

Scottsbluff Board of Education Special Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2026 4:30 PM

Scottsbluff Public Schools District Office Conference Room
2617 College Park
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Mark Lang: Present
Beth Merrigan: Present
Robert Polk: Present
Scott Reisig: Present
Tory Schwartz: Present
Paul Snyder: Present

1. Opening Procedures

1.a. Call to Order

The Special Board Meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM by Board President Scott Reisig.

1.b. Roll Call

1.c. Excuse Absent Member(s)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Open Meetings Law

This meeting was held in accordance to the Open Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald on Saturday, March 14, 2026 and on the Scottsbluff Public Schools website on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda Passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Robert Polk.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

4.a. Adopt Agenda

4.b. Approval of Certified Staff Hire

4.b.1. Meredith Christiansen, Special Education, Bluffs Middle School

4.b.2. Katie Scott, Speech Language Pathologist Technician, SBPS

4.c. Approval of Certified Staff Resignation

4.c.1. Morgan Whitmire, Teacher, Bear Cub Preschool

4.c.2. Kathryn Preston, Teacher, Lake Minatare Elementary

4.c.3. Dustin Broussard, Special Education, Lincoln Heights Elementary

4.d. Approval of Certified Staff Retirement

4.d.1. Tracie Barrett, Teacher, Lake Minatare Elementary

5. Public Comment - a total of 120 minutes will be allotted (no more than 5 minutes per speaker). There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board of Education.

6. Move Into Closed Session

6.a. Move pursuant to §84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, also known as the Nebraska Open Meetings Law, that the Board of Education for Scottsbluff Public Schools move into Closed Session to include Superintendent Dr. Andrew Dick, Executive Director of Finance Marianne Carlson, and incoming Executive Director of Human Resources Jana Mason for the purpose of a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining. The Closed Session is necessary for the protection of the public interest.

The Board moved into Closed Session at 4:35 PM.

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Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7. Exit Closed Session

The Board exited Closed Session at 6:01 PM.

8. Adjournment

The Special Board Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Scott Reisig.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea