

OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOWMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

The regular meeting of the Bowman County School Board was held on Wednesday January 17, 2024, at 5:30pm in the High School Conference room. Members present: President Stacy McGee, Vice President Andrea Bowman & Board Members Amy Fischer, Camie Janikowski, Trevor Kulseth, Chad Njos & Andy Mrnak. Others present: Superintendent Wayne Heckaman, 7-12 Principal & Co-Activities Director Tyler Senn, Pre K-6 Principal Kelley Ouradnik, Co-Activities Director Kate Cristaldi and Business Manager Debbie Bucholz.

Guests present: Laurie Elliott, Elliott and McMahon LLC, School Board Consultant (via Teams), Mike Barsness, Kraus Anderson, Michael Pierson, Kraus Anderson (via Teams), Mauri Soloman, Kraus Anderson (via Teams), student Lucy Heyen, Terrell Heyen and Robin Osendorf-Welch. Others were invited to listen via remote access.

1. **Call to Order:** President Stacy McGee called meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Agenda:** Mrnak moved, seconded by Fischer to approve the agenda with the following additions: Item 5.b.: RESP merger feedback and item 10.g. Acceptance of Superintendent Resignation. Discussion was held. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Be Legendary School Board Leadership**
 - a. **Monitoring Reports:**
Principal Ouradnik discussed the Reading monitoring report and related data.

Njos arrived

Principal Senn discussed Choice Ready monitoring report and related data.

Moved up in agenda: Presentation by student Lucy Heyen, regarding the dental assistant program at Bowman County School District.

Moved up in agenda: Presentation by Mike Barsness, Kraus Anderson, Michael Pierson, Kraus Anderson (via teams) and Mauri Soloman, Kraus Anderson (via teams). Discussed Facilities Condition Assessment.

Barsness, Pierson & Soloman exited meeting.

Principal Senn continued discussing Choice Ready monitoring report and related data.
Further discussion was held with no motions being made.

- b. **Progress Measures:** Further discussion was held.
- c. **Monitoring Calendar Approval:** Discussion was held with no motions being made.

5. **Consent Agenda Items Requiring Further Discussion:**

- a. **Framework for NDCDE on-line classes** discussed. Discussion was held with no motions being made.

Janikowski arrived.

- b. **RESP Governing Board – Committee Report.** Superintendent Heckaman requested feedback regarding merger of Great North West Education Cooperative (GNWEC) with Roughrider Education Services Program (RESP) to create one Regional Education Association named the Western Education Regional Cooperative (WERC) for western ND. Discussion was held. Board is in favor of merger.

6. **Consent Agenda Items:** Fischer moved, seconded by Kulseth to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Discussion was held. All in favor, motion carried. Those items include:

- a. December 20, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes & January 3, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- b. Bills
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Quarterly YTD Revenue & Expenditures vs Budget
- e. **Committee Reports:**
 - i. Budget/Finance Committee (Jan 16)
 - ii. Building Committee (Jan 16)
 - iii. RESP Governing Board (Jan 4)
- f. **Administrative Reports**
 - i. Pre-K Principal
 - ii. 7-12 Principal

- iii. Activities Co-Directors
- iv. Superintendent

7. **Public Comment:** No comments brought forth.

8. **Presentations (15 Minute allotment)**

- a. 6:15pm – Dental Assistant presentation. Earlier in agenda.
- b. 6:30pm – Mike Barsness, Kraus Anderson, presentation regarding Facility Condition Assessment. Earlier in agenda.

9. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Discuss & Approve selection of Construction Manager At-Risk/Agency Construction Manager for Possible New Facility and Remodel Project: Dr. Heckaman discussed the process and recommended hiring R&L Contracting Inc. Mrnak moved, seconded by Janikowski to hire R&L Contracting Inc. as Agency Construction Manager. Discussion was held. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Other. None noted.

10. **New Business:**

- a. Approve Work Based Learning Coordinator Extra Duty Work Agreement: Janikowski moved, seconded by Njos to table the Work Based Learning Coordinator Extra Duty Work Agreement until committee review. Discussion was held. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Negotiations Timeline: Discussion was held with no motions being made.
- c. School Board Intent to Negotiate: Janikowski moved, seconded by Kulseth that the school board desires to modify the negotiated agreement between the School Board and its teachers. Discussion was held. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. EL Annual Program Review: Discussion was held with no motions being made.
- e. Approve Teacher Contract: Fischer moved, seconded by Bowman to approve the following teaching contract and salary for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year beginning Jan 15, 2024. Jayden Frantsvog \$20,674. Discussion was held. All in favor, motion carried.
- f. Approve Teacher Retirements: Business Manager Bucholz read resignation/retirement letters from Jolene Hendrickx and Joaine Heggem. Njos moved, seconded by Kulseth to accept Mrs. Hendrickx and Mrs. Heggem’s retirement effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Discussion was held. All in favor, motion carried.
- g. Accept Superintendent Resignation: Dr. Heckaman read his resignation letter. Janikowski moved, seconded by Kulseth to accept Superintendent Heckaman’s resignation effective June 30, 2024. Discussion was held. All in favor, motion carried. Future steps: Special Board meeting Wednesday, January 24, 2024, to discuss superintendent search.
- h. Other: None noted.

11. **Adjourn:** With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Future Meeting Date/Location:

*Special Board Meeting: January 24, 2024, 5:30pm @ High School Conference Room.

*February Regular Meeting: February 21, 2024, 5:30pm @ High School Conference Room.

Stacy McGee, President

Debbie Bucholz, Business Manager