

Sargent Public Schools

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SCHOOL DISTRICT #84

Legal and public notice being duly given that the regular meeting of the Sargent Public School Board of Education was called to order on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Sargent School Library, 400 N 5th Street, Sargent, NE 68874. Vice President Grint announced that the Sargent Board of Education abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and then the members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of members: Beran: Absent, Clayton: Present, Gibbens: Present, Grint: Present, Myers: Present, Stefka: Present.

Cory Grint – Vice President

Jamie Slingsby - Principal

Larry Gibbens moved followed by a second from Rollie Stefka to excuse Cory Beran from the meeting. Roll call - . Beran: Absent, Clayton: Nay, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

Rob Myers moved followed by a second from Rollie Stefka to approve the consent agenda which includes paying the bills in the amount of \$330,173.52 from the general account and special building bills of \$92,014.00. Also, the financial reports were gone over as well as the first readings of policy numbers: 1040, 3540, 5601, & 7050. Roll call - . Beran: Absent, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

Larry Gibbens moved followed by a second from Madeline Clayton to approve Stacy Ottun's resignation with gratitude. Roll call - . Beran: Absent, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

Recognition of Excellence was recognized by the following: **Boys Wrestling**-Our wrestling program had a strong season. The following student-athletes qualified for and competed in the **Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament**, representing Sargent with pride: Emmett Grint, Cazen Smith, Oran Grint, Blake Bottorf, and Brent Shipporiet.

Girls Basketball-The girls basketball team demonstrated determination and resilience throughout the season. Their effort, teamwork, and commitment to competing hard every game exemplified what it means to be **Sargent Strong**.

Boys Basketball-The boys basketball team had an outstanding season: **MNAC Conference Champions, Subdistrict Champions**, Narrow **1-point loss in the District Final**, just short of qualifying for the State Tournament. In addition, **Yahya Harris** reached an impressive milestone by scoring **1,000 career points in just two seasons**.

Cheerleading-Our cheerleaders competed in their **first competition this year** and provided excellent energy and support for our teams and fans throughout the season.

FFA - Career Development Events (CDE)-Approximately **360 FFA students** participated in a variety of **Career Development Events**, representing our agricultural education program in numerous contests and continuing to build leadership and career skills.

Reports were given by each board committee and what was discussed. Mr. Slingsby discussed his principal report. The following were February's students and staff members of the month: K-2nd-Alexa Guilley, 3rd-5th-Toby Horkey, 6th-8th-Brock Morse, 9th-12th-Cazen Smith with Corinne Sybrant as Staff member. Mr. Olsen was home sick but had sent his report to the board members.

Rollie Stefka moved followed by a second from Larry Gibbens to approve the 26-27 school calendar. Roll call - . Beran: Absent, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

Rob Myers moved followed by a second from Rollie Stefka to approve the 2026-27 administrator contract. Roll call - . Beran: Absent, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

Larry Gibbens moved followed by a second from Madeline Clayton to approve the installation of a fence around the entire playground for \$21,477.57 from Craz Contracting LLC. Roll call - . Beran: Absent, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

There were a few staff members in attendance to stay informed and give support of the playground fence.

Board members commented on how well our students showed up and cheered for the boys basketball team and filled in some quiet moments. They also commented on how well information and activities are going out on Facebook as well as alerts.

Next regular board meeting will be on April 13th at 7:00 pm.

Rollie Stefka moved followed by a second from Cory Grint to adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm. Roll call - . Beran: Absent, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

Cory Beran, President

Larry Gibbens, Secretary