

The Bismarck School Board met on September 22, 2025, in the Tom Baker Room of the City/County Office Building.

Board President Hager called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. President Hager requested that Darin Scherr, Business and Operations Manager, call the roll.

Members present: Josh Hager, Dan Eastgate, Jon Lee, Amanda Peterson, and Donnell Preskey.

Superintendent Fastnacht led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hager asked for any additions, deletions, or changes to the Agenda. It was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to adopt the agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote, Eastgate, Lee, Peterson, Preskey, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

In the Focus on Success, Dr. Ben Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, along with Mr. Steve Madler, Mr. Tom Schmidt, Mr. Dave Wisthoff, Mrs. Ashley Mattson, Mrs. Karen Erickson, and Dr. Kim Weismann provided an update on dual-credit and advanced placement within the district while Mr. Pat Phillips discussed articulation pathway opportunities for BPS students.

Dr. Fastnacht addressed questions from the previous Board meeting regarding transportation concerns. Each Board member provided a response in relation to public comments that were shared during the previous Board meeting.

President Hager announced the time for public appearances. There were no public comments.

Mr. Scherr presented the OE-5 *Financial Planning* monitoring report. It was moved by Mrs. Peterson and seconded by Ms. Preskey to accept the monitoring report for Policy OE-5 *Financial Planning* as In Compliance. Upon roll call vote, Lee, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Governance Culture Policy GC-3 *Board Job Description*. Ms. Preskey moved to retain GC-3 *Board Job Description* as presented, seconded by Mr. Eastgate. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, Lee, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Peterson moved to determine the Board as In Compliance on Governance Culture Policy GC-3 *Board Job Description*, seconded by Ms. Preskey. Upon roll call vote, Preskey, Eastgate, Lee, Peterson, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Peterson moved to approve revisions on Operational Excellence Policy OE-4 *Personnel Administration* and the revised supporting indicators as presented for first reading, seconded by Ms. Preskey. Upon roll call vote, Eastgate, Lee, Peterson, Preskey, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Fastnacht presented the final approval of FY26 budget and certification levy. A motion was made by Mr. Eastgate to approve the 2025-2026 budget, seconded by Mr. Lee. Upon roll call vote, Lee, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Lee moved to approve the certification of levy, seconded by Mrs. Peterson. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, Lee, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Fastnacht, along with Dr. Scherr, shared information regarding the bowl authorities' request for track and field replacement. It was moved by Ms. Preskey to approve the attached resolution providing for the sale of state aid certificates of indebtedness, seconded by Mrs. Peterson. Upon roll call vote, Preskey, Eastgate, Lee, Peterson, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the resolution providing for participation in school bond credit enhancement program, seconded by Mr. Lee. Upon roll call vote, Eastgate, Lee, Peterson, Preskey, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Eastgate and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: the minutes of September 8, 2025, regular Board meeting and September 15, 2025, Operational Excellence Committee meeting minutes; new contract; natural gas contract; annual LEA compliance report; FGA-E8 Parties Approved to Receive Student Data policy; and the BPS School Board calendar update. Upon roll call vote, Lee, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Fastnacht reminded the Board of the 2025 NDSBA Annual Convention occurring on October 9 and 10, 2025.

Superintendent Fastnacht provided an update with transportation including next steps moving forward.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Hager adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



President – Josh Hager



Business and Operations Manager – Darin M. Scherr

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