



Bismarck Public Schools

School Board Meeting Agenda

Tom Baker Room
City/County Building
221 N Fifth Street
5:15 p.m.

February 12, 2018

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. The Board focuses on the mission of and vision for Bismarck Public Schools:
BPS Mission: *"All students will have the academic, social, and personal skills to be college, career, and community ready."*

BPS Vision: *"Together, we inspire a passion for learning, discovery, and excellence."*
- IV. Additions to Agenda/Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda
It is at this time that items may be added to or deleted from the agenda. Also, items may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed elsewhere on the agenda. Action on the remaining items on the Consent Agenda will be handled at the time when it appears on the agenda (Item #VI).
- V. Reports
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Focus on Success
Background Information: United Sound Presentation ([Attachment](#))
Jeremy Overbeck, Horizon and Century Orchestra Director, and orchestra students from Horizon Middle School will present information on the United Sound Program. United Sound is a peer mentoring group that pairs three orchestra students with a student in the special education program and teaches them how to play a string instrument.
 2. North Dakota Remedial Math Report (Attachments [#1](#), [#2](#), [#3](#), [#4](#), [#5](#))
Background Information: In response to the North Dakota University System data regarding the rates of BPS graduates needing to take remedial mathematics, a team of teachers and administrators from across the district will present information regarding the work of the K-

12 Vertical Mathematics Alignment Team and other efforts taken to address student mathematic achievement.

3. Safe Learning Environments ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: The Board requested information on safe learning environments. The Board guides expectations for discipline in several broad policies. Four policies will be examined tonight. Board policy is given “legs” in a school building through a discipline plan managed by a building team.

4. Major Project Updates ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: Darin Scherr, Business and Operations Manager, will provide an update on major projects in the district.

5. Enrollment Update (Attachments [#1](#), [#2](#))

Background Information: The first attachment shows the elementary enrollment for the current school year as of February 8, 2018. The second attachment shows the secondary enrollment for the current school year as of February 8, 2018.

B. Board Response to Presentations

Background Information: There were no presentations at the last meeting.

VI. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda has been developed for our use in order to speed up the process of conducting our meetings. Many items of a routine nature can be handled as one item rather than spending additional time on each individual item. Therefore, there are a series of items that are listed on the Consent Agenda. Any board member may remove an item from the Consent Agenda simply by asking that it be removed for further discussion. However, once all board members have agreed to leave the item on the Consent Agenda, there should be no discussion concerning each individual item; any discussion should concern the motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Items appearing on the Consent Agenda, along with their recommendations, are as follows.

A. [January 22, 2018 School Board Minutes](#); [January 29, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes](#); [February 5, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes](#); and [February 9, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes](#)

Background Information: The minutes of the January 22, 2018 school board meeting; January 29, 2018 special meeting; February 5, 2018 special meeting; and February 9, 2018 special meeting are included for the review of the Board.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the minutes of the January 22, 2018 board meeting; January 29, 2018 special meeting; February 5, 2018 special meeting; and February 8, 2018 special meeting be approved as presented.

B. New Contract

Background Information: A new contract has been issued to:
Todd Fuehrer, Choir, Bismarck High School, \$21,431 (80% contract)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the new contract for the above-listed person be approved.

C. Retirements ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: Letters of retirement have been received from Janet Linquist, Communications, Simle Middle School; Anita Nelson, Physical Education, Simle Middle School; Carolyn Fischer, Grade 1, Grimsrud Elementary School; Margaret LoMurray, Family Advocate, BECEP; Allan Kary, Music, Simle Middle School; Lori Ronningen, Kindergarten, Lincoln Elementary School; Elise Freier, Grade 5, Rita Murphy Elementary School; and Adele Gabriel, Physical Education, Wachter Middle School, effective with the end of the 2017/2018 school year.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board accept the retirements as stated above.

D. Resignation ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: A letter of resignation has been received from Tamara Uselman, Superintendent.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the resignation of Tamara Uselman be accepted.

E. Middle School Change Orders (Attachments [#1](#), [#2](#), [#3](#))

Background Information: The first change order considers eliminating the acid waste piping and neutralizers at all three middle schools for a combined credit to the contract in the amount of \$80,038.76. The second change order considers additional window flashing at an addition to the contract of \$2,856.92 and eliminating countertops and brackets in the teacher prep rooms for a credit to the contract in the amount of \$2,811.41.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the Horizon Middle School Change Order M-01 for a credit of \$20,718; the Simle Middle School Change Orders M-02 for a credit of \$32,228, G-08 for an addition of \$2,856.92, G-09 for a credit of \$2,811.41; and Wachter Middle School Change Order M-02 for a credit of \$27,092.76.

VII. Public Appearances (Maximum 30 Minutes) ([BCBA](#))

(Citizens may bring their educational concerns regarding the Board's conduct of the schools to the Board at this time or at a later time on request as governed by Policy BCBA *Public Participation at Board Meetings*. Individuals will generally be limited to 5 minutes. Groups should select one representative to express their views. The Board will not debate issues as presented, but will take such matters under advisement.)

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Policy ABCC Wellness ([ABCC](#))

Background Information: Revised Policy ABCC was approved on first reading at the January 22, 2018 Board meeting.

Recommendation: It is recommended that Policy ABCC *Wellness* be approved for second reading and final adoption.

IX. New Business

A. July 2018 – June 2019 Board Meeting Schedule ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: Attached is the proposed Board Meeting Schedule for July 2018 – June 2019.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board review and approve the July 2018 – June 2019 meeting schedule.

B. School Board Election (Attachments [#1](#), [#2](#), [#3](#))

Background Information: Attached are the election exhibits for the Board's review.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board review and advise administration on which exhibits it prefers to use in this election cycle.

C. Middle School Furniture Bids ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: Bismarck Public Schools opened bids on January 12, 2018, for furniture to be located at Horizon, Simle, and Wachter Middle Schools. We received either full or partial bids from four companies.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board approve the low bidders as follows: Brown & Saenger in the amount of \$138,805.53; Fireside Office Solutions in the amount of \$97,569; Rough Rider in the amount of \$14,586.60; and School Speciality in the amount of \$20,185.24, for a total of \$271,146.37.

D. Century High School Flooring ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: The district recently solicited bids for flooring in the Century High School commons area. We received bids from four companies. The apparent low bid was from Hruby Flooring.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board award Hruby Flooring the CHS flooring base bid of \$65,840 and the add alternate bid of \$8,286 for a total amount of \$74,126.

E. Wachter Middle School Casework ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: The district recently solicited bids for casework to be placed in the renovated counseling area and science room at Wachter Middle School. We received three bids.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board award TMI Systems the bid for WMS counseling area and science room casework in the amount of \$37,880.

F. Dorothy Moses Elementary School Roof Replacements ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: The district opened bids on February 7 for the Dorothy Moses Elementary School reroofing. We received bids from five companies. The apparent low bidder was Twin City Roofing.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board award Twin City Roofing the Dorothy Moses Elementary reroofing bid item 1 and bid item 2 in the amount of \$271,430.

X. Discussion Item

XI. General Information

A. Head Start Policy Council and Board Report ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: Attached is the January Head Start Policy Council and Board Report.

B. 2018 Election Deadlines ([Attachment](#))

Background Information: A timeline for 2018 school board candidates is attached.

XII. Adjournment Subject to Call