

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

Isanti Community School -Dakota Conference
Room

Isanti Community School

Waylon LaPlante: Present
Anita LaPointe: Present
Susan Pike: Present
Larry Thomas: Present
Sidney Tuttle: Absent
Dewayne Wabasha: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

Sidney Tuttle is Officiating BB game tonight

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Absent: Sidney Tuttle, **Present:** Waylon LaPlante, Anita LaPointe, Susan Pike, Larry Thomas, Dewayne Wabasha.
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II. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

III. Roll Call by Superintendent Shepard - Reorganization of Board

Reorganization of the Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

III.A. President

Superintendent Shepard called for nominations for President of the board. Susan Pike nominated Larry Thomas; Anita LaPointe nominated Waylon LaPlante. Cease nominations. 3 votes for Waylon LaPlante and 2 votes for Larry Thomas. Waylon LaPlante will remain President

It was moved by Waylon LaPlante and seconded by Anita LaPointe to Cease nominations. 3 votes for Waylon LaPlante and 2 votes for Larry Thomas. Waylon LaPlante will remain President.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea,
Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

III.B. Vice-President

President LaPlante, called for nominations for Vice President. Anita LaPointe nominated Larry Thomas. Cease nominations. Larry Thomas is Vice President by acclamation.

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to elect Larry Thomas as Vice President by acclamation.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea,
Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

III.C. Treasurer

Larry Thomas nominated Susan Pike as Treasurer.

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Susan Pike to cease nominations, Susan Pike as Treasurer by acclamation.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

III.D. Board Secretary

Nomination for Dewayne Wabasha by Susan Pike to become Secretary; nominations by Anita LaPointe to be Secretary by Waylon LaPlante. Cease nominations. Anita LaPointe 1 vote and Dewayne Wabasha 3 votes.

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Susan Pike to cease nominations. Dewayne Wabasha is Secretary.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV. Committee Assignments

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Susan Pike to keep committees the same.

Roll call vote: Passed

Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Sidney Tuttle: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IV.A. Building and Grounds

Waylon LaPlante, Larry Thomas, Sidney Tuttle

IV.B. Education and Curriculum / Americanism

Anita LaPointe, Susan Pike, DeWayne Wabasha

IV.C. Finance

Waylon LaPlante, Anita LaPointe, Susan Pike

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Susan Pike to amend the motion for Susan Pike to take Larry Thomas place on finance committee.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.D. Negotiations

IV.E. Legislative

Sidney Tuttle, Susan Pike, DeWayne Wabasha

V. Public Comment & Recognition of Guests

VI. Approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Susan Pike to approve minutes for December 9, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

Roll call vote: Passed

Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Sidney Tuttle: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VII. Treasurer Report

Supt. Shepard referred to financials; we are doing good, and in a good spot and able to meet obligations. Looking forward to next school year 2026-27.

VIII. Approve Outstanding Payables

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Larry Thomas to approve payables as presented.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX. Discussion and Action Items

IX.A. 2026-27 Calendar

Discussion took place and questions were asked about surrounding districts and their schedules. Waylon directed the Supt. to move forward with planning a 4-day school week and bring a good plan to the next meeting for a vote.

IX.B. Authorize Superintendent Greg Shepard as Official District Representative for all local, state and federal programs

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Anita LaPointe to appoint Supt. Greg Shepard as Official District Representative for all local, state and federal programs.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.C. Designate the Niobrara Tribune and Omaha World Herald as official newspapers for the district.

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Larry Thomas to designate the Niobrara Tribune and Omaha World Herald as official newspapers for the district.

Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.D. Designate Farmers & Merchants State Bank and Bank of Hartington as the official depository for all funds for the District

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Susan Pike to designate Farmers & Merchants State Bank and Bank of Hartington as official depository for all funds for the district.
Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea,
Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
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X. Reports

X.A. Superintendent

Supt. Shepard shared that we need a release of information form to talk about students. Ex: stepparent wanting to discuss a girlfriend / boyfriend of their child. Paperwork must be on file for Custody and Power of Attorney.

X.B. EC Director, ELEM Principal & MS-HS Principal

X.C. Committee Reports

XI. ***Closed Session:** If, during the course of the meeting discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to go into closed session for personnel at 6:02pm.
Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Susan Pike to to come out of closed session at 6:58pm.
Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII. Adjourn

It was moved by Larry Thomas and seconded by Susan Pike to adjourn at 6:59pm.
Roll call vote: Passed

Sidney Tuttle: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Larry Thomas: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1