition Programs, ACAA-Emergency Closings, ACAB-Emergency & Disaster Plans & Drills, ACBA-Automated External Defibrillators (AED), ACBC-Use of Animals in District Schools & in Curricular Programs, ACBD-School Medication Program, ACCA-Sexual Offenders on School Property, ACE-Violent & Threatening Behavior, ACEB-Hazing. MC: 4-0.

Motion 25-02-06: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Hubble to Review the Petition to Recognize as the Appropriate 2025 Negotiating Unit, All ESPB Licensed Teaching Staff as a Whole, per the Submitted List of Teachers, Representing a Majority of all Licensed Teachers, for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Contracts. MC: 4-0.

Motion 25-02-07: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Pulvermacher, Upon Review of the Teacher Petition to be Recognized as the Appropriate Negotiating Unit, Motion is made to Determine that the Proposed Negotiating Unit Does Represent a Majority of the Licensed Teachers Within the Unit and Therefore, Recognizes the Divide County Teachers' Association as the Representative Organization for a Minimum of One Year, Beginning February 11, 2025, and proposes to begin Negotiations the Week of February 23, or as agreed to by both negotiating parties. MC: 4-0.

**Superintendent Report**

- Awarded Kindergarten Transition Grant in the amount of \$10,000.
- ND School Board Association sends out weekly legislative updates each Friday via email. There are a lot of bills that affect K-12 schools and this is a great way to stay updated and informed.

**High School Principal's Report**

- Grade 10 and 11 students attended a trade industry tour at the Bakken Area Skills Center in Watford City on Thursday, January 16.
- January 29 was an early dismissal. We completed our Mental Health First Aid certification.

**Elementary Principal's Report**

- The January student assembly was held on January 31 to celebrate student and staff accomplishments.
- Quarter 3 is underway and Quarter 2 report cards have been sent home. Students are celebrating Q2 Growth or Green on their STAR assessments.
- 5th and 6th grade students participated in a classroom spelling bee. The top three spellers from each grade level will participate at the Williams County Spelling Bee on February 20. The top two Divide County winners will get to participate at the state Spelling Bee on March 17 in Bismarck.
- Students from DCHS will be visiting DCE on Wednesday, February 5 for Ag in the Classroom.
- Third-grade students will participate with the Minot Symphony Orchestra while playing their recorders on Friday, February 7.
- The Student Engagement Survey is open and ready to be administered until February 14.
- The Math and Writing Curriculum selection committees have been meeting.

**Committee Meetings**

- Buildings, Grounds and Transportation will be 2/24 at 8:00 a.m.
- Policy and Curriculum to be determined.
- Finance will be 2/24 at 7:00 p.m.
- Negotiations will be 02/21 at 8:15 a.m.

Acting President Verlinde declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

Krista Verlinde  
Acting President  
Barbara King,  
Business Manager