

DBOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
NORTHERN CASS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 97

Northern Cass Library - Rural Hunter, ND  
Tuesday, March 9, 2026 – 7:00 a.m.

Present: Sean Jalbert, Penny Johnson, Michael Lovejoy, Chris Murch, Todd Olson, Lori Steffes  
Paige Carlson – Business Manager  
Terry Baesler – Superintendent  
Absent: Brad Bjerke, and Tess J., Learner Board Member

Meeting called to order by President Murch.

Also present: Carla Wolsky, and Kari Idso

President Murch read the Board Norms.

Steffes moved to approve the agenda as presented. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Lovejoy, Murch, Olson, Steffes).

Mr. Baesler presented the consent agenda. Jalbert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Olson seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Lovejoy, Murch, Olson, Steffes).

ACKNOWLEDGING GREATNESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Members of Boy Scout troop #230 out of Harwood are in attendance to receive their Communication badge.*

BOARD EDUCATION

Mr. Baesler presented enrollment projections for the next 5 school years.

Administrative reports presented by Mr. Baesler. Reports are accessible on the Northern Cass School Board website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board member Lovejoy presented the Teaching and Learning committee report.

Lovejoy moved to amend the 29 listed policy documents on the first reading and waive the second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA. Steffes seconded the motion. Discussion held. Motion passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Lovejoy, Murch, Olson, Steffes).

Board member Jalbert presented the joint Budget & Human Resources and Building & Grounds committee report. No meeting held for the Activities committee.

TEACHING, LEARNING, AND LEARNER ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. Baesler presented the math curriculum state legislation requirement which will begin during the 2027-2028 school year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion held on special meeting for a School Board Retreat. Jalbert moved to set the annual board retreat for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 12:00 P.M. at Northern Cass School. Steffes seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Lovejoy, Murch, Olson, Steffes).

NEW BUSINESS

President Murch presented Mr. Baesler's spring evaluation results, noting a Satisfactory rating in all areas. Lovejoy moved to place the evaluation in his personnel file. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Lovejoy, Murch, Olson, Steffes).

Johnson moved to set a special school board meeting for 7:00 a.m. on Monday, June 22, 2026, to canvas the annual school board election results. Olson seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Lovejoy, Murch, Olson, Steffes).

Mr. Baesler provided an update on the open enrollment application process. Lovejoy moved to accept 25 open enrollment applications as recommended for the 2026-2027 school year. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Lovejoy, Murch, Olson, Steffes).

Jalbert moved to approve the driver's education contract to K.B. Laxdal for the 2026-2027 school year. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Lovejoy, Murch, Olson, Steffes).

Olson moved to approve the General Fund bills as presented. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Lovejoy, Murch, Olson, Steffes).

Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 AM. Jalbert seconded the motion, which passed.

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Chris Murch, President

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Paige Carlson, Business Manager