

09/04/2025 School Board Meeting

School Board Minutes

Called to Order: 12:15 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Patti Jo Savage, Daniel LaPrairie, Dale Sautbine and Carol Wuollet

Absent: Dorothy Olson

Others present: Superintendent Tara Dupuis, Principal Daniel Merfeld, Wellness Coordinator Hailey Martin Dion, Interim Special Education Coordinator Michelle Hamski, Education Grants & Accountability Manager Blake Ludemann and School Counselor Vicki Oberstar.

Reading of Mission Statement and Vision: Daniel LaPrairie

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Daniel LaPrairie, 2nd by Carol Wuollet, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Minutes from August 14, 2025:

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

Review of Ledger:

Fiscal school year began July 1, 2025

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

New Business:

Vehicle Purchase:

- 0 vehicles were purchased for school and 1 for FACE from Transportation budget.
- Capital budget amendment went to the RBC for approval. Superintendent apologized for not bringing to school board prior to purchasing them.
- School board suggested finding a way to get rid of the older buses at the bus barn.

Strategic Plan:

- The school will begin working with Mirja Hanson. We welcome any school board members that want to join us on the committee for strategic planning.
- The school will send a meeting invite to school board members and Parent Advisory Group (PAG) members.

Third Party Billing:

- The State Department of Health allows for 3rd party billing, and the school is going to start the billing process for the first time this year.

- This allows the school to bill for services such as occupational therapy, speech therapy, part of the psychologist for students on Individualized Education Plans (IEP's). The school may be able to also bill for the school nurse.
- The superintendent will meet with staff from the reservation clinic for assistance and there is a possibility that the clinic may take over the 3rd party billing.
- The school was awarded School-based Health Center (SBHC) grant and is planning to implement a small one-room clinic.

Old Business:

Cell Phone Policy:

- There has been positive feedback from staff-the students have been attentive and engaged.
- The students have been given approved access to Spotify on their Chromebooks to listen to while studying.
- One of our volunteers has seen amazing results of the policy. Students are learning and teachers are teaching.

HVAC/Playground Updates:

- There was a TERO issue with the playground. The concrete curbs were poured, and the equipment is due next week. Installation will take place within the next 2 weeks, then the poured-in place floor will be installed, followed by the fence.
- HVAC will be finalized over the course of September and October. The substantial completion date will be determined during the Monday 9-29 walkthrough meeting under the supervision of FDL Construction Projects Manager Zachary Zuk in coordination with school personnel, general contractor, and engineer overseeing project during a final walkthrough.

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 Martin Dion, Cultural Coordinator Dawn LaPrairie-no report, FACE Coordinator Barbara Francis, and Transportation Coordinator Kathy Nelson.

Other:

- BBCR would like to have the school band at Native American Heritage Month
- The school board would like to see us charging admission to the volleyball games for those 18 years & older.
- The Back-to-School event is tomorrow September 5th from 1:00-4:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dale Sautbine, 2nd by Carol Wuollet, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 1:10 pm. Recorded by Julia Lintgen