

The Bismarck School Board met on October 27, 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, and Amanda Peterson

Members absent: 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. Eastgate and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to adopt the agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote, Eastgate, Lee, Peterson, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Fastnacht explained the reasoning behind postponing the Focus on Success.

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

Dr. Ben Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary, presented the R-4 *Personal Development – Community Ready* monitoring report. It was moved by Mrs. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Lee to accept the monitoring report for Policy R-4 *Personal Development – Community Ready* as Making Reasonable Progress, with Exception. Upon roll call vote, Lee, Peterson, Eastgate, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Governance Culture Policy GC-5 *Board Committees*. Mr. Eastgate moved to retain GC-5 *Board Committees* as presented, seconded by Mr. Lee. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Eastgate, Lee, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Eastgate moved to determine the Board as In Compliance on Governance Culture Policy GC-5 *Board Job Description*, seconded by Mr. Lee. Upon roll call vote, Eastgate, Lee, Peterson, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the second and final reading of Coherent Governance Results Policy R-3 *Personal Development*, seconded by Mr. Eastgate. Upon roll call vote, Eastgate, Lee, Peterson, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Peterson spoke about her visit to Wachter Middle School. President Hager discussed his visit at South Central High School.

It was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Eastgate to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: the minutes of the October 13, 2025 regular Board meeting and the October

21, 2025 Operational Excellence Committee meeting; and resignations. Upon roll call vote, Lee, Peterson, Eastgate, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Scherr provided the financial report.

Superintendent Fastnacht provided a transportation update.

At 5:59 p.m., Mrs. Peterson made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.1(9) for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy, seconded by Mr. Eastgate. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Eastgate, Lee, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

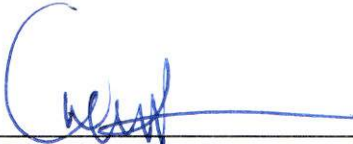
Individuals attending the Executive Session include Josh Hager, Dan Eastgate, Jon Lee, Amanda Peterson, Dr. Jeff Fastnacht, Dr. Ben Johnson, Brad Barnhardt, and Dr. Darin Scherr.

At 6:11 p.m., President Hager announced that the board is now returning to open session. No formal action was taken during executive session, which was held pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.1(9) for the purpose of discussing negotiating strategy.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Hager adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.



President – Josh Hager



Business and Operations Manager – Darin M. Scherr