

# MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular	North Bend Central – Media Center	7:30 P.M.	April 13, 2026
Kind of Meeting	Meeting Place	Time	Date

	PRESENT	ABSENT
President.....	Doug Hoops	
Vice Pres.....	Bob Feurer	
Secretary.....		Andy Swanson
Treasurer.....		Justin Taylor
Member.....	Nick Emanuel	
Member.....	Amy Williams	
Superintendent.....	Patrick Ningen	
Recording Secretary.....	Kyrsten Mottl	

**OPENING:**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** President Hoops called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:31p.m.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL:** Present: Bob Feurer, Amy Williams, Nick Emanuel, Doug Hoops

**D. EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:** Andy Swanson, Justin Taylor

**E. ACKNOWLEDGE POSTED OPEN MEETING ACT:** President Hoops announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room and directed the public to its location.

**REVIEW OF THE AGENDA:**

**A. PUBLICATION NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education and published in the April 8, 2026 edition of the "North Bend Eagle". The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

**A.a.** Changes to the agenda:

**A.b.** Notes regarding agenda:

**3. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE:** The North Bend Eagle was in attendance for celebration of excellence. The board thanked the Eagle for all the coverage of school events. Jason Futch was introduced as a new member of the North Bend Eagle staff.

**4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ken Streff spoke on behalf of part time staff being added to the option enrollment policy.

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the minutes from the March board meeting and workshop.. The Board approved meeting minutes from March 9, 2026 board meeting and March 23, 2026 work session. Motion Carried. 4-0-2.

**B. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** The Board reviewed the financial statements and the Activity Fund statements.

**C. APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Motion (Williams) Second (Emanuel) to approve the bills for March and April. General Fund \$174192.06, Building Fund - \$36026.28. Motion Carried 4-0-2.

**6. REPORTS:**

**A. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Mr. Ningen reported:

- I was approached by a current, non-full time staff member about the possibility of changing our option enrollment policy to include part-time and coaching staff under the section that allows the children of staff to automatically option into our district. I told him I would pass his request on to you, so you were aware.
- As a follow up to our student board members' discussion, [here](#) is a draft copy of a policy allowing this change.

- The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is making a change to our SRO assignment. Deputy Nick White will be changing roles within the department, and will therefore no longer be an SRO. His replacement will be current Deputy Kerri Faulkner. Deputy Faulkner has already begun his position with the district.
- UPDATE - Elementary School Addition: As you can see, three sets of drawings are included at the bottom. One includes the addition of storage space in the northeast corner. According to Tim, the cost to add this space would be approximately \$144,000.
- UPDATE - RR/Concession Stand: Concrete work has begun. The footings and pilings have been poured. The slab should be done by the end of next week.

**B. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Mrs. Petersen reported:

- Prom: We are in the midst of preparing for prom. The 11th-grade class has been busy finalizing the details for a memorable night. This year's theme is A Night In Athens. The prom will begin with a meal, followed by the Grand March for parents/community members to see our students dolled up for the night's festivities. The dance will conclude at 11:30 PM. The Post Prom Committee has also been busy all year raising funds to be able to provide the students with some entertainment and parting gifts at the end of the night. Breakfast will also be served at the end of Post-Prom.
- 7- Year curriculum Cycle: This year, both the PE and Foreign Language were up for review. The PE teachers worked together to determine needs for the next 7-years, which can be a tough task as most of the equipment they purchase is often used, so determining the "life" of the equipment can be tricky. I have attached the request below. Foreign language is also up for review. Mrs. Raya reviewed the following companies and has requested Senderos (Vista Learning). Below, she has shared a little about each company, and I have attached the quote for the purchase of Vista Learning.
  - Senderos (Vista Learning) – A modern program that incorporates authentic materials and resources. It has a strong focus on vocabulary, but it can be adjusted to meet student levels. The platform allows students to practice speaking, writing, reading, and listening skills.
  - Somos – Previously used by Mrs. Beltrand. This program focuses on CI (comprehensible input), emphasizing language acquisition through reading and listening rather than explicit grammar instruction. I personally found this approach difficult to navigate and not a good fit for my teaching style.
  - Auténtico (Savvas) – A traditional, teacher-led curriculum with a strong emphasis on grammar. I piloted this program this year but felt that the materials and videos were somewhat outdated.
  - Reporteros (Klett World Languages) – My second choice. This program is modern and project-based, with students acting as reporters. It focuses heavily on developing communicative proficiency.
  - Así se dice (McGraw Hill / Carnegie) – A more traditional curriculum that emphasizes grammar foundations and conversational skills; however, the materials feel outdated.
- Scheduling: Mrs. Wess has begun the scheduling process for next year. She has had meetings with all HS students through this spring, as well as presented a scheduling presentation to all classes as they worked through the process regarding class requests. Student request sheets were taken home and signed by parents before being handed in to Mrs. Wess. Once in, she will look at the courses desired and the number of sections needed to start the process of building a master schedule. Once through the process, she would like to work with Infinite Campus this summer to see how we can utilize their product to assist in the scheduling process
- Graduation: Believe it or not, graduation will be complete by our next board meeting. The graduation ceremony will be held on May 10th at 2 PM in the Old Gym. 38 students will be walking across the stage to receive their diplomas and become alumni of North Bend Central. Class Colors - Teal/Pink Class Motto - The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams - Eleanor Roosevelt Class Flower - White Ranunculus

**C. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Mr. LaChapelle reported:

- Kindergarten Roundup: Our Kindergarten Roundup night will take place on April 16. We look forward to meeting our future kindergarten students and parents.
- Night of the Young Child: Our Night of the Young Child event will take place after Kindergarten Roundup. This will be a great night to celebrate our PreK students.
- NSCAS (State) Testing: Our state assessments will begin this month. 3rd through 5th will take the state assessment on their laptops. They will take a test in reading and math. 5th grade students will also take one for science. The assessment results are reported to the state and become public information. They usually release that data to the public the day before Thanksgiving, but there is talk about it being released at a different time starting this year.
- Field Trips: Our field trips have begun this month! Students and teachers really appreciate the opportunity to go on these trips. Not every school or district have these opportunities. We are extremely grateful.

- PTA Events: Our PTA has done some great things lately. They hosted a Father/Daughter Prom night and a Mother/Son game night. Both were very well attended. They are planning more things for our students in the next few weeks.
- ABC Countdown: Many classrooms are doing an ABC countdown where there is a theme to every letter for the last days of school. For example, on day A, students are allowed to bring a stuffed animal with them as long as it doesn't distract them from learning.

**D. ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT:** Mr. Baehr reported:

Sports Banquet & Fine Arts Night: Would like to thank our Booster Club for their support and organization of our Sports Banquet. We had great food provided by Borer BBQ and an opportunity to celebrate in a large group some accomplishments of the athletes as well as breakdown meetings for the sports to hand out letters and awards if they had not already done so. We will have our Fine Arts Night upcoming as well on May 5th. This is a great night where students perform different numbers and other performances and also have a chance to show off their Art work. Our Booster Club works with the Music Boosters to make this night possible. Again, thanks to everyone who makes these nights work for our kids and staff to proudly show the accomplishments of our kids.

Other major events that will be coming up are or have been completed very recently are State FFA, State Skills USA, Future Problem Solvers, the EHC Art Show. We are very fortunate to have people who are passionate about showing kids all the different trades and activities they can learn about through these different clubs. Really helps to open the eyes of our kids in regards to what they can do and other activities they may find some real joy in being part of.

Some other upcoming events to look forward to. Ms. Kyndall Roberts and Mr. Dan Wright have been working really hard to put on the production of "Beetlejuice" on Friday the 17th and Sunday the 19th. We are very excited to see the kids get to perform this piece. They have put in a lot of time and effort to make this all possible. We have our 6 – 12 Pre Contest Concert here at the High School on the 20th. We have District Music coming up also on April 24th in Columbus. I want to wish you the best of luck!

We did lose out on hosting one track meet due to weather, but we have the opportunity to host a multitude of them coming up. We will have two Junior High Quads and Junior High Conference here as well as the NBC Invite. We will also host our ever-growing NBC Golf Invite with the help of the North Bend Golf Course.

Last, we will have Honors Night on May 1st This is a great night to honor our kids to finish out the year in a variety of different areas. Thanks to Mrs. Petersen and Whitney Armstrong for really doing a lot of leg work on this.

**E. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:** No report.

**7. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- APPROVE STUDENT MACBOOK PURCHASE FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:** Motion (Feurer) Second (Emanuel) to approve the student macbook purchase for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- APPROVE SMARTBOARD BASE CART PURCHASE FOR NEW SMARTBOARDS:** Motion (Feurer) Second (Williams) to approve smartboard base cart purchase for new smartboards. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- APPROVE ESU SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:** Motion (Feurer) Second (Emanuel) to approve the ESU Special Education Contract for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- APPROVE CONTRACT WITH CLARK & ENERSEN, ARCHITECHTS, FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO ERECT A NEW ELEMENTARY EDITION:** Motion (Feurer) Second (Williams) to approve contract with Clark & Enersen as presented. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- APPROVE PURCHASE OF NETWORKING EQUIPMENT USING E-RATE FUNDS:** Motion (Feurer) Second (Emanuel) to approve the purchase of networking equipment using E-Rate Funds. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE DIBELS READING FLUENCY SCREENER FOR 2026-2031:** Motion (Feurer) Second (Williams) to approve the purchase of the dibels reading fluency screener for 2026-2031. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- APPROVE THE DISPOSAL OF OLD AND UNUSED EQUIPMENT:** Motion (Emanuel) Second (Williams ) to approve the disposal of old and unused equipment as deemed necessary. Motion Carried 4-0-2.

- H. DISCUSS ALLOWING BIRCHWOOD GAZEBO TO BE MOVED TO THE CITY PARK.** Ken Streff shared about an Eagle Scout project that would include moving the gazebo on the old Birchwood lot to the city park. He knows the structure was originally erected as part of a previous Eagle Scout project, and would like to reach out to that person to see if they would be okay with moving it. The intention is to better utilize the gazebo in a more frequented location.

Motion (Feurer), Second (Emanuel) to approve the partnership of the moving of the existing gazebo between the North Bend City and Troop #110. Motion carried 4-0-2.

- I. DISCUSS CHANGE TO THE DODGE BUS ROUTE:** As was addressed in my communications last spring, we would like to alter the Dodge bus route for the district. This route is, by far, our longest. Roy and I would like to shorten the route and keep most of it in-district. Currently, we travel a great distance outside the district, heading all the way up to Dodge and over to Snyder. This would affect three current pickup/dropoff locations and up to 10 students, but would even out our five routes we run daily. Most of the students affected would either be driving themselves and siblings to school next year, or are getting rides to pickup/dropoff locations already. They would just need to travel a bit further to get to pickup/dropoff points closer to the district. Ultimately, we are trying to even out our routes and reduce the number of miles driven each year, thus saving on bus wear and tear. I would like to discuss this at the April meeting, and approve at the May meeting so we can let families know before next year.
- J. DISCUSS PROPOSED OPTION ENROLLMENT POLICY AS PRESENTED BY OUR SCHOOL ATTORNEY.** In light of recent legislative changes to option enrollment, Coady and KSB have created a draft policy to make possible the denial of option enrollment due to siblings causing to exceed our numeric capacity numbers and/or SPED services availability. Essentially, we would be asking if they have siblings, what grade they would be in, and if they have SPED needs. If they do, and we would normally deny them, we could then deny the whole family. This is an option they are presenting, if we choose to use it.
- K. REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY, POLICY NUMBERS 6013-6028.**
- L. REVIEW RESULTS OF BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT AND DISCUSS GOALS FOR IMPROVEMENT.** The board reviewed the board self-assessments and how it is ranked. It was recommended to work on sharing goals with stakeholders. The board will discuss these at a later date, possibly a work session.

## 8. PERSONNEL:

- A. APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF KATIE SCHOLL, ELEMENTARY TEACHER, AT THE END OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:** Motion (Emanuel) Second (Feurer) to approve the resignation of Katie Scholl, Elementary teacher, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- B. APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF TORI BRUNING, ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, AT THE END OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:** Motion (Feurer) Second (Emanuel) to approve the resignation of Tori Bruning, Elementary special education teacher, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- C. APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF SUZY MORGAN, SECONDARY ELA TEACHER, AT THE END OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:** Motion (Feurer) Second (Emanuel) to approve the resignation of Suzy Morgan, Secondary ELA teacher, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- D. APPROVE HIRING TESSA HAECKE, ELEMENTARY TEACHER, FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.** Motion (Emanuel), Second (Feurer) to approve hiring Tessa Haecke, Elementary Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0-2.
- E. APPROVE HIRING ROY WRIGHT, SECONDARY STS TEACHER, FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.** Motion (Williams), Second (Emanuel) to approve hiring Roy Wright, Secondary STS Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0-2.
- F. DISCUSS APPLICATION OF POLICY 4056, RESIGNATION OF CERTIFICATED STAFF.** Motion (Emanuel), Second (Williams) to enter into closed session at 9:34 pm in order to discuss the application of policy 4056 and for the protection of public interest. Motion carried 4-0-2.  
Motion (Feurer) Second (Williams) to exit closed session at 9:52pm. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- G. DISCUSS DISTRICT MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION.** Motion (Feurer), Second (Emanuel) to enter into closed session at 9:55 pm for the purpose of discussing the director of maintenance job description and for the protection of public interest.. Motion carried 4-0-2.  
Motion (Feurer), Second (Williams) to exit closed session at 10:10pm. Motion Carried 4-0-2.
- H. DISCUSS EXTENDED CONTRACT FOR ACTIVITY DIRECTOR POSITION.**

Motion (Emanuel), Second (Feurer) to enter into closed session at 10:11pm to discuss the extended contract for the activity director position and for the protection of public interest . Motion carried 4-0-2.

Motion (Williams), Second (Emanuel) to exit closed session at 10:24pm. Motion Carried 4-0-2.

**9. REMINDERS AND DATES:**

**A. BOARD WORK SESSION: MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 AT 6:00PM AT NORTH BEND PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 AT 7:30PM.** The next regular board meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:30 pm in Tiger Den.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion (Williams), Second (Emanuel) to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 pm. Motion Carried 4-0-2.

Respectfully submitted,

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Doug Hoops, President

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Andy Swanson, Secretary