

The Bismarck School Board met on March 9, 2026, 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 Dr. 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 Ms. Preskey 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.

President Hager announced the time for public appearances. Nicholas Meyers discussed his concerns with training and onboarding custodians in Bismarck Public Schools. Haysel Neary shared her concerns regarding the removal of Head Start busing.

Superintendent Fastnacht's spring 2026 evaluation was reviewed by President Hager. All Board members provided comments and feedback. It was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Ms. Preskey to accept Superintendent Fastnacht's spring 2026 summative evaluation as satisfactory. Upon roll call vote, Lee, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

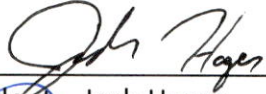
It was moved by Mr. Eastgate and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to approve the second and final reading of R-2.1 *Academic Achievement – Literacy Indicators*. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, Lee, and Hager voted aye. Motion carried.

President Hager shared about his visit to Murphy Elementary School.

It was moved by Mr. Eastgate and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: the minutes of February 23, 2026, regular Board meeting; new contracts; resignations; custodial cleaning chemical bid; and legendary learners grant. Upon roll call vote, Preskey, Hager, Lee, Peterson, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

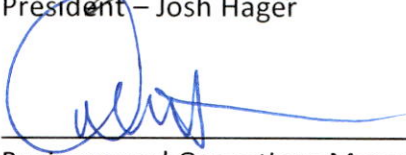
Superintendent Fastnacht discussed the Long-Range Facilities Plan and provided an update. The Board provided consensus to proceed in coordinating with a bonds counsel and an attorney to begin drafting a resolution for a ballot measure.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Hager adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.



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President – Josh Hager



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Business and Operations Manager – Dr. Darin Scherr

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