

01/08/2026 School Board Meeting

School Board Minutes

Called to Order: 12:02 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Patti Jo Savage, Daniel LaPrairie, Dorothy Olson, and Dale Sautbine

Absent: Carol Wuollet and Shannon Berglund

Others present: Superintendent Tara Dupuis, Principal Daniel Merfeld, Guidance Counselor Vicki Oberstar, Wellness Coordinator Hailey Dion, Education Grants & Accountability Manager Blake Ludemann, Kitchen Supervisor Mace Fonoti, Interim Special Education Coordinator Michelle Hamski, and FACE Coordinator Danielle Dupuis.

Reading of Mission Statement and Vision: Dorothy Olson

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of #9 Executive Session made by Daniel LaPrairie, 2nd by Dorothy Olson, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Minutes from December 4, 2025:

Motion to approve regular minutes made by Dorothy Olson, 2nd by Dale Sautbine, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Motion to approve executive session minutes made by Daniel LaPrairie, 2nd by Dale Sautbine, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Review of Ledger:

New Business:

Close Up Trip:

- Students will not be attending Close Up trip to Washington DC this year due to political climate and safety concerns.
- Propose a different trip to South Dakota this year. Estimated cost shared with the board.
- The school board would like to see curriculum for South Dakota trip before approving the change this year.

New Curriculum:

- 7th grade Social Studies and High Social Studies classes are requesting new curriculum. It has been several years since we have purchased.
- Requested list of approved BIE Reading & Math curriculum.

Old Business:

- None

Supervisor Reports-Reviewed:

Superintendent Tara Dupuis; Building Principal Daniel Merfeld; Education Grants and Accountability Manager Blake Ludemann; Interim Special Education Coordinator Michelle Hamski, Kitchen Supervisor Mace Fonoti, Wellness Coordinator Hailey Dion, Cultural Coordinator Dawn LaPrairie, FACE Coordinator Barbara Francis, and Transportation Coordinator Kathy Nelson.

Other:

School board member would like to substitute teach at the school but is unable to according to current charter. Will send an electronic copy of the charter to school board members.

Concern regarding 4 students per hotel room when traveling.

Motion to have only one student per bed when traveling for trips made by Daniel LaPrairie, 2nd by Dale Sautbine, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Dale Sautbine, 2nd by Dorothy Olson, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm. Recorded by Julia Lintgen