The Bismarck School Board met on September 14, 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. Darin Scherr, Business and Operations Manager, 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. It was moved by Ms. Preskey and seconded by Mr. Aukland to adopt the agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote, Aukland, Jonas, Peterson, Preskey, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Fastnacht introduced Human Resource Director Ms. Stacey Geier and Century High School Principal Mr. Steve Madler to present the Focus on Success: Growing Future Educators. Mr. Madler highlighted how Bismarck Public Schools leverages high school internship programs to build a local teacher pipeline by offering students hands-on, real-world classroom experience and valuable college credit. Bringing the pipeline's impact to life, current BPS educators Tedi Jenson and Rachel Dennis shared their personal journeys through this student-to-teacher pathway.

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

Ms. Stacey Geiger presented the OE-4 *Personnel Administration* monitoring report. It was moved by Mr. Aukland and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to accept the monitoring report for Policy OE-4 *Personnel Administration* as In Compliance. Upon roll call vote, Jonas, Peterson, Preskey, Aukland, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Governance Culture Policy GC-2 *Governing Commitments.* Mrs. Peterson moved to retain GC-2 Governing Commitments as presented seconded by Dr. Jonas. 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-2 *Governing Commitments* seconded by Ms. Preskey. Upon roll call vote, Preskey, Aukland, Jonas, Peterson, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

President Eastgate announced agenda item 6.A. will be bypassed until 6:00 p.m.

There were no Board member school visit updates.

It was moved by Ms. Preskey and seconded by Mr. Aukland to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: the minutes of the August 7, 2026, special Board meeting, August 10, 2026, regular Board meeting, and September 8, 2026, Personal Excellence Committee Meeting; new contracts; resignations; open enrollment application; and the FY26 financial report. Upon roll call vote, Aukland, Jonas, Peterson, Preskey, and Eastgate voted aye. Motion carried.

At 5:51 p.m., President Eastgate called for a recess until the budget hearing at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m., President Eastgate called the meeting back to order and announced the time to review agenda item 6.A. Public Hearing on FY 2026-2027 Budget.

Dr. Scherr presented the FY27 Budget.

President Eastgate announced the time for public comment in response to the budget hearing. There were no public comments.

The public hearing on FY 26 budget concluded at 6:09 p.m.

Dr. Fastnacht presented current and future budget implications.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Eastgate adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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President – Dan Eastgate

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