The Bismarck School Board met on September 28, 2026, in the Tom Baker Room of the City/County Office Building.

Board Vice President Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Vice President Peterson thanked Nobody Fights Alone ND for their monetary donation and school supplies they presented to the Board prior to the board meeting. Vice President Peterson requested that Dr. Ben Johnson, Secondary Assistant Superintendent, call the roll.

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

Members absent: Dan Eastgate

Superintendent Fastnacht led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Peterson asked for any additions, deletions, or changes to the Agenda. It was moved by Mr. Aukland and seconded by Ms. Preskey to adopt the agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote, Aukland, Jonas, Preskey, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

During the Focus on Success, Superintendent Fastnacht introduced city representative Jason Tomanek to present the proposed city hall renovation project. Mr. Tomanek, along with Endeavor North Designs architect Cole Johnson, shared blueprints illustrating the proposed design.

Vice President Peterson announced the time for public appearances. There were no public comments.

Superintendent Fastnacht presented the OE-5 *Financial Planning* monitoring report. It was moved by Ms. Preskey and seconded by Dr. Jonas to accept the monitoring report for Policy OE-5 *Financial Planning* as Fully Compliant. Upon roll call vote, Jonas, Preskey, Aukland, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Governance Culture Policy GC-3 *Board Job Description.* Mr. Aukland moved to retain policy GC-3 *Board Job Description* as presented and to determine the Board as In Compliance, seconded by Dr. Jonas. Upon roll call vote, Preskey, Aukland, Jonas, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no board member building visits to report. Vice President Peterson shared being invited to BHS to discuss the exploration of the teaching profession along side Superintendent Fastnacht.

Superintendent Fastnacht presented the final approval of FY27 budget and certification levy. A motion was made by Dr. Jonas to approve the 2026-2027 budget, seconded by Ms. Preskey. Upon roll call vote, Aukland, Jonas, Preskey, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Mr.

Aukland moved to approve the certification of levy, seconded by Dr. Jonas. Upon roll call vote, Jonas, Preskey, Aukland, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Jonas and seconded by Mr. Aukland to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: the minutes of September 14, 2026, regular Board meeting and September 16, 2026, Learning Excellence Committee meeting minutes, and September 23, 2026, Operational Excellence Committee meeting minutes; annual LEA compliance report; and BECEP QIP and Policy Council minutes. Upon roll call vote, Preskey, Aukland, Jonas, and Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Fastnacht reminded the Board of the 2026 NDSBA Annual Convention occurring on October 8 and 9, 2026.

Elementary Assistant Superintendent Brad Barnhardt and Secondary Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ben Johnson provided an enrollment update for the district.

Superintendent Fastnacht provided an update on the bond and shared that there is a community forum scheduled at Century High School on October 7, 2026.

Superintendent Fastnacht discussed the budget and the need for community, teacher, and stakeholder input.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Peterson adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Vice President – Amanda Peterson

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