

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

December 9, 2024

Electronic School Board

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Watch the School Board Meeting

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PRESENTATIONS:

B.E.S.T. Award Recipients

BHS Behavior Technician, Jennifer Riedel, was awarded with the [B.E.S.T. Award](#).

Mascot Manners Moose

Carleen Holm, counselor at Dakota Prairie, introduced our new mascot, Manners Moose, which was generously donated by Colleen Vukovich of Best Choice Real Estate. Manners Moose will promote positivity, fun, and smiles within the Dakota Prairie community. The mascot will be featured at various family engagement events, PTA activities, and PBIS celebrations. Additionally, Manners Moose will participate in the 2025 Bobcat Homecoming Parade. Special thanks to Colleen Vukovich, Todd Jorgenson, and Tammy Bullington for providing the mascot's uniform, which includes jersey number #52 and the name "Manners" on the back.

Presentation from Camelot Intermediate School

Camrin Vaux presented a video she created, highlighting key facts about Camelot Intermediate School.

Presentation from Brookings High School

BHS Principal Justin Stanley and Assistant Principal Zach Thomas presented data on BHS, including historical enrollment trends. They provided insights into the school's enrollment patterns over the years, highlighting key changes and trends.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Comments from the Board

- **Performance Oversight Committee** – Teri Johnson reported that she and Deb met last week to review and update the bills, and they plan to continue doing so regularly. She also mentioned that they recently met with the insurance committee, and an insurance holiday will be presented for approval later in the agenda.
- **Facilities and Construction Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Policy and Governance Committee** – Debra DeBates shared that several policies are up for a second reading tonight. Keli requested a review of the wellness policy, revealing the need for a wellness committee with community members. Dr. Schultz is leading efforts to form this committee. Teresa Binkley thanked Cami for clarifying the distinction between the staff wellness program and the student wellness policy. Data has been collected, and the focus is now on forming a committee and updating the policy. Dr. Schultz will temporarily lead the wellness committee to ensure compliance. Additionally, boundary discussions are ongoing, with more in-depth talks planned for the January work session.
- **School Finance Committee** – Teresa Binkley reported that the committee met on November 25th to review the supplemental budget, with Transportation Director Nate Loehr present. He requested bus aides for afternoon school-to-school transfers. The group also began discussions on plans for the BHS Science Rooms. Additionally, a vote will take place later in the meeting regarding the BHS Boiler Project and its funding.
- **Reports from Ad. Hoc Committees** – Debra DeBates shared that, as a member of the Mental Health Coalition, she has been invited to attend the Communities that Care Key Leader Program at Daktronics tomorrow. She expressed excitement about the event, which is supported by the United Way and aims to benefit local youth.

Keli Books updated the group that Tim Reed has resigned from his position with the BEDC, and the city is conducting a study to potentially combine some of the related committees. She and Dr. Schultz are working to reconnect with the early learning group to determine next steps and plan future meetings. However, there is currently a pause in the group's activities as they decide who will lead the planning efforts.

● **General Board Member Communications** – Wesley Tschetter attended the 6th Grade Wax Museum, where he recognized both students and their grandparents. He also attended the Associated School Board's resolution meeting on November 22nd, where the major topic was the governor's proposed voucher bill for families choosing homeschooling or private schools. This will be a key legislative issue in the upcoming session, with the Associated School Boards opposing it.

Debra DeBates praised the school groups involved in Project Joy, noting the contributions from sports teams and elementary students. She also encouraged attendance at the VFW breakfast this Sunday, which benefits the High School PTA and student lunch programs.

Teri Johnson gave a shoutout to the choir, band, and orchestra for their busy concert season.

Teresa Binkley attended the December 4th quarterly meeting with local organizations, where the United Way shared updates on the Communities that Care initiative focusing on middle and high school students. The County requested updates on the 5th Street Gym sale, and the hospital

reported an increase in RSV and pneumonia cases. Additionally, the United Way mentioned that about 475 students are participating in the backpack project.

Hyperlinked Administrative Reports:

[Superintendent Report](#)

[High School Report](#)

[Middle School Report](#)

[Camelot Intermediate Report](#)

[Dakota Prairie Elementary Report](#)

[Hillcrest Elementary Report](#)

[Medary Elementary Report](#)

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

[6-12 Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report](#)

[Director of Special Services Report](#)

[Director of Activities Report](#)

[Director of Child Nutrition Report](#)

[Director of Instructional Technology & Knowledge Management Report](#)

[Director of Transportation & Buildings/Grounds Report](#)

[Director of Business Services Report](#)

[Director of Facilities Report](#)

Other Communication/Discussion Items

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Consent Agenda

- Approved the November 12th Minutes
- Approved the Financial Report
- Approved the Bills
- Approved the [Personnel Report](#)
- Approved new Policy AH “Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Authorization”
- Approved the revisions made to Policy BBFA “Board Member Conflict of Interest”
- Approved new Policy GBG “Staff Participation in Political Activities”
- Approved the revisions made to Policy IGCB-R “Virtual/Online Course Policy”
- Approved the revisions made to Policy JECB “Open Enrollment”
- Approved the revisions made to Policy JFCH “Alcohol and Other Drug Use by Learners”
- Approved the revisions made to Policy JGD “Learner Suspension and Expulsion”
- Approved repealing Policy JHCDA-E(1) “Learner Self-Administration of Asthma or Anaphylaxis Medication Authorization Form”
- Approved the revisions made to Policy JO “Learner Records” and JO-E(1) “Learner Records Notice of Rights”

- Approved the revisions made to Policy JOA “Learner Directory Information” and JOA-E(1) “Learner Directory Information Notice”

Action Items – New & Unfinished Business:

- Approved the Donated Items
- Approved the Seniority List
- Approved a Supplement to the 2024-2025 Budget
- Approved the Authorizing Resolution for Private Placement Loan for the BHS Boiler Project
- Approved a Health and Dental Insurance Holiday for employees that have elected the district’s health and dental insurance (1/12th of the annual employee premium share, based on addendum I rates) during the December 2024 payroll
- Approved holding a Workshop School Board Meeting on December 17, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.
- Appointed Keli Books to the Associated School Boards of South Dakota Legislative Action Network (LAN)

ADJOURNMENT