

School Board Meeting Recap

School Board Members:

Teresa Binkley – President
Debra DeBates – Vice President
Keli Books
Wesley Tschetter
Teri Johnson



Superintendent:

Dr. Summer Schultz

Director of Business Services:

Stacey VanBeek

November 12, 2024

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Watch the School Board Meeting

• Click [HERE](#) to watch a recording of the School Board Meeting from November 12th.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Comments from the Audience

Mike Van Hofwegen

B.E.S.T. Award Recipients

BHS staff members Kelly Erickson, Lisa Nguyen, and Emma Keith, along with BHS students Olivia Hove, Cloe Barber, and Dominic VanHofwegen, were awarded with the [B.E.S.T. Award](#).

Presentation by the BHS Student Council

BHS Student Council representatives gave a brief recap of Homecoming Week and other activities they've recently hosted.

Brookings School District Foundation Presentation

Kyleigh Cramer, Executive Director of the BSD Foundation, provided an update on the Bobcat Innovation Grants, a new initiative this year. The Foundation received 9 applications totaling around \$11,000 and awarded \$10,000 in grants, funding 7 of the 9 applications. The grants support innovative teaching materials and experiences aimed at enhancing student learning. Two applications were denied—one for curriculum (which the Foundation doesn't fund) and another for CTE equipment, which was covered by Perkins funds. The grants were awarded to 11 teachers for a variety of projects, including:

1. Alysha Hamann (MMS) – Life skills learning lab for students with special needs.
2. Jennifer Lacher-Starace & Stephanie Ballard (MMS) – Funding for the Educators Rising program at MMS and BHS.

3. Aaron Toronto (MMS) – Bobcat Filmmakers Club to combine creative arts and technology.
4. Kelsey Marker & Sue Carlson (Dakota Prairie) – Veterans Day celebration for students and families.
5. Kelly Trenhaile, Lori Mohs, & Kami Bartels (Preschool) – Strider bike racks, built with BHS Construction students.
6. Sarah Stoltenberg (Camelot & MMS) – Lego League for STEM-based robot building and problem solving.
7. Jacquelin Rosado (MMS) – Hydroponic garden to teach plant growth and food education.

Comments from the Board

●**Performance Oversight Committee** – Committee (Teri and Deb) will meet this month.

●**Facilities and Construction Committee** – The group hasn't met since the last regular school board meeting. The architects have completed their assessment of the science rooms at BHS, and Keith received the information this week. A thorough evaluation of the pool has also been done, and we now have details on the long-term maintenance needs for the pool. Since the FIM2 of the boiler project (electrical component) is on the agenda tonight, we need to schedule a follow-up meeting.

●**Policy and Governance Committee** – Several policies are on tonight's agenda for their first reading, and they will be discussed under the communication agenda items. Some of these are new policies, and Deb encouraged board members to review them, particularly those that address board member relationships.

●**School Finance Committee** – The committee met on October 23rd to discuss the FIM2 for the BHS boiler project and decided to postpone action until after the election. It is now on the agenda for tonight's meeting. A second meeting was held with Ryan Krogman on November 6th to discuss the 5th Street Gym listing agreement. Further discussion on this topic will take place in executive session this evening.

●**Reports from Ad. Hoc Committees** – Keli Books: The Brookings Child Care Collaborative's fundraising subgroup met on October 16th to review final proposal asks. Follow-up meetings were held with two businesses on October 17th. The large group collaborative meeting has been rescheduled due to conflicts, and a new meeting date will be set soon. Now that the preschool playgrounds are complete, we are working on a date for the ECE open house. Deb DeBates: For the Mental Health Coalition, Chad Adamson will be sharing the SEARCH Survey results with various community organizations. The final Resilient Communities event will be held on November 20th from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM at GracePoint Wesleyan Church. Those interested can register via the United Way website. For the BSD Foundation, one of the fundraisers was serving at the VFW Breakfast, and this Sunday, November 17th, the General Federation of Women's Clubs will be serving. Funds raised will help reduce school lunch debt for the Brookings School District. The event will take place at the Brookings VFW from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

●**General Board Member Communications** – Keli Books: I, along with others, attended the legislative roundtable on October 23rd. The event provided an opportunity to engage with local legislators, and there was strong community support for school initiatives. Dr. Schultz was did an awesome job effectively advocating for the district's needs. Deb DeBates: A shoutout to the high school choir concert, it was awesome. Teresa Binkley: Shoutout to all the coaches, advisors, and students involved in high school activities as the season winds down. I would also like to acknowledge Sheri Holt at Mickelson Middle School for her 30 years of service with the South Dakota Music Educators Group. I also appreciate the schools' efforts to improve attendance, and thank you to the parents who attended conferences, parent involvement is critical in student success.

Board members also recognized the BHS Football team for their impressive run to the semifinals this season and thanked the players and coaches for their hard work. Additionally, they gave a shoutout to the Dance and Cheer teams for their third-place finish at state.

Hyperlinked Administrative Reports:

[Superintendent Report](#)

[High School Report](#)

[Middle School Report](#)

[Camelot Intermediate Report](#)

[Dakota Prairie Elementary Report](#)

[Hillcrest Elementary Report](#)

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[PK-5 Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report](#)

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Other Communication/Discussion Items

- Notification of review of Policy JECC “Student Assignment and Attendance Areas”
- 1st Reading of new Policy AH “Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Authorization”
- 1st Reading of revisions made to Policy BBFA “Board Member Conflict of Interest”
- 1st Reading of new Policy GBG “Staff Participation in Political Activities”
- 1st Reading of revisions made to Policy IGCB-R “Virtual/Online Course Policy”
- 1st Reading of revisions made to Policy JECB “Open Enrollment”
- 1st Reading of revisions made to Policy JFCH “Alcohol and Other Drug Use by Learners”
- 1st Reading of revisions made to Policy JGD “Learner Suspension and Expulsion”
- 1st Reading of revisions made to Policy JHCDA-E(1) “Learner Self-Administration of Asthma or Anaphylaxis Medication Authorization Form”
- 1st Reading of revisions made to Policy JO “Learner Records” and JO-E(1) “Learner Records Notice of Rights”
- 1st Reading of revisions made to Policy JOA “Learner Directory Information” and JOA-E(1) “Learner Directory Information Notice”
- 2nd Reading of revisions made to Policy JJBA “District Recognition of Non-School Sports”

ACTION ITEMS:

Consent Agenda

- Approved the October 15th and October 28th Minutes
- Approved the Financial Report
- Approved the Bills
- Approved the [Personnel Report](#)
- Approved revisions made to Policy JJBA “District Recognition of Non-School Sports”

Action Items – New & Unfinished Business:

- Approved the [Donated Items](#)

- Approved the addition of an Elementary Learner Support Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) for Camelot Intermediate School through the end of the school year
- Approved the working Superintendent Goals for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Approved the scheduling of a Strategic Planning Work Session for Wednesday, January 15, 2025
- Approved proceeding with FIM2 of the BHS Boiler Project

Action Items from Executive Session:

- Approved entering into a contract with Ryan Krogman of Century 21 Krogman and Co. to list the 5th Street Gym for \$500,000. Showings will begin on November 19, 2024, and any offers will be presented to the Board on January 13, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT