

Willow Lake School Board approves \$250,000 opt-out resolution, wellness center for wrestling

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Spec. Ed. Fund	Bond Redemption Fund	Building Project Fund	Food Serv. Fund	Enterprise Fund
Balance 1/1/2026	719,955.89	389,650.65	455,961.74	298,666.07	0.09	9,544.06	13,568.04
RECEIPTS							
Local Sources	8,967.13	10,818.39	2,732.00	2,586.51	0.00	5,308.93	229.74
County Sources	721.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Sources	126,531.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Federal Sources	7,705.86	32,916.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,041.86	0.00
Other Financing Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	143,925.44	43,734.77	2,732.00	2,586.51	0.00	13,350.79	229.74
Total Available	863,881.33	433,385.42	458,693.74	301,252.58	0.09	22,894.85	13,797.78
DISBURSEMENTS							
MJE - Bank Serv. Fee	-13.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MJE - Med. Admin. Fee	-43.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MJE - Dividend	92.01	537.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance 1/31/2026	594,356.01	333,038.24	420,034.86	123,234.45	0.09	8,828.28	13,780.70

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

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

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Action Item #2: Motion by Forbes, second by Knock to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1.1 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2026; 1.2 approve the financial reports as of January 31, 2026; 1.3 approve the bills as of February 2026; and 1.4 approve to surplus six HP printers at a value less than \$2,500 each. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 2026 AP BILLS Gen. Fund:

3d Security Inc., door repairs, 58.82; Agirepair, Inc., i-pad repairs, 645.00; Better Me Counseling And Consulting, consultant, 2,445.50; Melissa Burke, supp., 30.95; Card Member Service, room - ag conf./supp., 389.01; Cash-Wa Distributing Co., ffpv, 419.25; City of Willow Lake, water and sewer, 734.10; Clark Community Oil Co., fuel, 2,850.73; Clark County Courier, proceedings, 126.62; Clubhouse Hotel and Suites, room - supt. mtgs., 327.92; Cook's Wastepaper Recycling, garbage serv., 294.62; Core Educational Cooperative,

distance learning fees, 7,215.00; Creative Rewards and Specialties, engraving, 52.00; Duenwald Transportation Llc, ath. transport., 1,830.98; Expetec of Aberdeen, consultant/i-pad cases, 3,998.75; Hillyard, janitorial supp./repairs, 2,545.69;

INCIDENTAL FUND: McCook Central School, wrestling fees, 100.00; Webster School, wrestling fees, 175.00; Miller School, wrestling fees, 250.00; Mark Prouty, coaching dues, 92.98; Health Equity, flex/h.s.a. fees, 39.40; Educators Rising of S.D., dues and fees, 50.00; T-Mobile, hotspot, 45.00; Matt Clark, bbb off./mlg., 195.80; Greg Blue, bbb off./mlg., 143.68; Mike Ruth, bbb off./mlg., 146.92; Clark Lanes, rec. sports fees, 140.00; Venture Communications, shamrock internet, 94.15; Gettysburg School, wrestling fees, 300.00; Postmaster, postage, 13.85; Rob Lewis, wrestling off./mlg., 264.00; Parkston School, wrestling fees, 150.00; Matt Clark, gbb off./mlg., 195.80; Mike Ruth, gbb off./mlg., 146.92; Dennis Heinz, gbb off./mlg., 146.92; Scott Deutsch, gbb off./mlg., 274.20; Gregg DeSpiegler, gbb off./mlg., 146.20; Josie Anderson, gbb off./mlg., 216.80; **TOTAL INCIDENT. FUND: \$3,327.62.**

ITC, telephone serv., 1,113.18; J.W. Pepper and Son, Inc., e-print music, 206.10; Lake Grocery, supp., 137.65; Nesc, gen. serv., 77.99; Nwps, utilities, 7,272.87; Plunkett's, maint. fee, 72.80; Star Laundry, clean. serv., 171.39; Dan Tonak, dues and fees, 65.00; WW Tire Service Inc., tires, 850.66; Willow Lake School Custodial Fund, wrestling fee, 200.00;

ADDITIONAL PAYROLL: Diane Anderson, sub, 242.38; Lukas Anderson, sub bus dr./ex. bus trip, 68.85; Rikki Anderson, ex. bus trip, 25.70; Curwin Bratland, sub bus dr., 270.00; Butch Brenden, ex. bus trip,

83.50; J.J. Burke, sub, 325.00; Stacie Ehlke, sub, 1,007.75; Grayson Florey, ex. bus trips, 80.00; Jaycie Forbes, sub, 216.52; Troy Forbes, ex. bus trip, 125.55; Wyatt Forbes, ex. bus trips, 307.15; Jalen Hohm, sub, 65.00; Christina Kannegieter, sub bus dr., 180.00; Josh Kannegieter, ex. bus trip, 20.00; Lois Kannegieter, sub, 116.00; Lucas Kannegieter, ex. bus trips, 313.02; Brady LaMont, sub bus dr./ex. bus trips, 406.10; Ann Larson, sub, 390.00; Julie Larson, sub, 26.00; Megan Nuttbrock, sub bus dr., 90.00; Chayla Robinson, ex. bus trip, 20.00; Melissa Terhark, sub bus dr., 60.00; Susanna Waldner, sub, 894.13; Katherine Wendling, sub, 1,235.00; **TOTAL ADD. PAYROLL: \$6,567.65.**

SALARIES and BENEFITS: Elem. Programs, 85,782.51; J.H. Programs, 20,170.87; H.S. Programs, 46,779.21; Preschool, 2,908.14; Title Programs, 7,629.01; Guidance, 4,708.67; Nursing Serv., 1,856.97; Library, 5,245.50; Administration, 31,036.10; Operations and Maint., 10,942.37; Pupil Transportation, 11,809.88; Extra-Curricular, 3,943.69; **TOTAL GEN. FUND: \$276,840.77.**

Cap. Outlay Fund: Apple Inc., i-pads, 2,190.00; Marco, Inc., copier/printer leases, 1,224.70; Mrg Hauff Lcc, backboards, 4,524.70; Uline, folding gate, 1,203.96; **TOTAL CAP. OUTLAY FUND: \$9,143.36.**

Sp. Ed. Fund: **SALARIES and BENEFITS:** 27,584.50; **ADDITIONAL PAYROLL:** Jaycie Forbes, sub, 179.67; Ann Larson, sub, 96.51; Julie Larson, sub, 104.00; Susanna Waldner, sub, 894.16; Katherine Wendling, sub, 184.81; **TOTAL ADD, PAYROLL: \$1,459.15;** Aph For The Blind, Inc., supp., 48.00; Mileage Reimbursement, 84.00; NESc, Feb. assessments, 10,535.47; **TOTAL SP. ED. FUND: \$39,711.12.**

Food Serv. Fund:

SALARIES and BENEFITS: 7,856.43; **ADDITIONAL PAYROLL:** Jaycie Forbes, sub, 13.99; Ann Larson, sub, 14.42; Katherine Wendling, sub, 27.62; **TOTAL ADD. PAYROLL: \$56.03.**

Cash-Wa Distributing Co., food/supp., 4,160.89; Culligan, softener salt, 30.50; East Side Jersey Dairy, Inc., milk, 1,420.34; Lake Grocery, supp., 11.68; S.D. Dept. of Ed., food, 385.32; Star Laundry, clean. serv., 116.75; U.S. Foods, food/supp., 4,473.16; **TOTAL FOOD SERV. FUND: \$18,511.10.**

Enterprise Fund:

ITC, t.v. serv., 17.08; **TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND: \$17.08.**

TOTAL ALL FUNDS: \$344,223.43.

Acknowledgments: Thank you very much to the Clark School pep band and instructor, Mrs. Amy Nelson, for coming to Willow Lake and performing with the Willow Lake band students at the basketball game. In recognition of School Board Appreciation Week, Supt. Lee thanked the board members for their support and all they do for the Willow Lake School District. **Facilities:**

The wellness center building and its usage was discussed. Greg Marx, CWL wrestling coach, was present to discuss the idea of using the wellness center area of the building for the wrestling program. The CWL program has grown in participants, and they are no longer able to practice in the mezzanine due to space constraints. Greg Marx left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Action Item #3: Motion by Knock, second by Nelson to close the wellness center for public use by August 1, 2026. The wellness center area of the build-

ing will be used for the wrestling program. All weights and equipment will be moved to the mezzanine for student and class access. Motion carried.

The bleacher quote, with changes made since the January meeting, was reviewed.

Action Item #4: Motion by Forbes, second by Felberg to replace the north gym bleachers with new, wood bleachers along both sides of the main court and eight rows of mobile bleacher seating for the stage area. Motion carried.

Policy and Procedures

Action Item #5: Motion by Nelson, second by Forbes to approve the lane change of Emily Koenig to MA+16 for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Business and Finance

Cash flows were reviewed as of January 31, 2026.

Information was shared on the School and Public Land Apportionment payment.

Business Manager Burke reviewed the budget timelines for the FY 2027 budget.

A discussion was held on the \$500,000 opt-out, which expires at the end of calendar year 2026. Fiscal information was reviewed.

Action Item #6: Motion by Knock, second by Forbes to approve an opt-out resolution for \$250,000 for 10 years. Motion carried.

Superintendent/Principal/Curriculum Director Report

The 2026-2027 master calendar was discussed regarding a modified four-day school week calendar. No action was taken.

Discussion was held on the two school days missed, January 21 and 23, for inclement weather.

Action Item #7: Motion by Knock, second by Felberg to add two make-up days to the end of the school year, changing the last day for students to Friday, May 22, 2026 and for teachers to Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Motion carried.

The schedule for the February 27 in-service was shared.

Principal Mohr gave an update on Access testing, which is set to be completed by Friday, February 13. Principal Mohr is developing a curriculum rotation schedule for budgeting purposes.

Activity Director Report

Winter sports are nearing post-season play. Girls wrestling regions are scheduled for February 19 in De Smet, with boys to be held on February 21 in Webster. The state wrestling tournament is February 26 - 28 in Sioux Falls. Girls basketball regions are February 24 and 26, with the SoDak 16 game on March 5. Boys basketball regions are March 3 and 6, with the SoDak 16 game on March 10.

NESC Updates: Board Member Felberg was unable to attend the January NESC meeting. Supt. Lee shared information from the NESC advisory meeting.

Action Item #8: Motion by Forbes, second by Felberg to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss personnel (SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried. Sara Gjerde left the meeting at this time.

President Thoreson declared the board out of executive session at 9:23 p.m.

Action Item #9: Motion by Felberg, second by Nelson to approve the K-12 principal contract to Claire Mohr for the 2026-2027 school year, with salary to be set later. Motion carried.

Action Item #10: Motion by Forbes, second by Felberg to approve the business manager contract to Melissa Burke for the 2026-2027 school year, with salary to be set later. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Willow Lake School Board will be held March 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow Lake School Administration Conference Room.

Adjournment:

Action Item #11: Motion by Nelson, second by Knock to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Julayne Thoreson, President

Melissa A. Burke, Business Manager

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