

# *Sargent Public Schools*

SARGENT, NEBRASKA 68874

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SCHOOL DISTRICT #84

To: Board of Education  
From: Office of the Superintendent  
Subject: Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 9, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

## AGENDA

### 1. Sargent Public Schools Board of Education Information

**More Information:** *The meeting agenda will be kept current and available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office during regular working hours.*

**District Vision:** *We are proud of who we are, united by our community, and driven by purpose. With modern facilities, a strong curriculum, and a focus on leadership, we prepare every student for a successful Future.*

**District Mission:** *Sargent Public Schools is committed to providing an education to prepare students to be productive and thrive in tomorrow's world.*

#### **Core Values:**

- 1. STUDENTS FIRST**
- 2. SARGENT STRONG**
- 3. COMMUNITY SUPPORT**
- 4. INVESTING IN THE FUTURE**

*The Open Meetings Act requires and the intention of the Board is that agenda items be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of matters to be considered at the meeting. The Board of Education releases its agenda well in advance of most meetings and desires that all interested persons are fully informed. Any interested person who has a question or needs clarification about the sufficiency of a descriptive item should contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.*

*If anyone in attendance is interested in addressing our Board, you are welcome to do so. We simply request that you complete the appropriate form and turn it in to us now, so that you may be recognized during the 'Public Comment' section of our meeting.*

*Agenda items are subject to reordering at the discretion of the board president. Board members may request specific agenda item(s) be moved to a different place on the agenda. Please attend the entire meeting to ensure you hear discussion on a particular agenda item.*

### 2. Opening Procedures:



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## 2.1. Call to Order

**More Information:** The Board of Education reserves the right to enter into Executive Session for the protection of the public interest, or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and if the individual has not requested a public meeting.

## 2.2. Roll Call

## 2.3. Pledge of Allegiance

## 2.4. Excused absence of Board Member

## 2.5. Open Meetings Act

**More Information:** Pursuant to Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Statutes, the public is hereby informed that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted by the landing of the entrance to the Library.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Sargent Leader and placed at the Corner Market, Post Office, and First National Bank in Sargent.

## 3. Consent Agenda

**More Information:** At this time, any Board member may request that any item on the consent agenda be removed from the consent agenda and be considered and voted on separately.

### 3.1. Approval of Agenda

### 3.2. Approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 9th, 2026.

### 3.3. Approve Financial Reports

### 3.4. Approval of Claims/Bills

### 3.5. Board Policy Adoption

#### 3.5.1. First Reading of Board Policies

##### 3.5.1.a. Policy 1040 - Annual Report

##### 3.5.1.b. Policy 3540 - Bidding Construction Projects

##### 3.5.1.c. Policy 5601 — Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergic Reaction Protocol

##### 3.5.1.d. Policy 7050 - Bids and Contracts

#### 3.5.2. Second Reading of Board Policy

## 4. Staff Resignation(s)

### 4.1. Stacy Ottun K-12 Music

## 5. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

### 5.1. **Boys Wrestling**

Our wrestling program had a strong season. The following student-athletes qualified for and competed in the **Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament**, representing Sargent with pride:

- Emmett Grint
- Cazen Smith
- Oran Grint
- Blake Bottorf



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- Brent “Twinkie” Shipporiet
- 5.2. **Girls Basketball**

The girls basketball team demonstrated determination and resilience throughout the season. Their effort, teamwork, and commitment to competing hard every game exemplified what it means to be **Sargent Strong**.
  - 5.3. **Boys Basketball**

The boys basketball team had an outstanding season:

    - **MNAC Conference Champions**
    - **Subdistrict Champions**
    - **Narrow 1-point loss in the District Final**, just short of qualifying for the State Tournament
  - 5.4. In addition, **Yahya Harris** reached an impressive milestone by scoring **1,000 career points in just two seasons**.
  - 5.5. **Cheerleading**

Our cheerleaders competed in their **first competition this year** and provided excellent energy and support for our teams and fans throughout the season.
  - 5.6. **FFA – Career Development Events (CDE)**

Approximately **360 FFA students** participated in a variety of **Career Development Events**, representing our agricultural education program in numerous contests and continuing to build leadership and career skills.
6. Reports and Discussion Items
    - 6.1. Board Committee Reports
    - 6.2. Principal Report
    - 6.3. Superintendent Report
  7. Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action on the following:
    - 7.1. Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action regarding the 26-27 school calendar
    - 7.2. Discuss, consider and take any action approval of 2026-27 administrator contract.
    - 7.3. Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action regarding the installation of a fence around the entire playground.
  8. Visitors and Guests Public Comments
  9. Board Comments
  10. Tentative Upcoming Board Meeting/Event Dates **Future Board Meetings**

Regular Meetings:  
Monday **April 13, 2026** at 7:00 PM at the Sargent Public Schools Library  
Monday **May 11, 2026** at 7:00 PM at the Sargent Public Schools Library

## **Tentative Committee Meeting Dates:**

Policy Committee: **April 7th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM** (Supt. Office)



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Finance/Facilities/Transportation Review Committee: **April 9th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM** (Supt. Office)

## Upcoming Event Highlights:

### Events

- NRCSA Spring Conference March 19th and 20th - Kearney
- NEAP State Convention March 24- 25 - Kearney
- Amplified Budget and Finance Workshop April 8 - Kearney
- NASBO State Confention April 23 - 24 - Lincoln

All activities are located on our website, [www.sargentpublicschools.org](http://www.sargentpublicschools.org) home page or on the App in the calendar.

### 11. Adjournment

\*Executive Session: If during the meeting, a discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in Executive Session, the board will conduct a closed meeting per the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

\*\*Sequence of Agenda: The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board.

\*\*\*Action item: The board reserves the right to take action on an item listed on the board agenda.



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Legal and public notice being duly given that the regular meeting of the Sargent Public School Board of Education was called to order on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Sargent School Library, 400 N 5th Street, Sargent, NE 68874. President Beran announced that the Sargent Board of Education abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and then the members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of members: Beran: Present, Clayton: Present, Gibbens: Present, Grint: Present, Myers: Present, Stefka: Present.

Cory Beran – President

Byron Olsen - Superintendent

Larry Gibbens moved followed by a second from Rollie Stefka to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the resignation but includes paying the bills in the amount of \$332,044.54 from general and \$58,474.62 from depreciation. Also, the hiring of Michelle Kearns for special education for the 2026-27 school year. Roll call - . Beran: Yea, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea Cory Grint moved followed by a second from Rob Myers to approve the resignation of Debbie Gumb with gratitude and her many years of service. Roll call - . Beran: Yea, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

Mr. Olsen recognized Ms. Deb Kozeal on her class's work for the newsletter.

Cory Grint summarized the facility & finance committee meeting. He also thought the prime rib raffle was successful. The policy committee didn't meet this month.

Rollie Stefka gave a summary of the legislature bills that were coming up or being talked about.

Mr. Slingsby gave his principal report. The highlight was the Student & staff of the month which were: Flynn Kirby (PK-2), Calvin Ernesti (3-5), Ryder Leibert (6-8), Maci Smith (9-12), & Mr. Mark Sortum.

Mr. Olsen gave his superintendent report.

Larry Gibbens moved followed by a second from Rob Myers to approve the ESU 10 Cooperative Service agreement for 26-27 school year. Roll call - . Beran: Abstain (With Conflict), Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

Rob Myers moved followed by a second from Madeline Clayton to approve the proposed 2026-27 Negotiated Professional Agreement. Roll call - . Beran: Yea, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Abstain (With Conflict)

Rollie Stefka moved followed by a second from Cory Grint to approve purchasing additional curriculum materials for grades K-2 for Into Reading. Roll call - . Beran: Yea, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

Rob Myers moved followed by a second from Madeline Clayton to approve Steve Van Houten's proposal in addition to add fleck as long as it's no more than \$3000 extra. Roll call - . Beran: Yea, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

FBLA officers: Kooper Keefe, Corbin Bye, Hayden Nelson, & Alli Smith along with their advisor Mrs. Jan Osborn were there to speak on FBLA. Others in attendance were Kelly Vincent and Robin Dowse to stay informed.

Rollie Stefka recognized the cooks for the great job they do in the kitchen.

The next regular board meeting will be held on March 9th, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Larry Gibbens moved followed by a second from Cory Grint to adjourned at 8:08 pm. Roll call - .  
Beran: Yea, Clayton: Yea, Gibbens: Yea, Grint: Yea, Myers: Yea, Stefka: Yea

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Cory Beran, President

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Larry Gibbens, Secretary

County of Custer School District # **Board Report - Newspaper-Brd Mtg**

03/09/2026 02:25 F Unposted; Batch Description Mar 26-Inv to be Pd

Number	Vendor Name	Invoice Description	Amount
10532	ACCESS ELEVATOR & LIFTS INC	Lift Work	\$ 1,026.60
10533	APPEARA	Maint	\$ 71.60
10534	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Maint	\$ 7,052.44
10535	BURWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL	Nurse	\$ 3,356.73
10536	CORNER MARKET	Maint, PD	\$ 302.76
10537	CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	Paper	\$ 65.00
10538	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FID.	Learn	\$ 423.83
10539	EAKES OFFICE	Ink	\$ 3,379.13
10540	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT # 10	Spe,Audi,OT,Vis,VR.Psych.LMH.	\$ 12,956.70
10541	GENERAL FUND PETTY CASH	Maint,Sec, Stu Coun, Bus, HAL	\$ 289.84
10542	GREAT WESTERN GAS	Maint	\$ 673.20
10543	TEACHER A	105 Plan	\$ 1,200.00
10544	HOMETOWN LEASING	Copiers	\$ 404.93
10545	HOUGHTON MIFFLIN	Into Reading-Elem	\$ 8,226.20
10546	ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING	Shop	\$ 828.84
10547	LOUP COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Spanish	\$ 1,457.38
10548	LUNCH FUND	Board	\$ 1,524.85
10549	MELHAM MEDICAL CENTER	Bus	\$ 271.00
10550	MENARDS - KEARNEY	Maint	\$ 60.73
10551	NCS PEARSON, INC	Sped	\$ 16.66
10552	NCTC COMPANY	Phone	\$ 274.87
10553	NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL I	Legislative Conf	\$ 520.00
10554	NEBRASKA RURAL COMMUNITY SCHOC ASSOCIATION	26 Legislative	\$ 100.00
10555	PRESTO-X-COMPANY	Maint	\$ 113.03
10556	RANCLAND	Bus	\$ 22.33
10557	SARGENT LEADER	Prints	\$ 118.16
10558	SARGENT UTILITIES	Maint	\$ 4,267.76
10559	TEACHER SYNERGY LLC	Sped	\$ 19.31
10560	TEAM PHYSICAL THERAPY P.C.	PT	\$ 635.20
10561	TROTTER'S WHOA & GO	Bus	\$ 2,161.73
10562	U.S. Bank	Sec,Elem, Lib, Maint,	\$ 1,846.00
Checking / 1	Fund 01	GENERAL FUND	Inv Amt \$ 53,666.81
PAYROLL		MARCH	\$ 276,506.71
		TOTAL	\$ 330,173.52
1000 KUCIREK ENGINEERING INC		Engineer	\$ 92,014.00
Checking / 8	Fund 08	SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	Inv Amt \$ 92,014.00