The organizational meeting of the 2026-2027 Bismarck School Board was called to order by Board Vice President Donnell Preskey at 5:15 p.m., July 13, 2026, in the Tom Baker Room of the City/County Office Building. Vice President Preskey requested that Dr. Darin Scherr, Business and Operations Manager, call the roll.

Members present: Donnell Preskey, Dan Eastgate, Tony Aukland, Rod Jonas, and Amanda Peterson

Superintendent Fastnacht led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Preskey 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, Aukland, Jonas, Peterson, Eastgate, and Preskey voted aye. Motion carried.

For the Focus on Success, Superintendent Fastnacht introduced Foundation Development Director Tahlia Nygaard to present the 2026–2027 Strategic Plan and the 2025–2026 Impact Report. Nygaard then introduced Foundation Board President Stacey Lang, who welcomed former Board President Rick Geloff to the podium to recognize his dedication and contributions to the BPS Foundation. Following the presentation, Board members Peterson, Aukland, Eastgate, and Preskey each shared their appreciation for Mr. Geloff's service to Bismarck Public Schools.

Vice President Preskey called for nominations for the position of President of the Bismarck School Board for 2026-2027. Mrs. Peterson nominated Dan Eastgate to serve as President of the 2026-2027 School Board, Mr. Aukland seconded the nomination. Upon roll call vote, Jonas, Peterson, Aukland, Eastgate, who accepted the nomination at this time, and Preskey voted aye. Motion carried.

Vice President Preskey and Mr. Eastgate switched seats. President Eastgate resumed the meeting.

President Eastgate called for nominations for the position of Vice President of the Bismarck School Board. Ms. Preskey nominated Amanda Peterson to serve as Vice President of the 2026-2027 School Board, Dr. Jonas seconded the nomination. Mrs. Peterson accepted the nomination. Upon roll call vote, Preskey, Aukland, Jonas, Peterson, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

President Eastgate announced the time for public appearances. There was no public comment.

Superintendent Fastnacht presented the OE-1 *Global Operational Expectation* monitoring report. It was moved by Ms. Preskey and seconded by Mr. Aukland to accept the Monitoring Report for Policy OE-1 *Global Operational Expectation* as In Compliance. Upon roll call vote, Preskey, Aukland, Jonas, Peterson, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Fastnacht next presented the OE-2 *Emergency Superintendent Succession* monitoring report. It was moved by Mrs. Peterson and seconded by Dr. Jonas to accept the Monitoring Report for Policy OE-2 *Emergency Superintendent Succession* as In Compliance. Upon roll call vote, Aukland, Jonas, Peterson, Preskey, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Preskey and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to appoint authorized representatives, designees, and authorizations listed in recommendations 1 through 26 of the 2026-2027 Board appointments. Upon roll call vote, Jonas, Peterson, Preskey, Aukland, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Preskey and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: June 22, 2026 School Board Minutes; New Contracts; Resignation; Transportation Report; Milk Bid; FY26 Pupil Membership Summary; and policy FGA-E8 – Parties Approved to Receive Student Data. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Preskey, Aukland, Jonas, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Fastnacht shared the 18-Month Strategic Plan – Phase II which is short term plan within the Districts long-term 5-Year Strategic Plan. This plan highlights the focus and goals for Bismarck Public Schools for the next year and a half which includes strengthening teaching practices, empowering learners, nurturing well-rounded individuals, and elevating educators.

Superintendent Fastnacht addressed accessibility issues related to the Board agenda on the district website and that the agenda and supporting documents will now be available on the district website in one single PDF while the district finds a long-term solution.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Eastgate adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

President – Dan Eastgate

Business and Operations Manager – Dr. Darin M. Scherr, P.E.