

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 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2022 in special session. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Tammy Rieber, Stuart Stein, Jean Moulton, Jon Iverson and Kari Lohr. Also in attendance were staff, administration, and representatives of the news media.

SPECIAL MEETING

Chairman Tammy Rieber convened the Board for its special session by leading the Pledge to the Flag.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chairman Tammy Rieber asked if any School Board Member or Administrator needed to disclose a conflict of interest on any agenda or non-agenda item. Kari Lohr reported that due to her employment with First Premier Bank that she would not be participating in the discussion or the vote of the Naming Rights Resolution agenda item.

AGENDA REVIEW/APPROVAL

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

ACTION 23013

Mike Cartney, LATC President, presented and read a Resolution in relation to the naming rights of a future Business Center located on LATC Campus. Stuart Stein moved that the following Resolution be approved as presented.

**Approval of Naming Rights for  
Dana J Dykhouse Business Center of Learning**

WHEREAS The Watertown School District (WSD) exercises local control over Lake Area Technical College;

WHEREAS The Watertown School District (WSD) has a public policy governing the granting of Naming Rights for Lake Area Technical College buildings;

WHEREAS The Watertown School Board recognizes that the practice of naming facilities for individuals, groups, and companies is an honored tradition of post-secondary education.

WHEREAS Lake Area Technical College intends to construct the Archway Business Education Building housing the Business division of academics in the near future, and the projected cost of that construction exceeds the \$500,000 threshold set forth in WSD policy;

WHEREAS Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, South Dakota (LATC), is seeking funds for the construction, equipping and furnishing of a business education center having an anticipated total cost of \$15,000,000;

WHEREAS Dana Dykhousé's legacy of codifying Technical Education in SD includes: the change to SD constitution to recognize Technical Education as the third form of education; establishing the State Board of Technical Education and being the inaugural Chairman of the Board; and multitudes of other legislative actions supporting the technical education system ensuring critical funds for facilities, equipment and Instructor Salaries were secured and then fairly meted to the technical colleges;

WHEREAS Dana Dykhousé was the catalyst and driving force behind the Build Dakota Scholarship, the Mike Rowe visit, and countless other programs to inspire and mainstream technical education leaving an indelible mark on higher education, specifically technical education, in SD that enabled Lake Area Tech's success as the Top 2-year college in the nation;

WHEREAS First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard has provided a lead donation of \$8,000,000 which represents 51 per cent or more of the project costs and qualifies First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard for naming rights for the new business education center;

WHEREAS the Watertown School Board, First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard, and Dana Dykhousé all hold public good as a core value;

WHEREAS Dana Dykhousé is a man of integrity and exceptional character;

WHEREAS First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard has made significant contributions to Lake Area Technical College and is deemed to be of recognized accomplishment and character;

WHEREAS A committee from LATC and the public has deemed providing funding for the construction of the new business education center at LATC a worthy community benefit, consistent with the First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard mission, and in full compliance with the aforementioned WSD Naming Policy;

WHEREAS The LATC President has reasonable assurance that:

- A. the proposed name will bring additional honor and distinction to Lake Area Technical College,
- B. the recognition is appropriate for the behavior exhibited by the First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard and Dana Dykhousé, and
- C. the philanthropic commitments connected with the naming have been realized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Watertown School Board as follows:

1. First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard, having already fulfilled their philanthropic commitment, is granted naming rights for the Business Center of Learning Building known as the Archway Building, and upon the

completion of the building and consistent with the naming rights policy of the Watertown School District.

2. It is further resolved that henceforth the building shall be known as the Dana J Dykhous Business Center of Learning.

Jean Moulton seconded. Four votes yes, with Kari Lohr abstaining.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Jon Iverson moved that the Watertown School Board adjourn its regular meeting at 11:35 a.m. Kari Lohr seconded. Five votes yes. Motion carried.

By: Heidi Clausen, Business Manager