

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 14, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

The Oglala Lakota County School Board held a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Batesland, South Dakota. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel, consider calendar changes, and approve an expenditure report. School Board President Blue Bird called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Members present:     Debbie Bluebird, President  
                              Todd O'Bryan, Vice President  
                              Angie Eagle Bull (zoom)  
                              Robert Two Crow  
                              Chuck Conroy

Others present:        Connie Kaltenbach, Superintendent  
                              Sophia Conroy, Business Manager  
                              Anne Eagle Bull, Director of Human Resources  
                              Rianna Albers, Batesland Principal  
                              Patti Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
                              Julia Yellow Cloud, Director of Food Service

Attendance on Zoom: Nora Blue Bird, Casey White Face, Beverly Bertram, Lucy Vocu, Lynette Miller, Darrell Eagle Bull, Lora Catches, Ray Rothe, Yamni Jack, Christy Bear Robe, Jessica McConnell, Christine O'Donnell, Ashten McConnell, LeeVi Story, Leslie Theurer

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

0376. Approval of Agenda

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to approve the Agenda, with the following edits: Striking Negotiations from discussion and Action portion of the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment A)

0377. Executive Session

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to go into executive session at 4:09 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

President Blue Bird declared executive session ended at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

0378. Calendar Recommendations

Based upon results of the survey of the three variations in school calendars among parents, guardians and staff, the Superintendent is proposing a 5-day school week with early dismissal on Fridays for 2022-23. She also recommended a follow-up survey be conducted next year to gather additional input from parents and staff members.

Superintendent Kaltenbach also presented a 2022-23 office calendar.

The Superintendent requested the Board authorize declaring January 21, 2022 and March 30, 2022 as snow days; approving the last day of school for both classified & certified staff be designated as May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

0379. Letter of Support

The Superintendent presented a letter of support on behalf of the Upward Bound Program for Lakota Tech High School students to participate in the program.

0380. Disbursements

Business Manager Conroy presented expenditures for the Board's review and approval.

0381. Calendar

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to approve the three recommendations for calendars, as recommended by Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment B)

0382. Letter of Support

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Two Crow to authorize a letter of support for Lakota Tech High School to participate in the Upward Bound Program. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment C)

0383. Personnel

Motion by Conroy, seconded Two Crow to approve personnel recommendations, with the exception of tabling the recommended action regarding Leah Brown Bear. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment D)

0384. Financials

Motion by Two Crow, seconded by O'Bryan to approve the expenditure report, as submitted by the Business Manager. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment E)

0385. Updates

- The April regular monthly board meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 in the boardroom at Batesland, beginning at 4:00 p.m;
- Buffalo Harvest will be on April 20, 2022 for the Lakota Tech High School senior class;
- Lakota Language Class for educators will be offered at LTHS for college credit;
- Oyate Circle Event at LTHS April 20, 2022, 1pm – 7:30 pm.

0386. Adjournment

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Eagle Bull to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sophia Conroy, Business Manager

Approved by the School Board on the 25th day of April, 2022.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Blue Bird, President