

**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

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Mar. 14, 2026

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(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Board of Education for the School District of Scottsbluff, in the county of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, will be held at 4:30 P.M. on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the Scottsbluff Public Schools District Office, 2617 College Park, Scottsbluff, NE 69361.

The meeting agenda, kept continuously current, will be available for inspection on the Scottsbluff Public Schools website, www.sbps.net. Agenda items may be subject to Closed Session. Agenda items are subject to change up until 24 hours prior to the meeting. Sequence of the agenda may be adjusted; please attend the entire meeting.

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March 16, 2026

Dr. Andrew Dick  
Scottsbluff Board of Education  
2617 College Park  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Dear Dr. Dick and the Scottsbluff Board of Education,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Ms. Meredith Christiansen for the position of Special Education Teacher for the Scottsbluff Public Schools beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Ms. Christiansen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Vincennes University and a Master's of Arts from University of Nebraska at Kearney. She has 8 years of experience as a teacher. We are excited to have Ms. Meredith Christiansen join the Scottsbluff Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Kemling-Horner



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Dr. Andrew Dick  
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Dear Dr. Dick and the Scottsbluff Board of Education,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Ms. Katie Scott for the position of Speech Language Technician for the Scottsbluff Public Schools beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Ms. Scott holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Chadron State College and is working towards her Speech Language Pathologist degree through the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She has 8 years of experience as an elementary teacher. We are excited to have Ms. Katie Scott join the Scottsbluff Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Kemling-Horner