

Divide County School Board Minutes

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES April 8, 2025

President Reistad called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. with Adams, Hubble, Nystuen, Pulvermacher, Sundberg and Verlinde present and nobody absent. Others present were Superintendent Vandal, Secondary Principal Haugenoe, Elementary Principal Brown, Business Manager, King, Dr. Wayne Heckaman, BASC Director, and a member of the press. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Motion 25-04-01: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Sundberg to approve the agenda as presented. MC: 7-0.

Be Legendary Governance

Motion 25-04-02: Moved by Nystuen, seconded by Sundberg to approve the Divide County School District Board Procedural Manual, adding index with description of policies listed. MC: 7-0.

Student and Staff Recognitions

Elementary

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

- Students of the Month: K – Odin Shaw, 1 – Jeremiah Knutson, 2 – Madilyn Hubble, 3 – Wilhelmina Shroyer, 4 – Berkley Lesmeister, 5 – Havynn Lindsey, 6 – Tory Caraway
- MVRs and MVLs: K – Bowden Nordstog, K – Reid Eide, 1 – Teig Ness, 1 – Gideon Kane, 2 – Les McGhan, 2 – Huxley Kruger, 3 – Aria Coughanour, 3 – Ana Coates, 4 – Waylon Sparks, 4 – Carmaline Martin, 5 – Anders Nygaard, 5 – Stella Rindel, 6 – Tellie Sparks, 6 – Harper Lund

STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Staff “Bring the Joy” Award: Mrs. Kyvik, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Selle
High School
STUDENT RECOGNITIONS
• Congratulations to our large group band and choir for receiving

star ratings at Regionals
• Congratulations to 14 of our small group band and choir students for receiving star ratings and qualifying for state music. Also, congratulations to an additional 14 entries for receiving 1 ratings. Those receiving star ratings include:

DC Drumline, Easton Tibbs: Vocal and trumpet solo, Emma Hay: Solo, Jazz Band, Brass Quintet, Sax Quartet, Abby Wishart: Clarinet Solo, Ailyn Ordonez: Clarinet Solo, Gracie Rowse: Saxophone Solo, Samantha Smith: Saxophone Solo, Jocia Fuhrman: Vocal Solo, River Song vocal ensemble, Kylie Ator and Jocia Fuhrman: vocal duet

• Congratulations to our Q3 student of the quarter recipients: 7-8 Grade: Otto Ellis, 9-10 Grade: Lilly Herrold, 11-12 Grade: Megan Wolter

• Congratulations to the following students in qualifying for national FBLA at the state conference held in Bismarck March 30-April 1:

Hannah Williams-1st: Career Exploration and Exploring Economies, Titus Stubbs-1st: Computer Problem Solving, 5th: Economics, Elydie Johnson- 5th: Human Resource Management, Marcus Shaw- 2nd: Networking Infrastructure, 2nd: Supply Chain Management, Easton Tibbs- 3rd: UX Design, 6th: Securities and Investments, Cooper Svangstu- Who’s Who for Outstanding Leadership, Oliva Grote- Who’s Who for Outstanding Leadership Middle School

• FFA Students competed in Winter CDE’s in Minot. The following students placed:

Wyatt Lokken-Bronze-Agronomy, Emma Hay-Bronze-Ag Sales, Riley Caraballo-Silver-Livestock Judging, Svea Svangstu-Bronze-Livestock Judging, Gracie Rowse-Bronze-Livestock Judging, Stella Broe-Bronze-Livestock Judging, Team

award-Bronze-Livestock Judging
STAFF RECOGNITIONS· It was Paraprofessional’s Day on Wednesday, April 2nd. Thank you for all of your hard work. We appreciate all that you do for our students and staff.

Consent Agenda

Motion 25-04-03: Moved by Sundberg, seconded by Hubble to approve the Consent Agenda, to include the following: MC: 7-0.

a. March 11, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

b. April 8, 2025 Bill Set

Region Ix Music & Speech.. 380.00
Solution Tree..... 3,020.00
Glenbum High School 35.00
NDMEA 297.50
Crosby Moose Lodge 200.00
VISA 47.75
Burke-Divide Electric 7,471.04
Crosby Drug..... 12.92
Barbara King..... 2,249.00
Lund Construction, Inc. 150.00
Montana Dakota Utilities.. 6,167.39
Minot Public Schools..... 74.59
NDCEL..... 250.00
New Century Ag 13,674.95
Sorum’s 753.79
Jessalyn Thomas 30.51
Rhonda Weathers 39.19
Amy Shaw..... 72.00
Nikita Swanson 72.00
Mirmalyn Ticzon..... 80.00
Harlow’s Bus Sales, Inc..... 69,087.50
Burke Central Public School.. 45.00
Dept Of Transportation 18.00
Glenbum High School 38.00
Advanced

Business Methods 2,668.08
Amazon Capital Svcs Inc..... 876.08
Auto Value Crosby..... 19.43
Bonnie & Clyde
Pest Control LLC..... 460.00
Bummer’s Depot LLC 75.40
Burke Central Public School..... 99.00
Nicole Burtman..... 14.00
CDW Government, Inc..... 4,878.17
Cenex Fleet Fueling..... 46.25

Dacotah Paper Co. 1,434.14
Desd - Food Service..... 615.54
Duane Johnson..... 661.00
Merry Emolaga 174.83
Grainger 329.52
Savanna Hendrickson..... 49.50
Innova Integrated
Solutions Inc..... 1,772.57
Jacobs Hardware Hank 314.28
The Journal..... 62.78
J.W. Pepper & Son Inc 47.75
Barbara King..... 301.00
Tiffany Kolstad 1,200.00
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc 271.46
NW

Communications Coop..... 1,240.98
Mirmalyn Ticzon..... 60.50
US Foodservice, Inc 19.42
Rhonda Weathers 154.83
Total \$131,238.72

c. Extra-Curricular Agreements

Kate Sabe, 50% Asst Track.. \$1,000
Harold Johnson, Baseball..... \$3,625
Rod Schofield, JH Track \$1,800
Kjell Vassen, Asst Golf \$1,680
d. Approve resignation of Amanda (Wheeling) Hauff effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Action Items

Motion 25-04-04: Moved by Sundberg, seconded by Nystuen to approve 2025 Driver Education program with student cost of \$250 for district students and \$350 for out-of-district students with teacher salary of \$37/hour. MC: 7-0.

Superintendent Report

• A team of teachers and administrators will be traveling to California to attend the national BARR (Building Assets, Reducing Risks) conference which aligns directly with the core expectations of our NDCLIMBS grant.

• Continuing to follow legislature for action on bills affecting public education.

• Will have approximately 25 policies ready for first reading at

May Board meeting after review by committee

High School Principal’s Report

•Parent Teacher Conferences were held on March 25 & 27 at DCHS

• Our Early-Out was held on Wednesday, March 26th. We continued our PLC implementation process.

• 7th graders attended SCRUBS camp in Williston on Wednesday, April 2nd

• COGNIA accreditation review was held on Wednesday, April 2nd

• ND A+ testing will begin on Monday, April 7th

• Scott Wisness from the BASC will visit with students in grades 10-12 on Friday, April 4th at 1:30 p.m. about 25-26 class offerings

• Golf practice begins on Monday, April 7th

• Track, Baseball, and Softball seasons are underway with approximately 80 students participating and an estimated 16 students out for golf.

• Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th at the Community Center with Grand March at 8:00 p.m.

• Upper Missouri Health District will be hosting a vaccination clinic on Wednesday, April 16th at 9:30 a.m. at DCHS for any students who are interested in updating their vaccinations.

• DCHS spring concert along with 5th and 6th grade band will be held on Monday, April 7th

Elementary Principal’s Report

• The March Student Assembly was held on March 28 to celebrate student and staff accomplishments.

• 5th and 6th grade Girls’ and Boys’ basketball season has started.

• Travis Binde, Ag and Natural Resources County Agent, and several volunteers, came to DCE on March 12 to make bread with the 5th graders.

• DCE celebrated Growth or Green as the Q3 STAR testing was completed.

• Classes meeting their combined Q3 AR goals are participating in Miniature Golf in the library.

• Teacher in-service was held on March 26.

• NDA+ state assessments are in progress for Grades 3-6. This is the first year using the new assessment. Students are tested in ELA, Writing, and Math. Grade 4 also participates in the Science assessment.

• DCSD recently completed the Cognia Accreditation Review on April 2.

• The 5th and 6th grade band students will perform on April 7 in conjunction with the Grades 7-12 Spring Concert.

• The Grades K-2 Spring Concert is May 1. Grades 3-6 Spring Concert is May 8. All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Committee Meetings

• Negotiations has had committee planning meetings and first meeting with teachers. Fourth meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 4:00 p.m.

• Buildings, Grounds and Transportation – next meeting scheduled for April 30 at 8:30 a.m.

• Policy and Curriculum – next meeting April 30 7:30 a.m.

• Finance and Personnel – next meeting will be scheduled upon completion of negotiations.

• BASC – Dr. Wayne Heckaman, Director, encourages Board members to explore the website and Facebook page which contains promo videos of programs. BASC is also working with Williston CTE Center to better reach students in the northwest corner of North Dakota.

President Reistad declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 a.m.

Stephanie Reistad
President

Barbara King,
Business Manager

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Probate No. 12-2025-PR-00025
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
OF DIVIDE COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
James A. Joraanstad
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kevin L. Joraanstad has filed herein a petition adjudication of intestacy and appointment of a personal representative requesting appointment of Kevin L. Joraanstad as the personal representative.

Hearing has been set upon said petition on the 20th day of June, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the Courtroom of the above named Court, in the City of Crosby, County of Divide, State of North Dakota.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2025.
PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.
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NOTICE OF HEARING

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Probate No. 12-2025-PR-00049
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
NORTHWEST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COUNTY
OF DIVIDE,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Louise T. Meuwissen
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN INTESTACY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Robert Meuwissen has filed herein a Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative in Intestacy of the Estate of Louise T. Meuwissen, deceased.

A hearing has been set upon said petition on the 20th day of June, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Courtroom of the above-named Court in the City of Crosby, County of Divide, State of North Dakota.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2025.
Jordan Law Office, PLLC
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NOTICE OF HEARING

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Probate No. 12-2025-PR-00054
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
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DISTRICT COUNTY
OF DIVIDE,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Ardis M. Slotsve
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Diane Stehura has filed in this matter a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative. A hearing has been set upon said Petition on the 11th day of July 2025, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. at the Courtroom of the Divide County District Court in Crosby, Divide County, North Dakota.

Dated this 7th, day of May, 2025.
/s/ Brittany F. Foust
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
OF DIVIDE COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Nancy Jo Burgett
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Lynne A. Murphy, Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy Jo Burgett, c/o DeMakis Law, PLLC, P. O. Box 1748, Minot, ND 58702-1748, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2025.
/s/ Lynne A. Murphy
Lynne A. Murphy
Personal Representative
Charles G. DeMakis
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Attorneys for Personal Representative

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ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024	
of the	
EquiTrust Life Insurance Company	
In the state of Arizona	
Total Assets	33,576,722,643
Total Liabilities	30,820,349,245
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	3,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	784,666,772
Contributed Surplus	1,968,706,626
Unassigned Funds	2,756,373,398
Total Capital and Surplus	33,576,722,643
Total Liabilities, Capital	
And Surplus	

NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2024

Total Life and	33,456,849
Annuity Premiums Written	
Total Life and	4,203,635
Annuity Direct Losses Paid	
Total Accident and	0
Health Direct Premiums	
Written	
Total Accident and	0
Health Direct Losses Paid	

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

I, Jon Godfread, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2025 (SEAL).

JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2024 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and

WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **JON GODFREAD**, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2026.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D., 2025 (SEAL)

JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance

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ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024	
of the	
The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection And Insurance Company Of CT	
In the state of Connecticut	
Total Assets	15,963,441
Total Liabilities	1,154,717
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	3,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	6,254,937
Contributed Surplus	5,453,787
Unassigned funds (surplus)	6,254,937
Total Capital and Surplus	14,808,724
Total Liabilities, Capital	
And Surplus	15,963,441

NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2024

Total Direct Premiums	
Earned	0
Total Direct Losses	
Incurred	0
Total Accident and	0
Health Direct Premiums	
Earned	0
Total Accident and	0
Health Direct Losses	
Incurred	

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(5/14, 21, 28)

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ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024	
of the	
The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection And Insurance Company	
In the state of Connecticut	
Total Assets	2,321,906,901
Total Liabilities	1,512,422,292
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	10,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	681,608,776
Contributed Surplus	171,840,965
Unassigned funds (surplus)	863,449,741
Total Capital and Surplus	2,375,872,033
Total Liabilities, Capital	
And Surplus	

NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2024

Total Direct Premiums	
Earned	809,876
Total Direct Losses	
Incurred	64,241
Total Accident and	0
Health Direct Premiums	
Earned	0
Total Accident and	0
Health Direct Losses	
Incurred	

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