

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
WATERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14-4  
CODINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
(Pending School Board Approval)

The School Board of the Watertown School District No. 14-4 of Codington County, South Dakota convened pursuant to due notice at 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2021 in regular session. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Stephanie Lenards, Scott Hardie, Tammy Rieber, Stuart Stein, and Jean Moulton. Also in attendance were staff, administration, and representatives of the news media.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Stephanie Lenards convened the Board for its regular session by leading the Pledge to the Flag.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chairman Lenards asked if any School Board member or administrator needed to disclose a conflict of interest on any agenda or non-agenda item. No conflicts were disclosed.

AGENDA REVIEW/APPROVAL

Scott Hardie moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Jean Moulton seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Stuart Stein moved that the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting be approved as presented. Tammy Rieber seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Business Manager presented a financial report of receipts, disbursements, and cash balances for the month of March, 2021 as listed below:

**Receipts:** Taxes, \$668,528.08; Tuition, \$268,078.88; County Sources, \$34,669.85; State Aid, \$1,254,944.97; Other State Sources; \$295,536.72; Federal Sources, \$443,224.71; Sales, \$339,193.26; Interest on Investment, \$6,505.70; Misc., \$175,378.50; Sales Tax, \$12,387.06.

**Expenditures:** Verified Claims & Expenditures, \$1,709,589.48; Salaries, \$3,878,132.50.

**Cash Balances, March 31, 2021:** General Fund \$7,584,689.41; Capital Outlay, \$14,120,130.01; Special Education, \$4,450.05; Lake Area Technical College, \$12,278,022.18; K-12 Nutrition Services, \$733,684.69; LATC Bookstore Services, \$1,248,867.54; LATC Nutrition Services, \$15,467.45; LATC Day Care Center, \$129,727.29; Concessions, \$44,690.99; Drivers Education, \$1,811.03; Pre-School Services, \$19,523.90.

**Trust and Agency Funds:** Clubs and Scholarships – Receipts, \$84,953.84; Expenditures, \$103,073.19; Balance, \$433,577.01. LATC Agency Fund – Receipts, \$22,709.72; Expenditures, \$30,850.84; Balance, \$90,079.20. Unemployment Escrow – Balance, \$180,155.75.

**Special Revenue/Internal Service Funds:** LATC Financial Aid – Receipts, \$161,485.07; Expenditures, \$120,893.63; Balance, \$99,381.72. Employee Benefit Trust – Receipts, \$561,979.50; Expenditures, \$460,242.57; Balance, \$7,679,815.02.

### STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

The Watertown School Board recognized the following for their various achievements:

National Speech and Debate Tournament Qualifiers: Megan Outland, Noelle Dunn, Gerritt VonEye, Erin Hertel, and Lucy Walker

Girls Basketball Academic All-State Honors: Maggie Heesch, Abby Bramer, and Olivia Corey

Boys Basketball Academic All-State Honors: Dawson Schmidt, Kale Stevenson, Jaxon Engstrom, and Ben Dalke, Student Manager

State AA Gymnastics Team: Erika Andrews, Caroline Benson, Natalie Benson, Brooke Bollinger, Dawson Briggs, Jaidyn Dahl, Jarika Fossum, Trinity Hodorff, McKenzie Lewis, Dani Miles, Kaitlyn Rudebusch, Ashley Stanley, London Sycks, Kinsley VanGilder, Managers: Emmi Graf, Lucy Keyes, Halston Witt and Vicki Fischer, Head Coach; Tammy Rohde, Assistant Coach

State AA Individual Gymnastics Winner: Brooke Bollinger

All-Tournament Gymnastics Team & Sarah Nitz Award: Brooke Bollinger

State A Wrestling Team: Sloan Johannsen, Weston Everson, Connor Hanson, Nate Briggs, Carson Hansmann, Owen Spartz, Ian Johnson, Ben Althoff, Mac Young, Lexan Thorson, Tyler Rudebusch, Brock Eitreim, Connor Wirtjes and Tyler Dean

State A Wrestling Champion: Sloan Johannsen

State A Wrestling Runners Up: Ben Althoff and Lexan Thorson

### LATC DISCUSSION ITEMS

*LATC 2020 Placement Report* – Diane Stiles, LATC Vice President, provided an overview of the 2020 Placement Report, which indicated that 99.22% of the 806 graduates were employed with an average starting salary of \$20.79 per hour. Vice President Stiles noted that 659 graduates are employed in South Dakota, which is 83.91%. Stiles went on to highlight specific programs such as Energy Technology and Nursing leading the way in wages.

#### ACTION 21152

Diane Stiles, LATC Vice President, presented for Board approval the resignations received from Mathew Weinzirl, Electronics/Robotics Instructor; and Darrel Woolery, Agriculture Instructor. Tammy Rieber moved the approval of the resignations as presented. Stuart Stein seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

#### ACTION 21153

Diane Stiles, LATC Vice President, presented the following contract recommendations/addendums and asked for their approval.

LATC CONTRACT RECOMMENDATIONS/ADDENDUMS:

Full-Time Positions

Faith Houghtaling – Administrative Assistant, Foundation - \$2,284.00/month  
Sydnie Hustoft – Childcare Worker II - \$12.00/hr, 8 hrs/day  
Christina Chaney – Director of Information Technology - \$80,000.00  
Jeremy Weber – Agriculture Instructor, Precision - \$62,268.00  
Ryan Nelson – Aviation Maintenance Lab Instructor - \$42,599.00  
Zach Drees – Assistant Director of Information Technology - \$55,000.00  
Marcus Howard – Nursing Instructor - \$53,099.00

Corporate Education

Kirk Ellis – Law Enforcement Driving Training - \$19.00/hr, as assigned hours  
Caleb Campbell – On-line Excel Classes - \$41.00/hr, as assigned hours  
Andy Rossow – DOT Welding - \$50.00/hr, as assigned hours

Adjunct Instructor

Gary Langerock – MA214 – 1 credit @ \$980.00/credit - \$980.00

Part-time Temporary Positions

Kari Gibbons – Childcare Worker I - \$12.00/hr, up to 30 hrs/week  
Jeanne Paulson – Childcare Worker I - \$12.00/hr, up to 30 hrs/week  
Daniel Hawkinson – Parking Attendant/Custodial - \$13.36/hr, up to 30 hrs/week  
Avina Hayes – Pow-Wow Celebration – 50 hrs @ \$26.00/hr - \$1,300.00  
Ben Kallas – PLT Student Ground School Instruction - \$23.00/hr, as needed hours  
Jackie Lage – Cosmetology Adjunct Lab Aide – 44 hrs @ \$17.20/hr - \$756.80

Stuart Stein moved that the contract recommendations/addendums be approved as presented.  
Tammy Rieber seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

ACTION 21154

Diane Stiles, LATC Vice President, requested authorization to seek bids for a parking lot project located on the north end of the Campus. Jean Moulton moved that the Business Manager be authorized to seek bids for a parking lot as requested. Scott Hardie seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

ACTION 21155

Diane Stiles, LATC Vice President, presented for Board consideration a Surplus Property Resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Watertown School District declares the following District property no longer necessary, useful or suitable for the purpose of which it was acquired,

AND WHEREAS, the following triplex property is to be demolished:

1302 Arrow Avenue

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Manager of the Watertown School District be authorized to demolish the listed property as allowed by state statute.

Scott Hardie moved the approval of the following Surplus Resolution. Jean Moulton seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

### K-12 DISCUSSION ITEMS

*Northeast Technical High School Board Report* – Superintendent Dr. Jeff Danielsen noted that the Superintendents will not meet in the month of April. The next Superintendents meeting will be Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The full Board of Northeast Technical High School is set for Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 p.m.

*ELL Program/School Improvement* – Dr. Maria Nei, Assistant Director of Special Services, and Mr. Gregg DeSpiegler, Principal at Lincoln Elementary, presented on the ELL Program/School Improvement noting the substantial increase in enrollment of 61 students in the ELL Program. Discussion was held on learning strategies to provide meaningful literacy instruction and the growth of students in Reading and Math from fall to winter.

### ACTION 21156

Stuart Stein moved the approval of the verified claims and salaries for the month of March, 2021 as presented. Jean Moulton seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

### ACTION 21157

Darrell Stacey, Assistant Superintendent, presented the following resignations and asked for their approval.

Jodi Hall – Nutrition Services, Lincoln  
Kelsey Kurkosky – One on One Special Education Paraprofessional, High School  
Rachel Schleusener – Part-Time Paraprofessional, Lincoln  
Brittany Russell – Lunchroom Supervisor, Intermediate School  
Austin Herrboldt – Flag Corp Coordinator, Intermediate School  
Jennifer Heggelund – Special Services Director  
Kelly German – Part-Time Custodian, McKinley  
Lisa McIntire – Part-Time Paraprofessional, Jefferson  
Mitzi Moore – Assistant Principal, High School  
Casey Feininger – Head Girls Soccer Coach  
Taylor Burns – Classroom Paraprofessional, Jefferson  
Jami Grangaard – Spanish Instructor, High School  
DoriKay Koska – Elementary Art, Jefferson  
Jamie Shaffner – School Nurse, Jefferson/McKinley  
Amber Thomas – Head Competitive Dance Coach  
Mark Francisco – School Social Worker

Tammy Rieber moved the approval of the resignations as presented. Stuart Stein seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

### ACTION 21158

Darrell Stacey, Assistant Superintendent, presented the following contract recommendations/addendums and asked for their approval.

K-12 CONTRACT RECOMMENDATIONS/ADDENDUMS:

Kelsey Kurkosky – Special Education Instructor - \$41,500.00  
Kiara Borkhuis – Special Education Instructor, Intermediate School - \$41,500.00  
Jennifer Meyer – Special Education Paraprofessional, McKinley - \$12.00/hr, 7.5 hrs/day  
Dalton Petersen – Orchestra Instructor, Middle School - \$41,500.00  
Brittany Glatt – Math Instructor, High School - \$43,270.00  
Mariah Graff – Special Education Instructor - \$41,500.00

Stuart Stein moved the approval of the contract recommendations/addendums as presented.  
Tammy Rieber seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

ACTION 21159

Darrell Stacey, Assistant Superintendent, presented for Board consideration the authority to hire a Special Education Instructor. Stuart Stein moved the approval of the authority to hire as presented.  
Tammy Rieber seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

ACTION 21160

Heidi Clausen, Business Manager, presented for Board approval the bids received for the roof repair/replacement of the Arena.

COMPANY	Guarantee Roofing & Sheet Metal, Sioux Falls	Moss Roofing & Insulation, Inc. Iowa	Pro-Tec Roofing ARS Tecta America Watertown
Bid Security	10% Bond	10% Bond	10% Bond
Base Bid: Arena - Replace the existing roof membrane, approximately 31,329 sq. ft., as specified.	\$153,989.00	\$146,728.00	\$135,880.00
Unit Price – Replace wet or deteriorated insulation. Per sq. ft.	\$4.50	\$8.00	\$.90

Scott Hardie moved the approval to accept the bid received from Pro-Tec Roofing in relation to the roof repair/replacement of the Arena in the total amount of \$135,880.00. Jean Moulton seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

ACTION 21161

Heidi Clausen, Business Manager, presented for Board consideration the Worker’s Compensation coverage as provided by the Associated School Boards Protective Trust. Jean Moulton moved that the District continue its relationship with the ASBSD Worker’s Compensation coverage for the 2021-22 school year. Tammy Rieber seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

ACTION 21162

Heidi Clausen, Business Manager, requested that the Board re-authorize to seek quotes for Audit services. Scott Hardie moved that the Business Manager be authorized to seek quotes for Audit services for the fiscal year 2020-21. Jean Moulton seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

ACTION 21163

Tammy Rieber moved the approval of the student assignment requests pursuant to SDCL 13-28-10 involving two students as presented. Stuart Stein seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Danielsen presented the School Board with the Grapevine, an Enrollment Report, and a Nutrition Report. Superintendent Danielsen noted the Public School Exemption has 125 students with 53 of the students as new Public School Exempt enrollments. Dr. Danielsen noted the LATC graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and the High School graduation will be held on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Heidi Clausen, Business Manager, noted that petitions are available in the Business Office and are to be returned by Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for the June 15<sup>th</sup> School Board Election.

WATERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BULK FUEL QUOTES

March 29, 2021

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>No. 2 Diesel Price Per Gallon</u>	<u>Regular Fuel with Ethanol Price Per Gallon</u>
Sioux Valley Coop	\$2.32	\$2.35
Moe Oil Company	\$2.40	No Bid

Sioux Valley Coop provided the lowest price per gallon at \$2.32 for No. 2 Diesel and provided the lowest price per gallon at \$2.35 for Regular Fuel with Ethanol.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Scott Hardie moved that the Board go into Executive Session for negotiations pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) and a legal matter pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) at 6:42 p.m. Stuart Stein seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular meeting status at 8:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Hardie moved that the Watertown School Board adjourn its regular meeting at 8:29 p.m. Stuart Stein seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

By: Heidi Clausen, Business Manager