White Shield School Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2026

Board Members Present: Holly Felix, Cody White Bear, Angelita Felix, Mark Nolan, Jordan Yellow Bird.

Administration Present: Wanda Belgarde, Bernie Jorgenson, Traci Ruhland, Thana Smith, Stacey

Blacksmith, Bobbi Shegrud, Donovan Dixon, Sheldon Rush.

Guests Present: Joy Bear, Margaret Yellow Bird, Lori Plenty Chief and T.J. Plenty Chief with Nishu Consulting, LLC, Jen Mountain, Cynthia Little Creek, Amy Mossett with MHA Education Administrator.

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order and Roll Call.

Meeting called to order: 5:35 p.m.

2026-04-15-03. Cody WB motioned to approve the current agenda adding item c. 21s Century -Earth Lodge and item d. Helen Gough Scholarship, both to New Business; seconded by Mark N. Approved. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2026-04-15-04. Mark N. motioned to approve the March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.

Public Comments: Joy Bear and Cynthia Little Creek, each expressed concern over recent student travel; referred to the Superintendent for follow-up.

2026-04-15-06. Mark N motioned to approve Fund 1 District: March 2026; seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.

2026-04-15-06. Angelita F motioned to approve Fund 2 BIE Grant: March 2026; seconded by Cody WB. Approved. MCU.

2026-04-15-06. Mark N. motioned to approve Fund 4 TAT: March 2026; seconded by Cody WB. Approved. MCU.

2026-04-15-06. Jordan YB motioned to approve Fund 5 School Lunch: March 2026; seconded by Mark N. Approved. MCU.

2026-04-15-06. Mark N motioned to approve Fund 6 Student Activity: March 2026; seconded by Angelita F with discussion. Approved. MCU.

2026-04-15-06. Cody WB motioned to approve Fund 8 School Quarters: March 2026; seconded by Mark N. Approved. MCU.

2026-04-15-06. Cody WB. motioned to approve Fund 9 Facilities Management: March 2026;

seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.

OLD BUSINESS:

2026-04-15-07a. Mark N motioned to approve the Superintendent Evaluation, noting a satisfactory grade; seconded by Jordan YB. Approved. MCU.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board visited with TJ and Lori Plenty Chief of Nishu Consulting, LLC about potentially building an earth lodge. Also reviewed the School-Parent Compact which is an exhibit to Board Policy KAB-1.

2026-04-15-08a. Mark N motioned to adopt KAB - White Shield School District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy on first reading and waive second reading per board policy BDA; seconded by Cody WB. Approved.

2026-04-15-08d. Holly F motioned to accept an invitation to display the memorium for the Helen Gough Scholarship; seconded by Cody WB. Approved.

PERSONELL:

2026-04-15-09. Mark N motioned to hire Stacey Salhus as a Reading Coach for School Year 26-=27; seconded by Cody WB with discussion. Approved. MCU.

2026-04-15-09. Mark N motioned hire Callie YoungBird as the Assistant Rodeo Club Advisor; seconded by Cody WB with discussion. Approving: Holly F, Cody WB, Angelita F, Mark N.

Abstaining: Jordan YB. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Report, Wanda Belgarde: Discussed the upcoming BIE review, reviewed the ND strategic plan and reviewed the school missions and vision statements. Reported on the recent Science Fair trip noting that the students did very well in the competition.

2026-04-15-10a. Mark N motioned for Keith Mollenhauer to return temporarily one day per week until a new technology coordinator is hired with pay being equal to his prior hourly rate; seconded by Cody WB with discussion. MCU.

Elem. Principal Report, Bobbi Shegrud: noted that Elementary attendance is 89.5%; with grades 3 & 5 receiving the traveling attendance trophy. The elementary will be attending the circus on May 7. Evaluations have been in process and are finishing up. The Sleeping Beauty performance will be on Friday, April 17* at 5:00, and Family Math Night will be on April 29th.

HS Principal Report, Stacey Blacksmith: via Cody WB and Wanda B, noted that overal! attendance from 3/23 4/15 was 87.82%. Noted that the Seniors are on track for graduation and shared the senior trip agenda. Discussed additional needs for the upcoming school year.

Transportation Report, Frank Felix: no report.

Facilities Report, Donovan Dixon: HVAC systems are up and running. Held meetings with custodians and updated task maps, responsibilities and inventories. Held two fire drills both with good evacuation times. Held three meetings with the safety team discussing several items to update and implement. Replaced missing ceiling tiles and fixed a broken door near the main entrance; installed a new light switch and miscellaneous items in the business office; cleaned and organized the mechanical room and had the elevator inspected. All quarters are occupied; updated tenant information. Completed repairs on units 422, 423, 428 and 429. Plans to start the watering system and inspect and service lawn equipment on the 20th. Held a meeting with the kitchen staff developing job descriptions and daily goals to help with daily kitchen operations.

2026-04-15-10e. Mark N motioned to approve $9,790.00 to replace two picture windows in two housing units; seconded by Jordan YB with discussion noting that with repeated damage tenants will be liable for costs incurred. Approved. MCU.

Athletic Director Report, Sheldon Rush: Noted that elementary sports are going well: volleyball has 22 athletes and three remaining games, boys basketball has 10 athletes and has 3 games next week; wrestling concluded their season last week and had a great season; track started April 13 with great numbers so they were split into two groups. Junior high/high school sports are also doing well: track has 18 athletes and is going strong despite multiple weather cancellations and golf is also going full swing despite weather factors. The Winter/Spring Athletic Banquet will be held the week of May 13.

ADJOURNMENT

2026-04-15-11. Jordan YB motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:47 p.m.; seconded by Angelita F. Approved. MCU.

School Board President

Business Manager

Date Approved

PRIVATE ESTATE SALE - THE PLAYERS PUB

Prime Main Street Commercial Property - New Town, North Dakota

Offered by the Estate of Myrna Jean Bear Personal Representative: Jonathan Bear

LOCATION: 360 Main St., New Town, ND 58763

Located in the **heart of downtown New Town,** The Players Pub sits prominently on **Main Street,** offering excellent visibility, access, and proximity to local businesses, **Lake Sakakawea,** and **Four Bears Casino.**

PROPERTY OVERVIEW

- Formerly operating bar/tavern known as The Players Pub
- Currently **vacant and ready for immediate transition**
- High-visibility commercial location
- Suitable for bar, restaurant, retail, or redevelopment
- Strong local and regional traffic
- SOLD AS-IS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Township 152 North, Range 92 West, City of New Town, Original Townsite, Block 20, Lots 6 and 7, Mountrail County, North Dakota

SALE PROCESS - SEALED BID OPPORTUNITY

- Property is being offered through a **confidential sealed bid process**
- **No set listing price** - all offers will be considered

Submission of Bids

Sealed bids shall be submitted by mail to:

Soderstrom Law, P.C.

P.O. Box 1985

Minot, ND 58702

- Deadline for submission of confidential bids:

July 10, 2026

OPEN BIDDING PROCESS

- The **top five (5) highest bidders** will be selected and invited to participate in a final round
- **Open bidding meeting:July 14, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**
- Location: **To be determined and provided to invited bidders only**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Property offered as part of an **Estate Sale**
- Property sold **AS-IS, WHERE-IS**
- Sale subject to any **existing liens, encumbrances, or governmental program restrictions,** including but not limited to those of the Fort Berthold Housing Authority
- **Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason**
- Final sale subject to **Estate and Court approval**

CONTACT

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Proof of funds may be required prior to participation in final bidding.

! NOTICE

- This is a private estate offering. Information is believed reliable but not guaranteed. All interested parties are encouraged to conduct their own due diligence.

*Subject to verification and resolution of all recorded and unrecorded liens, including but not limited to any mortgage interests held by Lakeside State Bank and/or the United States Small Business Administration.

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