Belcourt School District #7
1207 William Hardesty Street
Belcourt, ND 58316

Agenda
Board of Education

BSD#7 Board Retreat
Friday, September 11, 2026
9:00 AM
Holiday Inn

1. **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Wanda Parisien, Dave Azure, Dallas Morin, Dennis DeCoteau and Scotty Vandal
2. **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Teri LaFountain and Eric Dionne
3. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Shane Martin, Levi Gourneau, Connie Baker, Earl Demery, Duane Poitra, Amy DeKok, KrisAnn Jahnern, Monti LaVallie, Travis LaRocque and Marty Bratrud
4. **CALL TO ORDER**
5. **OPENING PRAYER**
6. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
7. **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2026**
   A. **9:00 – 10:30 a.m. | Effective School Board Governance: StudentsFirst Governance, Roles & Responsibilities — Amy *De Kok***
      - Overview of NDSBA's StudentsFirst Governance approach
      - Principles and practices of effective school board governance
      - Keeping student outcomes and district priorities at the center of board work
      - Roles and responsibilities of the board as a governing body
      - Roles and responsibilities of individual board members
      - Understanding the distinction between board governance and administrative responsibilities
      - Working effectively as a unified board team
      - Building productive board-superintendent relationships
      - Governance considerations for both new and experienced board members
      - Applying governance principles to board decision-making and oversight

   B. **10:30 – 11:10 a.m. | Board Leadership: Roles of the President and Vice President -** *Amy De Kok*
      - Responsibilities of the Board President and Vice President
      - The President's role in facilitating effective board meetings
      - Maintaining order, focus, and appropriate board discussion
      - Encouraging participation while keeping meetings productive
      - Leadership responsibilities outside of board meetings

- Supporting effective board-superintendent relationships

C. **11:10 – 11:20 a.m. | Break**

D. **11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. | Running Effective Board Meetings: Agendas, Robert's Rules & Staying on Task -** *Amy De Kok*
   - Practical application of Robert's Rules of Order
   - Using the approved agenda to structure and guide board meetings
   - Staying on task and managing discussion
   - Making, amending, and voting on motions
   - Addressing discussion that strays from the agenda
   - Practical strategies for the presiding officer to maintain order and meeting efficiency

E. **12:10 – 12:40 p.m. | Lunch**

F. **12:40 – 1:15 p.m. | Board Policy: Updates, Responsibilities & Effective Use -** *Amy De Kok*
   - Review of updated board policies
   - The board's role in policy adoption, review, and implementation
   - Distinguishing policy from administrative procedure
   - Key areas of recent policy change or legal significance
   - Questions regarding district policies and board responsibilities

G. **1:15 – 1:55 p.m. | Title IX: Board-Level Responsibilities and Current Requirements -** *KrisAnn Norby-Jahner*
   - Title IX overview
   - Board-level responsibilities and oversight
   - Understanding the district's Title IX processes and roles
   - Key compliance considerations for school board members
   - Practical governance considerations and questions

H. **1:55 – 2:00 p.m. | Wrap-Up & Closing Questions**

I. **2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Superintendent/Athletic Director Presentation/Discussion — Dr. Shane Martin**
   - **Update on Summer Projects — Monti LaVallie**
   - **Update on Campus-wide Construction Projects**
   - **Update on Academic Data**
   - **Update on Intervention Standard Based Assessment**
   - **Update on Celebrations**:
     - NAFOA (ESSER FUNDS)
     - Recognized for School Accreditation
     - Invitation to Present at the forum on Native Language Education in Washington D.C.

- NDSBA is aligned with Policy Services, Online Supt. Evaluation, Online Board Assessment, Legal Counsel Representation, BoardBook Premier and StudentsFirst Governance, Business Manager Certifications
- Invited to Cognia Recognition and National Sharing at Buffalo, NY Recognition in the Education Magazine (one of the top Schools in the nation)
- Will be recognized nationally in a Education Magazine, highlighting the excellence of the District's innovative programs, academic achievements and commitment to preparing students for future success.
- ND Be Legendary/StudentsFirst Update - Martin (Marty) Bratrud

J. **2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Assistant Superintendent/Human Resource Director - Levi Gourneau**

K. **3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Budget Updates — Earl Demery/Duane Poitra**

L. **3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Construction Update - Duane Poitra**

M. **3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Live Streaming of Meetings — Travis LaRocque**

8. **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dallas Morin, Dennis DeCoteau, Dr. Wanda Parisien, Scotty Vandal and Dave Azure
9. **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**: Eric Dionne and Teri LaFountain
10. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Shane Martin, Levi Gourneau, Connie Baker, Earl Demery, Duane Poitra, Brad LaRocque, Cindy Keplin, Kellie Hall, Gaillord Peltier, Shanna Davis-McCloud, Angelique Bennett, Danielle Sloan, Michele Delorme, Claudette Gourneau, Debbe Poitra, Melvin McCloud
11. **RECONVENED:** Dr. Wanda Parisien called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m
12. **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2026**

A. **Turtle Mountain High School Staff Board Reports**

1. 8:30 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. TMCHS Principal Board Report - Brad LaRocque
2. 8:40 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. TMCHS Assistant Principal Board Report - Cindy Keplin
3. 8:50 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. TMCHS Alternative School Board Report — Michele Delorme
4. 9:00 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. TMCHS CTE/TMACTC Board Report — Dr. Kellie Hall

B. 9:10 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. BREAK

C. **9:20 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. TMCMS Board Report - Gaillord Peltier**

D. **9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. TMCES Principal Board Report — Shanna Davis-McCloud**

E. **10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. TMCS Special Ed./Section 504 Board Report — Danielle Sloan**

F. **10:20 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. TMCS Strategic Planning/Aligned Curriculum Update — Claudette Gourneau**

G. **10:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tiny Turtles Preschool Program - Debbe Poitra**

H. **11:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. OIS Principal Board Report - Angelique Bennett**
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I. **11:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Q & A**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**