



## North Dakota Game & Fish Operation Dry Water

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will participate in Operation Dry Water as part of a nationally coordinated effort to increase knowledge about the dangers of boating under the influence. The goal is to reduce the number of accidents and deaths associated with alcohol and drug use on state waterways.

ODW weekend, July 4-6, is the national weekend of heightened enforcement directed at boating under the influence laws and recreational boater outreach.

While educating boaters about the hazards associated with boating while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a year-round effort, on ODW weekend

the Game and Fish Department's game wardens focus on the water, informing boaters about safe boating practices, and removing impaired operators from the water.

Tips for staying safe on the water:

- Boat sober – Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in recreational boater deaths. Alcohol and drug use impair a boater's judgment, balance, vision and reaction time.
- Wear your life jacket – 85% of drowning victims nationwide were not wearing a life jacket.
- Take the online boating safety education course – 71% of deaths nationwide occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction.

## Legal Notices:

Your right to know

SAWYER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NO 16  
SAWYER, NORTH DAKOTA  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025  
School Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Tim Folden. Also present, board members Seth Berman, Barb Jandl, and Mandy Vigness. Wayne Trotter, Superintendent, Heather Ell, Principal, Patti Syverson, Business Manager, Ryan Stockie, Tracy Helm-Sjoquist, Mathew Sjoquist, via Zoom Sheila Kolschefske, Amaryssia Hale, Emilee Knudsvig, MC Amano, teachers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was previewed.

M/S/C: Jandl/Berman to accept the Consent Agenda

1. Business Manager's Reports
2. Approval of Bills
  - a. Prepaid Bills – \$11,822.80
  - b. Board Bills - \$30,089.80
  - c. Visa Bills - \$9,605.52

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Policy FFA – Student Alcohol and other Drug Use/Abuse 2nd reading
- b. Policy DI-BR – Personnel Records Review Procedure 2nd reading

M/S/C: Vigness/Berman to approve the 2nd reading of Policy FFA – Student Alcohol and Drug use using Option 1.

M/S/C: Berman/Jandl to approve the 2nd reading of Policy DI-BR – Personnel Records Review Procedure.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Discussion on Legislative Updates.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Enrollment Report: Total enrollment K-12: 87 students as of May 20, 2025
- Elementary = 45 students (does NOT include 9 Pre-K.)
- PK= 9, K=13, 1=4, 2=5, 3=10, 4=6, 5=7
- Middle School = 21 students
- 6=6, 7=7, 8=8
- High School = 21 students
- 9=10, 10=2, 11=6, 12=3
- Special Education Strategist Case Load = 22; case manages 15; one will graduate in May.
- Speech/Language Caseload = 13 students; case manages 9
- ND CLIMBS Grant
- Training is scheduled for June 9 & 10th at Sawyer Library
- 2025-2026 School Calendar Approval
- Staffing for 2025-26
- Resignations:
- Music – position posted
- Paraprofessionals / Classified: All returning.
- Upcoming events:
- Field Day: May 21st
- Graduation: May 23rd at 11:00am

M/S/C: Vigness/Jandl to approve the school calendar for 2025/2026.

M/S/C: Berman/Vigness to approve Karen Niewoehner's resignation effective the end of this school year.

Athletic Director Ryan Stockie presented surveys regarding sports.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. FGA – Student Education Records and Privacy Policy 1st Reading

b. KAAA – Visitors in the School Policy 1st Reading

c. Contracts

d. Superintendent Position

M/S/C: Berman/Jandl to approve Mark Carlo Amano's contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Jandl/Vigness to approve Amaryssia Hale's contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Vigness/Berman to approve Jennifer Hayes' contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Vigness/Jandl to approve Tracy Helm-Sjoquist's contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Jandl/Berman to approve Sheila Kolschefske's contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Vigness/Jandl to approve Carlo Pangniban's contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Berman/Vigness to approve Mathew Sjoquist's contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Jandl/Vigness to approve Sara Smith's contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Vigness/Jandl to approve Ryan Stockie's contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Berman/Vigness to approve Mark Tingson's contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Jandl/Berman to approve Jennifer Wenstad's contract for 2025-2026.

M/S/C: Jandl/Berman to approve Heather Ell as Sawyer School's Superintendent starting July 1st, 2025.

Calendar: Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 24th at 6 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Tim Folden, School Board President

Patti Syverson, Business Manager

7/03/2025

## Obituary:

Our Deepest Sympathy

## Nicholas Ray Tudor December 13, 1998 to June 23, 2025



he enjoyed hunting, especially pheasants and geese. He was always bringing something home and leaving feathers everywhere it seemed. He loved going on family trips to Tennessee and Louisiana growing up, he especially loved spending time in Louisiana at the Fish Camp and chasing his girl cousins with lizards.

Nick began working at Hildre Construction after High School and then went to Bismarck State College with several of his classmates until deciding college was not for him. When he moved back home to Velva, he continued to work for Hildre Construction for a time. He thought he needed something more, so moved to Stanley, ND with a classmate, Brock Selzler, and started working for Key Energy in the oil field of North Dakota. He loved the oil field work. He really felt like he was doing something. Life in the oilfield was frustrating at times, especially when the pandemic hit and working was tough. Nick got

through it and proceeded to work other companies such as Basin Well Service and most recently Dakota Chemical.

Nick especially loved spending time with family and friends. He was the hit of the party when there were family gatherings, and the younger nieces and cousins couldn't help but hang on to him, and all you heard was giggling while he was twirling the kids around. He was always running around chasing after the kids, playing ball or taking his nieces for bike rides to the park.

Nick was a kind, gentle, and loyal young man. He will be deeply missed, and his memories with family and friends will be cherished forever.

Nicholas is survived by his parents, Ben and Heather Tudor, of Velva. His sister Brittany (Michael) Schmidt, and nieces Remington and Raegan of Velva. Paternal Grandparents Ray G. (Dana)Tudor of Shreveport, Louisiana and Carolyn Tudor of

Atlanta, Georgia. Uncle Brandon (Erika) Tudor of Atlanta, Georgia. Maternal Grandparents are Joel & Mardi Schock of Velva and Great Grandmother Verna Schock of Velva. Uncles Brent (Amanda) Heinrich of Velva to include cousins Reese (Dallas, TX), Morgan (Bowbells, ND) and Logan Heinrich (Lignite, ND). David and Emily Schock of Velva along with several extended cousins and friends from all over the country.

Nicholas was preceded in death by his Grandparents John Heinrich,

Barbara Heinrich, Emil Schock, John and Margaret Thomas, Inez and A.G. Gilbert, and Grover and RoseMarie Tudor.

Funeral service: Saturday, June 28th at 11am at Oak Valley Lutheran Church in Velva. A link to the livestream of the service will be available on Nick's obituary page on the funeral home website.

Funeral service was on Saturday, June 28th at Oak Valley Lutheran Church in Velva.

Nicholas Ray Tudor, 26 of Minot, ND left this world to be with our heavenly father on June 23rd, 2025, as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Nick was born on December 13, 1998, in Minot, ND to Benjamin and Heather Tudor and older sister, Brittany. He was raised in Velva and graduated from Velva High School in 2018.

While he was living at home



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