

**NORTH CAPE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**11926 W. HWY K  
FRANKSVILLE, WI 53126**

**5:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**January 19, 2026**

**North Cape Conference Room**

1. Call meeting to order. Clerk Keith Jacobson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. School Board Members present were Ryan Menken, Ryan Malchine and Keith Jacobson. Also present were Dr Lehnen, Mrs. Bauer, Ms. Hansen and Mrs. Holden

2. Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2025 motion to approve as presented by Ryan Malchine, second Ryan Menken. No additional discussion. All in favor, motion passes.

3. Good News-Mrs. Bauer

Sherri from Community State Bank presented a lesson to our 7th graders in guidance about budgeting. Each student participated in a simulation of life at age 24 - they were given a job and a salary and had to make decisions about where to live, what food to buy, entertainment, etc. I think it was an eye opening experience for many as to how much it costs to be an adult! The Leaders in Action will be going to the Waterford Senior Living center on January 22nd to play games and serve hot cocoa to the residents.

Mike McGowan was here on Tuesday, January 13th to speak with the students in grades 3-8 about working hard, making good choices and being a leader. He referenced issues with social media and the negativity it can sometimes bring to our lives and encouraged the students to find the good and be the good in our world.

North Cape is submitting 23 entries for the Southern Lakes Anthology Contest. Judging for the contest will take place on January 21st. Mrs. Kaye, Ms. Visalda, and Ms. Podbielski are participating as judges. As in past years, our students have spent time perfecting artwork, short stories, poetry, and even comics with the hopes of becoming published authors! We wish them luck! **Middle School ELA** In ELA, 7th and 8th grade launched their Debate and Argument Writing Units. These units empower students to become confident researchers and persuasive writers by diving into debatable issues, learning to analyze complex texts, build evidence-based arguments, consider multiple perspectives, and craft convincing, research-backed essays. We end the unit by holding formal debates or crafting position papers. The students are very energized and excited about these units! **Math Meet:** Grades 5-8 each took a team of 4 students to compete in the math meet at UW Whitewater. The students stretched their brains and attempted some pretty difficult math problems. The students had fun and enjoyed stopping at Culver's for lunch on the way home! The 5th Grade is finishing their WI Agriculture in the Classroom essay contest this week. This year's theme was the importance of soil. We are anxious to see if we have any essays that are selected from the WI Ag Board as "winning" essays. We are sending our UW-Whitewater student teacher, Cheyenne Paneitz, off at the end

of this week. She has done a great job making connections with our students and staff. It is so nice that we are able to welcome student teachers into our building. Cheyenne shared that her experience hasn't been like some of her classmates, and she is very appreciative of our culture here at North Cape. **4K!** Today 4K celebrated their 50th day of school! Students worked with their parents or family members to count out 50 objects to bring to school to share with their peers. We had 50 goldfish, 50 pieces of popcorn, 50 Barbie accessories, 50 pennies, 50 googly eyes, and many more awesome ideas! We also did lots of counting to 50 movement activities today, we colored 50 stars, for 50 days of school 4K is also learning about all things Winter! We are currently learning about a few special winter animals-including the polar bear and the snowy owl! We will soon be starting an author study. We will be reading 3 different books by the author Jan Brett, including The Mitten, The Hat, and The Three Snow Bears. 4K students will recognize how the stories are similar and different and special things we notice about the pictures in all of her books.

4. Superintendent Report: Spaghetti Dinner 5/3/26. We are really excited about the upcoming spaghetti dinner! Tom Halter was recently paid out on his winning bid of a spaghetti dinner for 12 people. 120 meatballs and 5 gallons of sauce! He said it was amazing and he was even able to share with a few families in the area.

5. Treasurer's Report:

a. Review of Financials (Revenue, Expenditure, Balance Sheet)

Menken

Nothing new to highlight. John and Tina have been meeting weekly to keep on top of the budget. Math PD will hold off at this point, but will be on the schedule for next school year. Motion to approve as presented by Ryan Malchine, second by Ryan Menken. All in favor, no additional discussion. Motion carries.

b. Approval of payroll and disbursement checks

Menken

In December, mileage is submitted. Insurance updated so payroll was a little bit different, but not by much. Motion to approve as presented by Keith Jacobson, second Ryan Malchine. No additional discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

6. Old Business

a. Facilities Update waiting on proposal for doors from a few companies. Most doors are in good shape, but just evaluating the longevity of some doors. May take several weeks to get the quotes back.

7. New Business

a. Discussion, Motion and Approval to set Open Enrollment Declarations for 2025-2026 School Year-Both General Education and Special Education. The numbers for availability are consistent with policy. Mr. Rosandich provided the recommendations for special education for all grades in the attachments - there is zero availability in special education for

all grades. OE spots for Speech ONLY are available this year. Speech is the only disability area that is separate from all other disability areas. Dr. Lehn presented all available seats in general education, special education and speech only consistent with the attachment that will be a part of the minutes. Motion to approve Open Enrollment Availability for each grade 4K through 8th in general education as presented in the attachment; motion made by Ryan Menken, second by Ryan Malchine. No additional discussion. All in favor. Motion carries. Motion to approve Open Enrollment Availability for each grade in Special Education 4K through 8th as presented in the attachment, zero availability in all disability areas other than Speech and Language Only with 3 seats available by Ryan Menken, second by Ryan Malchine. No additional discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

b. Discussion of replacement of AT&T analog lines to maintain service to fax, lift and elevator-Analog lines are being eliminated due to cost to maintain. AT&T quotes for elevator phones. There are two options; however, option 1 does not have 911 capabilities, so it is not a consideration for us. Option 2 has 911 capabilities and battery back up. 5 year plan would be less expensive than a three year plan. Looking at faxing options to see if we can get rid of fax line. Looking at whether or not James imaging requires use of a fax line to the copier. We will revisit. Cost is not an issue. Formal board approval is not needed due to low cost to transition; It will be savings immediately as AT&T continues to raise the cost on analog lines forcing organizations to move to new solutions faster. We hope to be able to do it asap.

8. Motion to adjourn.5:42 p.m. by Rayan Menken, second by Keith Jacobson. All in favor, motion carries.