Willow Lake School Board approves insurance proposal, termination of Collins Colony paraprofessional

Willow Lake School District Financial Reports

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Spec. Ed. Fund	Bond Redemption Fund	Food Serv. Fund	Enterprise Fund
Balance 10/1/2026	647,914.38	130,362.04	414,088.81	84,593.99	15,362.49	13,591.40
RECEIPTS						
Local Sources	15,241.54	9,440.12	4,608.43	5,605.17	10,037.75	10.54
County Sources	777.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Sources	122,981.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.50	0.00
Federal Sources	16,422.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,893.76	0.00
Other Financing Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	155,421.78	9,440.12	4,608.43	5,605.17	19,242.01	10.54
Total Available	803,336.16	139,802.16	418,697.24	90,199.16	34,604.50	13,601.94
DISBURSEMENTS	-357,902.33	-209,818.56	-44,925.27	-1,300.00	-21,901.01	0.00
MJE - Bank Serv. Fee	-118.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MJE - Deposit Bks.	-245.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MJE - Dividend	98.35	575.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance 10/31/2026	445,168.30	-69,441.28	373,771.97	88,899.16	12,703.49	13,601.94

TOTAL ALL FUNDS: $427,296.69.

WILLOW LAKE SCHOOL
DISTRICT #12-3
NOVEMBER 9, 2026

The Willow Lake School District Board of Education met in regular session on November 9, 2026. President Thoreson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present: Felberg, Forbes, Nelson and Thoreson. Knock was absent. Also attending were Supt. Lee, Principal Mohr and Business Manager Burke.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Item #1: Motion by Forbes, second by Felberg to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Action Item #2: Motion by Nelson, second by Felberg to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1.1 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2026; 1.2 approve the financial reports as of October 31, 2026; and 1.3 approve the bills as of November 2026. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 2026 AP BILLS

Gen. Fund:

Travis Ahrens, jvfb official, 40.00; Ars, A Tecta America Co., Llc, roof inspection, 1,600.00; Auto Value - Clark, brake fluid/filters, 97.33; Basin Construction & Drain Tile, Llc, crushed rock, 751.74; Better Me Counseling and Consulting, consultant, 1,522.50; Card Member Service, equip./books, 2,047.00; Carrier Enterprise, Llc, hvac filters, 589.80; Cash-Wa Distributing Co., ffvp, 350.10; City of Willow Lake, water and sewer, 963.55; Clark Ace Hardware, antifreeze/paint supp., 383.09; Clark Community Oil Co., fuel, 7,988.36; Clark County Courier, proceedings, 161.16; Colliers Securities Llc, consultant, 300.00; Cook's Wastepaper Recycling, garbage serv., 323.93; Dakota Education, Llc, ela gr. consultant, 2,250.00; Duenwald Transportation Llc, ath. transport., 1,344.40; Gail Evenson, vb line judge, 300.00; Expetec of Aberdeen, consultant/repairs, 4,858.03; Flinn Scientific Inc., sci. supp., 230.97; Follett Software Llc, license renewal, 1,725.68; Hillyard Inc., janitorial supp., 247.35; Joel Huber, fb field prep/fb spotter, 1,950.00; Hyvee, supp., 56.80;

INCIDENTAL FUND: Robin Hartley, vb off./mlg., 185.16; Cassi Kottke, vb off./mlg., 168.44; Health Equity, flex-/h.s.a. fees, 39.40; Monte Robinson, fb off./mlg., 335.44; Greg Cantine, fb off./mlg., 253.48; Kevin Cantine, fb off./mlg., 182.04; Jason Mack, fb off./mlg., 168.36; Jordan Sutton, fb off./mlg., 227.52; Julie Bjerke, vb off./mlg., 252.80; Robin Hartley, vb off., 135.00; EDJM Festival, dues and fees, 25.00; Malory McIntire, vb off./mlg., 169.96; Molly Koens, vb off./mlg., 206.44; Venture Communications, shamrock internet, 94.15; Grayson Florey, coaching dues, 147.38; Alex Kenkel, fb off./mlg., 172.50; Jared Horn, fb off./mlg., 172.50; Parker Bailey, fb off./mlg., 336.96; Jeff Larson, fb off./mlg., 187.08; Steve Siebersma, fb off./mlg., 161.34; T-Mobile, mobile hot spot, 45.00; Britton-Hecla School, oral interp dues, 150.00; ELABO, dues and fees, 60.00; **TOTAL INCIDENT. FUND: $3,875.95.**

ITC, telephone/internet serv., 1,134.16; Ixl Learning, site license renewal, 6,795.00; J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc., sheet music, 117.10; Josten's, 26-27 yearbook install., 1,697.00; Mark Kannegieter, fb chains, 60.00; Ksb School Law, Pc, Llo, consultant, 63.00; Lake Grocery, supp., 213.73; Lake Norden Family Chiropractic, bus dr. phy., 115.00; Cynthia Maffei, vb line judge, 300.00; Marco Technologies, Llc., copier staples, 209.72; Mccormack DISTRIBUTING CO., INC., repairs & maint., 407.50; Mcleod's PRINTING & OFFICE, laser checks, 292.63; Menards, supp., 51.31; Claire Mohr, fuel/meal reimb., 63.53; Monty & Ramirez Llp, consultant, 7,500.00; Mosyle Corporation, computer license fees, 8.24; Ncs Pearson, aimsweb renewal, 1,627.50; Nesc, gen. serv., 78.12; Brock Nichols, jvfb official, 40.00; NSU, book fees, 230.44; Nwps, utilities, 8,391.79; Popplers Music Store, sheet music, 29.35; Terry Schlagel, fb announcer, 60.00; School Specialty, Llc, supp., 185.10; S.D. Dept. of Public Safety, scale certification, 56.00; Dawn Spieker, supp., 84.92; Star Laundry, clean. serv., 132.83; Taylor Music, horn repair, 122.00; Melissa Terhark, fuel reimb., 30.37; Titan Machinery, bus repairs, 3,871.72; Trugreen Chemlawn, fb field maint., 600.00; Ventris Learning Llc, ufli manuals/supp., 1,892.00; WW Tire Service Inc, tires, 1,726.52; Willow Lake H.S. FFA, national ffa fees, 3,590.00;

ADDITIONAL PAYROLL: Diane Anderson, sub, 140.00; Lukas Anderson, ex. bus trips/fb chains/vb bk., 552.59; Rikki Anderson, ex. bus trips/fb chains, 356.95; Brook Begeman, jvfb off., 40.00; Jolene Beld, sub, 140.00; Whitney Edleman, sub, 140.00; Cody Forbes, sub/ex. bus trips, 355.00; Jaycie Forbes, sub, 1,508.72; Troy Forbes, ex. bus trip, 113.00; Wyatt Forbes, ex. bus trips, 200.00; Kaleb Glanzer, sub, 734.00; Lerona Goslett, sub, 280.00; Colleen Hohm, sub bus dr., 30.00; Christina Kannegieter, sub bus dr., 315.00; Kati Knock, ex. bus trip, 27.70; Jackie Konechne, sub, 860.00; Brady LaMont, ex. bus trips/sub bus dr., 249.05; Ann Larson, sub, 396.00; Chris Lee, fb scoreboard/ex. bus trip, 180.50; Megan Nuttbrock, sub bus dr./ex. bus trip, 109.40; Dawn Spieker, jvfb scoreboard, 30.00; Lindsey Tellinghuisen, ex. bus trips, 114.66; Angela Terhark, ex. bus trips, 130.03; Melissa Terhark, ex. bus trips/vb clock, 470.97; Dan Tonak, ex. bus trip, 44.10; Kristin Vandersnick, ex. bus trip, 41.55; Susanna Waldner, sub, 1,174.00; Doreen Wipf, sub, 216.00; Mariah Wipf, sub, 254.00; **TOTAL ADD. PAYROLL: $9,203.22.**

SALARIES and BENEFITS: Elementary, 91,470.57; Elementary - REAP, 1,564.40; Junior High, 19,434.31; High School, 46,070.55; Preschool, 3,929.77; Title Programs, 8,078.12; Guidance, 4,015.84; School Nurse, 1,197.53; Library, 4,476.22; Technology, 283.07; Administration, 34,316.57; Operations & Maint., 12,406.08; Pupil Transportation, 12,586.98; Extra-Curricular, 1,453.27; **TOTAL GEN. FUND: $326,220.82.**

Cap. Outlay Fund:

Allied Climate Professionals, furnace/install., 3,872.96; Card Member Service, equip., 606.93; Cliff Keen Athletic, Inc., wrestling head gear, 2,976.38; Daktronics Inc., equip., 2,905.00; Marco, Inc., copier/printer leases, 2,299.40; Rudis, wrestling uniforms, 5,778.00; Sports Imports Inc, vb standards/equip., 8,817.05; Uline, benches, 3,339.92; U.S. Bank, bank agent fee, 650.00; **TOTAL CAP. OUTLAY FUND: $ 31,245.64.**

Sp. Ed. Fund:

SALARIES and BENEFITS: 37,820.68; ADDITIONAL PAYROLL: Jolene Beld, sub, 47.52; Jacki Konechne, sub, 120.00; Ann Larson, sub, 118.72; Susanna Waldner, sub, 1,174.00; Doreen Wipf, sub, 216.00; Mariah Wipf, sub, 254.00; **TOTAL ADD. PAYROLL: $ 1,930.24;** Mileage Reimbursement, 103.36; NESC, Nov. assessments, 10,082.82; **TOTAL SP. ED. FUND: $49,937.10.**

Food Serv. Fund:

SALARIES and BENEFITS PAYABLE: 8,749.06; Cash-Wa Distributing Co., food/supp., 3,512.23; Culligan, water softener, 30.50; East Side Jersey Dairy, Inc., milk, 1,695.90; Lake Grocery, food, 10.17; S.D. Dept. of Ed., food, 1,461.26; Star Laundry, clean. serv., 105.97; U.S. Foods, food/supp., 4,328.04; **TOTAL FOOD SERV. FUND: $19,893.13.**

Acknowledgements: Congratulations to the CWL cross country team on a great season. Congratulations to our CWL state qualifiers, Johanna Vandersnick, Kamryn Nesheim, Ethan Zemlicka and Aksel Gjerde on earning the opportunity to compete at the State Meet. Congratulations to the CWL football team on their outstanding 11-1 season. Congratulations to the Milk Quality team of Hadley Gjerde, Kadee Frankfurth, Max Bratland and Charlie Terhark for competing at the National FFA Convention; they earned a silver award. Thank you to the Class of 1981 for their generous donation to the music department in memory of former music teacher, Gail Cranston. Thank you to the Willow Lake Alumni Association for their generous donations to the FCCLA program and to the school to help offset the cost of the stage and wall padding in the north gym. It has been a great, first year for FCCLA and Oral Interp. The Willow Lake Board of Education is grateful to formally accept the generous gift of renovations towards the football field, a project spearheaded by the Willow Lake Area Advancement, totaling close to $350,100. The Board of Education extends their sincere appreciation to the Willow Lake Area Advancement and to every individual, family, business and organization who contributed to making this a reality. Whether through financial donations, time, resources or other forms of support, every contribution played a significant role in this project.Your generosity, commitmen, and continued support of our school and community are truly appreciated.

Policy and Procedures

• **Action Item #3:** Motion by Forbes, second by Nelson to approve the 2026-2027 WLEA Negotiation Team. Motion carried.

• **Action Item #4:** Motion by Nelson, second by Felberg to approve the negotiation ground rules, with meeting dates to be set after the conclusion of legislative session. Motion carried.

• **Action Item #5:** Motion by Forbes, second by Felberg to approve the Education Law Annual Association Meeting fee. Motion carried.

• **Action Item #6:** Motion by Forbes, second by Nelson to approve insurance proposal #1 from Dacotah Insurance for the football field improvements. Motion carried.

Business and Finance

• Cash flows were reviewed as of October 31, 2026.

• Information was shared on preliminary valuations for the school district. Finalized values should be received by January 2027.

Superintendent/Principal/Curriculum Director Report

• The ADM Fall Enrollment Verification Report was shared. State funding for the school district is holding steady at 340.

• The district was selected for a Title I desk audit. All information requested has been submitted.

• The Veterans Day program will be held Wednesday, November 11, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Program information was shared.

• **Action Item #7:** Motion by Nelson, second by Felberg to approve Julayne Thoreson as the ASBSD LAN member. Motion carried.

• Principal Mohr shared information on the UFLI phonics curriculum the school purchased. Administration will be looking for new ELA curriculum for the 2027-2028 school year.

• Information was shared on the federal tax credit, which is a new offering from the federal government, which can begin on January 1. No action was taken.

Activity Director Report

• The CWL volleyball team will be competing in the SoDak 16 on Tuesday, November 10 at the Watertown Civic Arena. The winner will advance to the state tournament, to be held in Sioux Falls. The school play will be performed Monday, November 30. Dani Batchelor has been hired as the CWL assistant girls wrestling coach.

NESC Updates: Board Member Felberg was unable to attend the October meeting.

Action Item #8: Motion by Felberg, second by Forbes to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss personnel (SDCL1-25-2(1) at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

President Thoreson declared the board out of executive session at 8:29 p.m.

Action Item #9: Motion by Felberg, second by Forbes to terminate Michelle Severson from the Collins Colony paraprofessional position, effective October 23, 2026. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Willow Lake School Board will be held December 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow Lake School Administration Conference Room.

Adjournment:

Action Item #10: Motion by Nelson, second by Felberg to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Julayne Thoreson, President

Melissa Burke,
Business Manager

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