

Willow Lake School Board denies open enrollment applications, sets April 8 special meeting

Willow Lake School District Financial Reports

| | General | Capital Outlay | Spec. Ed. | Bond Redemption | Building | Food Serv. | Enterprise |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>Fund</u> | <u>Fund</u> | <u>Fund</u> | <u>Fund</u> | <u>Project Fund</u> | <u>Fund</u> | <u>Fund</u> |
| Balance 2/1/2026 | 594,356.01 | 333,038.24 | 420,034.86 | 123,234.45 | 0.09 | 8,828.28 | 13,780.70 |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | | | |
| Local Sources | 20,581.23 | 20,311.93 | 9,804.89 | 11,954.65 | 0.00 | 8,781.34 | 87.15 |
| County Sources | 662.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| State Sources | 166,920.49 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Federal Sources | 8,048.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8,924.57 | 0.00 |
| Other Financing Sources | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 196,212.33 | 20,311.93 | 9,804.89 | 11,954.65 | 0.00 | 17,705.91 | 87.15 |
| Total Available | 790,568.34 | 353,350.17 | 429,839.75 | 135,189.10 | 0.09 | 26,534.19 | 13,867.85 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | | | | |
| MJE - Bank Serv. Fee | -13.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| MJE - Dividend | 82.69 | 483.66 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Balance 2/28/2026 | 513,797.21 | 344,690.47 | 390,128.63 | 135,189.10 | 0.09 | 8,023.09 | 13,850.77 |

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

The Willow Lake School District Board of Education met in regular session on March 9, 2026. President Thoreson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board Members present: Felberg, Forbes, Knock, Nelson and Thoreson. Also attending were Supt. Lee, Principal Mohr and Business Manager Burke.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Action Item #2: Motion by Forbes, second by Felberg to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1.1 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2026; 1.2 approve the financial reports as of February 28, 2026; and 1.3 approve the bills as of March 2026. Motion carried.

MARCH 2026 AP BILLS

Gen. Fund:

3d Security Inc., key fob repairs, 635.00; Better Me Counseling And Consulting, consultant, 1,340.00; Cole Brenden, winter sports help, 80.00; Card Member Service, bulk oil/equip./supp., 1,179.45; Cash-Wa Distributing Co., ffvp, 810.24; City Of Willow Lake, water & sewer, 790.21; Clark Community Oil Co., fuel, 7,500.09; Clark County Courier, proceedings, 317.17; Cook's Wastepaper Recycling,

garbage serv., 294.62; Duenwald Transportation Llc, ath. transport., 2,206.79; Expetec Of Aberdeen, consultant, 3,894.00; Kaplan Felberg, winter sports help, 80.00; Hillyard Inc., janitorial supp., 352.19;

INCIDENTAL FUND: Region Music Contest, dues & fees, 21.00; Stanley Co. School, wrestling fees, 150.00; Health Equity, flex/h.s.a. fees, 39.40; Venture Communications, shamrock internet, 94.15; Deuel School, wrestling fees, 158.70; Dacotah Bank, state wrestling meals, 2,528.00; **TOTAL INCIDENT. FUND: \$2,991.25**

ITC, telephone serv., 1,108.71; Brady Jordan, winter sports help, 110.00; Shane Jordan, winter sports help, 220.00; Josten's, yearbook installment/supp., 2,700.85; Lake Grocery, supp., 301.62; Lindner Music, horn repairs, 40.00; Marzano Research Llc, evaluation - ela grant, 4,500.00; Mid States Audio, Inc., audio sys. repairs, 1,545.00; Nassp, dues & fees, 385.00; North Central Bus Sales, bus repairs, 451.00; Nesc, gen. serv., 77.99; Northeast Llc, garage door repairs, 611.13; Nwps, utilities, 10,678.16; Fred Obermeier, winter sports help, 360.00; Sanford Health Occ. Med., bus dr. physicals, 230.00; School Specialty, Llc, supp., 65.49; Dave Severson, winter sports help, 90.00; Stan Houston Equip Co Inc, table saw repairs, 295.95; Star Laundry, clean. serv., 125.00; U.S. Foods, FFVP, 60.36;

ADDITIONAL PAYROLL: Diane Anderson, sub, 113.00; Lukas Anderson, sub bus dr./ex. bus trip, 67.55; Rikki Anderson, ex. bus trip, 37.55; Brook Begeman, ex. bus trip,

69.25; Curwin Bratland, sub bus dr., 135.00; Butch Brenden, ex. bus trip/winter sports help, 599.40; Stacie Ehlke, sub, 623.50; Grayson Florey, ex. bus trips, 80.00; Cody Forbes, ex. bus trip, 16.10; Wyatt Forbes, ex. bus trips, 388.74; Colleen Hohm, ex. bus trip, 27.70; Christina Kannegieter, sub bus dr./winter sports help, 390.00; Josh Kannegieter, ex. bus trips, 75.40; Lucas Kannegieter, ex. bus trips, 203.21; Ashley Konechne, sub, 317.99; Brady LaMont, sub bus dr., 180.00; Ann Larson, sub, 780.00; Julie Larson, sub, 130.00; Heidi Madsen, sub, 130.00; Megan Nuttbrock, sub bus dr., 90.00; Kim Olson, winter sports help, 380.00; Brooklyn Schmidt, sub, 109.91; Kerri Snyman, sub, 14.50; Melissa Terhark, sub bus dr., 90.00; Dan Tonak, winter sports help, 240.00; Susanna Waldner, sub, 927.41; Katherine Wendling, sub, 1,300.00; **TOTAL ADD. PAYROLL: \$7,516.21.**

SALARIES and BENEFITS: Elem. Programs, 85,924.76; J.H. Programs, 20,183.78; H.S. Programs, 46,783.58; Preschool, 2,908.14; Title Programs, 7,716.67; Guidance, 4,708.67; Nursing Serv., 1,856.96; Library, 5,245.50; Administration, 30,925.90; Operations & Maint., 10,568.99; Pupil Transportation, 12,282.79; Extra-Curricular, 25,770.16; **TOTAL GEN. FUND: \$308,819.38.**

Cap. Outlay Fund:

Marco, Inc., copier/printer leases, 1,149.70; **TOTAL CAP. OUTLAY FUND: \$1,149.70.**

Sp. Ed. Fund:

SALARIES and BENEFITS: 27,876.83; ADDITIONAL PAYROLL:

Diane Anderson, sub, 104.00; Susanna Waldner, sub, 927.43; Katherine Wendling, sub, 260.00; **TOTAL ADD. PAYROLL: \$1,291.43;** Mileage Reimbursement, 89.60; NESC, March assessments, 10,535.47; **TOTAL SP. ED. FUND: \$39,793.33.**

Food Serv. Fund:

SALARIES and BENEFITS: 8,642.62; ADDITIONAL PAYROLL: Kerri Snyman, sub, 93.24; **TOTAL ADD. PAYROLL: \$93.24.**

Cash-Wa Distributing Co., food/supp., 3,864.03; Culligan, softener salt, 30.50; East Side Jersey Dairy, Inc., milk, 1,013.50; Lake Grocery, food/supp., 11.57; Star Laundry, clean. serv., 66.79; U.S. Foods, food/supp., 3,609.57; **TOTAL FOOD SERV. FUND: \$17,331.82.**

Enterprise Fund:

ITC, T.V. Serv., 17.08; **TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND: \$17.08.**

TOTAL ALL FUNDS: \$367,111.31.

Acknowledgments: Congratulations to the CWL girls basketball team on a great season. Congratulations to the CWL wrestlers that qualified and placed at the state tournament. Kaden Wookey and Cooper Pommer placed third, Cade Gaikowski placed fourth, and Austin Vig placed seventh for the boys' team; Kadee Frankfurth placed third, Naomi Miller placed fourth, and Emma Bocheck placed sixth for the girls' team. Thank you to the school staff for all their work in decorating for Read Across America Week and for the different activities held through-

out the week. Thank you to the parents who came in and read with their students; it was a wonderful turnout.

Policy and Procedures

The upcoming renewals of the school district insurance policies were discussed. All policies renew in May. It was noted that the district will be receiving a safety dividend check in the amount of \$13,039.68 from EMC Insurance.

Business and Finance

Cash flows were reviewed as of February 28, 2026.

Information was shared on the \$250,000 opt-out. It will begin with taxes 2026, payable in 2027.

Business Manager Burke has received the draft of the FY 2025 audit. Once approved by the Department of Legislative Audit, the final copy will be sent.

Supt. Lee and Business Manager Burke will be attending the school health insurance pool meeting on Wednesday, March 11 in Huron.

Facilities

The state fire marshal's office has inspected the school district buildings. This inspection occurs every two years. The corrective action plan was discussed.

The new scoreboard for the football field has arrived and is in storage at the bus garage.

Superintendent/Principal/Curriculum Director Report

Supt. Lee gave an update on legislative bills affecting education. This is the last week of the 2026 legislative session.

The 2026-2027 master calendar was discussed. No action taken.

Kindergarten screening will be held April 16. There are tentatively 34 students scheduled for screening. The projected K-12 enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is 349 students.

Discussion was held on the February 18 snow day. No action was taken.

ACT testing will be held March 11-12 for all juniors. For those absent, the make-up dates for the test will be March 17 and 18.

Supt. Lee stated that the current custodial staff of Chance Burke and Brady LaMont, along with Erica Bratland, Shelby Seefeldt and Lindsay Staudy will be covering the summer-time cleaning duties.

Activity Director report

The CWL boys' basketball team will be playing in the SoDak 16, versus McCook Central/Montrose, on Tuesday, March 10. The winner of that contest will advance to the State A Basketball Tournament, to be held in Rapid City. It was reported that Tammie Paulson has submitted her cross-country coaching resignation. It will be acted upon by the Clark School Board.

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

Action Item #3: Motion by Felberg, second by Forbes to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss personnel (SDCL 1-25-2(1), student (SDCL 1-25-2(2)), and negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2(4)) at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.

President Thoreson declared the board out of executive session at 9:00 p.m.

Action Item #4: Motion by Felberg, second by Forbes to approve the internal transfer of Rikki Anderson to third grade for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Action Item #5: Motion by Forbes, second by Knock to deny the open enrollment applications of students #19, #20 and #21. Motion carried.

There will be a special school board meeting of the Willow Lake School Board on March 31, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Willow Lake School Administration Conference Room.

The next regular meeting of the Willow Lake School Board will be held April 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Willow Lake School Administration Conference Room.

Adjournment:

Action Item #6: Motion by Nelson, second by Knock to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Julayne Thoreson, President

Melissa Burke,
Business Manager

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