

**STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 24, 2025**

State Board of Public School Education members met in Peace Garden Room at the State Capitol Building, Bismarck and via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, November 24, 2025.

State Board Members in Attendance Virtually :

Chair Sonia Meehl
Vice Chairman Mike McHugh
Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom
Board Member Eric Nelson
Superintendent Levi Bachmeier
Board Member Jason Rohr

Others in Attendance Virtually: Mark Openshaw (Assistant Attorney General), Shauna Marchus (NDDPI Admin), Melissa Hamilton (Attorney General Paraleal)

Chair Meehl called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. CST

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 27, 2025

Lyndsi Engstrom moved to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2025 meeting. Eric Nelson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Final approval of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order for the annexation of property from the Parshall Public School District No. 3 of McLean and Mountrail Counties to the Lewis and Clark Public School District No. 161 of Ward, McLean, Renville and Mountrail Counties in North Dakota. (Myers Annexation).

Mike McHugh moved to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for the Myers Annexation. Eric Nelson seconded the motion.

Mark Openshaw noted a change in State Superintendent from Kirsten Baesler to Levi Bachmeier effective as of the date of this meeting. No further discussion.

NAME	VOTE (Yes/ No)
Superintendent Levi Bachmeier	Yes
Vice Chair Mike McHugh	Yes
Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom	Yes
Board Member Eric Nelson	Yes
Board Member Jason Rohr	Yes
Chair Sonia Meehl	Yes

The motion passes 6-0.

3. Review and approve the new Dissolution Guide – Mark Openshaw

Mark Openshaw reported that in addition to the this group, three County Superintendent of Schools (Jodi Johnson, Brandt Dick and Nikki Johnsrud) also reviewed this draft of the Dissolution Guide and they all gave positive reviews. Mark Openshaw noted that he received some minor suggested changes and updated the guide accordingly.

The group discussed strategies for maintaining and updating the guide. Mark Openshaw recommended that the Board authorize its attorney to implement legislative updates on a biennial basis to reflect any legislative changes. Chair Meehl suggested that any feedback received from the field be reviewed, with appropriate adjustments made by the Board's attorney. The group agreed that, following any updates, the attorney will report the changes to the Board at the next meeting to ensure members are informed.

Mike McHugh moved to give the Board's attorney the authority to make updates to the guide and report any new updates at the next meeting. Jason Rohr seconded the motion. No further discussion was held.

NAME	VOTE (Yes/ No)
Board Member Eric Nelson	Yes
Member Lyndsi Engstrom	Yes
Vice Chair Mike McHugh Board	Yes
Board Member Jason Rohr	Yes
Superintendent Levi Bachmeier	Yes
Chair Sonia Meehl	Yes

Motion passed 6-0

Supt. Bachmeier moved to approve the Dissolution Guide as presented. Eric Nelson seconded. No discussion.

NAME	VOTE (Yes/ No)
Board Member Jason Rohr Board	Yes
Board Member Eric Nelson	Yes
Superintendent Levi Bachmeier	Yes
Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom	Yes
Vice Chair Mike McHugh	Yes
Chair Sonia Meehl	Yes

Motion passed 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Shauna Marchus