

BECEP Policy Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 13th, 2026

TIME: 5:30-7:00 pm

LOCATION: Virtual

ATTENDANCE

Policy Council Members: Zena Hogue, Jamie Brecht, Margo Thompson, Salimata Mbaye, Jay Koch, Haysel Neary, Charlieann “Charlie” Willms, Kristy Wallace, Nomel Memel, Megan Vasquez

Present: Zena Hogue, Jamie Brecht, Haysel Neary, Charlieann “Charlie” Willms, Kristy Wallace, Megan Vasquez, Margo Thompson

Absent: Nomel Memel, Salimata Mbaye, Jay Koch

Staff Present: Amanda Carlson, Darnell Eckert

Quorum Met: ☒ Yes ☐ No

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:34 pm

BUSINESS:

- Jamie made a motion to approve the current meeting agenda and November meeting minutes. Zena seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Discussion about changing the council's financial institution from Dakota Community Bank to Gate City Bank. Haysel made a motion to make the change. Megan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Amanda reviewed the Policy Council and Board Report and Financial Report sent out prior to meeting.
 - CAP review took place on 1-6-26. Documentation regarding health determinations as well as communication with the School Board & director's reports, were submitted to reviewer and forwarded to the Office of Head Start (OHS). Response from OHS should come in 30-90 days.
 - Currently, there is one staff opening. It is posted on the BPS jobs website.
 - No questions from Policy Council.
- Discussion about member participation at previous Policy Council meetings and the challenges of meeting quorum.
 - Jamie made a motion to remove Nomel from the board due to no participation. Zena seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - The council will reach out to Salimata due to her attendance at only one meeting.
- Amanda extended an invitation for members of Policy Council to attend the ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance) meeting on February 2nd at 9:00 am. Haysel and Jamie volunteered to attend.
- Amanda invited members to attend the upcoming Health Committee meeting. Time to be determined. Haysel and Jamie volunteered to attend.
- Discussion about school hours for the 2026-27 school year.
 - Proposal being made for a four-day school week. The day would begin at 7:40 and be extended to 2:45.
 - Executive Committee will make a recommendation. Recommendation will be brought to the Policy Council then the School Board.
- Margo reached out to Papa Murphy's regarding fundraising. Waiting for a call back.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Checking Balance: \$405.43
- Savings Balance: \$1058.95

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:13 pm

NEXT MEETING: February 10th, 2026
5:30-7:00 pm Virtual