

The Bismarck School Board met on August 10, 2026, in the Tom Baker Room of the City/County Office Building.

Board President Eastgate called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. President Eastgate requested that Dr. Ben Johnson, Secondary Assistant Superintendent, call the roll.

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

Superintendent Fastnacht led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Eastgate asked for any additions, deletions, or changes to the Agenda. Superintendent Fastnacht asked the Board to consider the removal of Consent Agenda item 7F. It was moved by Mrs. Peterson and seconded by Ms. Preskey to adopt the agenda with the removal of Consent Agenda item 7F. Upon roll call vote, Aukland, Jonas, Peterson, Preskey, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

During the Focus on Success, Superintendent Fastnacht introduced a leadership team to present on North Dakota's new Student Information System, Infinite Campus. Amanda Meier, Director of Learning, Design, and Innovation, opened the presentation by outlining the overall impact of the transition on stakeholders. Casey Mueller, Technology Director, then covered technical essentials, including login protocols, transportation logistics, and system communications. Concluding the presentation, Student Support Services Director Danica Nelson provided updates on departmental changes and the document migration process.

President Eastgate announced the time for public appearances. Travis Jensen spoke about his concerns with the school bond and the need for more funding for Title I schools.

Dr. Ben Johnson, Secondary Assistant Superintendent, presented the R-1 *Mega Result* monitoring report. It was moved by Mrs. Peterson to accept the Monitoring Report R-1 *Mega Result* as making reasonable progress, with noted exception. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Ms. Preskey moved to accept the Monitoring Report R-1 *Mega Result* as making reasonable progress, seconded by Dr. Jonas. Upon roll call vote, Jonas, Peterson, Preskey, Aukland, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Governance Culture Policy GC-1 *Board Purpose*. Ms. Preskey moved to retain GC-1 *Board Purpose* as presented seconded by Mrs. Peterson. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Preskey, Aukland, Jonas, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Peterson moved to determine the Board as In Compliance with Policy GC-1 *Board Purpose* seconded by Ms. Preskey. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Preskey, Aukland, Jonas, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Fastnacht provided background information on the Bond including why the work is important and the financial impact on families. Board members spoke in support of the bond and the work that is being proposed.

Ms. Preskey moved to approve the Initial Resolution for General Obligation School Building Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$116,500,000, seconded by Dr. Jonas. Upon roll call vote, Aukland, Jonas, Peterson, Preskey, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Aukland and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to approve the Resolution Submitting the Question of Approving the Initial Resolution for General Obligation School Building Bonds to the voters of the District at the November 3, 2026 general election. Upon roll call vote, Jonas, Peterson, Preskey, Aukland, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

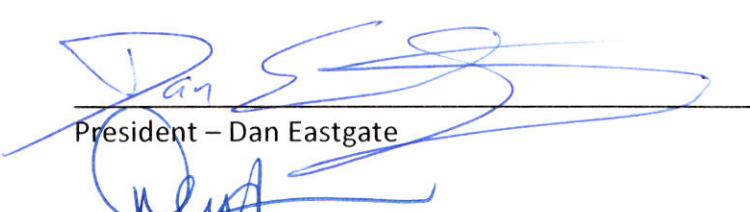
Ms. Preskey moved to approve the Resolution authorizing submission of an application to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction for participation in the State School Construction Loan Program, seconded by Dr. Jonas. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Preskey, Aukland, Jonas, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Aukland, the Board approved the following appointments and portfolio assignments: Tony Aukland to the Bismarck Public School Foundation Board, Dan Eastgate to the Bismarck Community Bowl Authority, and individual Board members to specific Strategic Plan Priority Area Portfolios, including Amanda Peterson for Learning Excellence, Rod Jonas for Personal Excellence, Donnell Preskey for Operational Excellence, and Tony Aukland for Environmental Excellence. Upon roll call vote, Preskey, Peterson, Aukland, Jonas, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

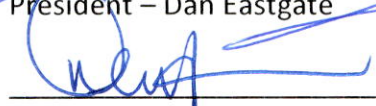
It was moved by Mr. Aukland and seconded by Dr. Jonas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: the minutes of the July 13, 2026 regular meeting, July 13, 2026 Board workshop, and August 3, 2026 Board retreat; meal price increase; new contracts; resignations; and Open Enrollment Application. Upon roll call vote, Aukland, Jonas, Peterson, Preskey, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Fastnacht shared the Annual Superintendent's Report, which will be linked to the district's website.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Hager adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.



President – Dan Eastgate



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

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