

Willow Lake School Board approves contracts, salaries, hire, internal transfer, resignation for 2026-27

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 3/1/2026	513,797.21	344,690.47	390,128.63	135,189.10	0.09	8,023.09	13,850.77
RECEIPTS							
Local Sources	35,708.37	22,219.85	10,786.33	12,818.59	0.00	8,287.23	14.08
County Sources	2,525.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Sources	128,785.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Federal Sources	9,170.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,638.87	0.00
Other Financing Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	176,189.78	22,219.85	10,786.33	12,818.59	0.00	16,926.10	14.08
Total Available	689,986.99	366,910.32	400,914.96	148,007.69	0.09	24,949.19	13,864.85
DISBURSEMENTS							
MJE - Bank Serv. Fee	-13.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MJE - Med. Admin. Fee	-62.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MJE - Dividend	91.12	532.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance 3/31/2026	381,182.87	366,293.56	361,121.63	148,007.69	0.09	7,617.37	13,847.77

WILLOW LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT #12-3 APRIL 8, 2026

The Willow Lake School District Board of Education met in regular session on April 8, 2026. President Thoreson called the meeting to order at 3:34 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 Felberg, second by Forbes to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Action Item #2: Motion by Nelson, second by Knock to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2(4) at 3:34 p.m. Motion carried.

President Thoreson declared the board out of executive session at 3:52 p.m.

Action Item #3: Motion by Felberg, second by Nelson to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 2.1 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2026 and the special meeting of March 31, 2026; 2.2 approve the financial reports as of March 31, 2026; 2.3 approve the bills as of April 2026; and 2.4 approve the membership to the SDHSAA for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

APRIL 2026 AP BILLS

Gen. Fund:

A and M Products Co., plaques, 210.00; Auto Value, belt/wiper blade, 79.98; Automatic Building Controls, battery, 81.37; Better Me Counseling And Consulting, consultant, 1,340.00; Card Member Service, fuel/battery booster pack, 1,184.92; Cash-Wa

Distributing Co., ffpv/testing supp., 1,584.44; City of Willow Lake, water and sewer, 782.03; Clark Community Oil Co., fuel, 6,931.42; Clark County Courier, proceedings/subscriptions, 252.22; Cook's Wastepaper Recycling, garbage serv., 294.62; Core Educational Cooperative, distance learning fees, 1,040.00; Dakota Butcher, supp., 186.69; Desmet School District, art i tuition, 1,650.00; Elo Prof Llc, fy 2025 audit fees, 11,061.60; Expetec of Aberdeen, consultant, 3,894.00; Grayson Florey, bus dr. phy., 110.00; Hillyard Inc., janitorial supp., 1,987.45; Horizon Health Care Inc, bus dr. phy., 238.00; Hyvee, supp., 209.89;

INCIDENTAL FUND: Health Equity, flex/h.s.a. fees, 39.40; Webster School, region wrestling dues, 350.66; Heartland Classic, cde dues and fees, 180.00; De Smet School, region wrestling dues, 97.22; T-Mobile, mobile hot-spot, 100.00; Groton FFA, cde dues and fees, 147.00; U.S. Postmaster, postage, 21.50; Howard FFA, cde dues and fees, 232.00; Venture Communications, shamrock internet, 94.15; Tri Valley FFA Alumni, cde dues and fees, 270.00; Miller FFA, cde dues and fees, 187.00; Arlington FFA, cde dues and fees, 289.00; **TOTAL INCIDENT. FUND: \$2,007.93.**

The Instrumentalist, music awards, 462.00; Itc, telephone serv., 1,112.65; Josten's, diplomas/covers, 401.40; Ksb School Law, Pc, Llo, consultant, 126.00; Lake Grocery, supp., 115.46; Monty and Ramirez Llp, consultant/h1-b fees, 3,210.00; Nesc, gen. serv., 77.99; Nwps, utilities, 9,055.73; Office Peeps Inc, paper, 9.24; Perfect Placement, Llc, assembly fees, 1,000.00; Plunkett's, maint. fee, 72.80; Sheraton, state wrestling rooms, 7,960.00; Star Laundry, clean. serv., 157.70; U.S. Foods, ffpv/testing supp., 499.53; W W Tire Service Inc, tires/repairs, 1,110.67;

ADDITIONAL PAYROLL: Diane

Anderson, sub, 65.51; Brook Begeman, ex. bus trips, 40.00; Curwin Bratland, sub bus dr., 270.00; Stacie Ehlke, sub, 1,197.41; Tia Felberg, bd. mtgs., 225.00; Grayson Florey, ex. bus trips, 120.00; Cody Forbes, sub/ex. bus trip, 408.50; Jeremy Forbes, bd. mtgs./mlg., 254.40; Troy Forbes, ex. bus trips, 100.00; Wyatt Forbes, ex. bus trips/sub bus dr., 300.00; Aubrie Hartley, sub, 51.48; Christina Kannegieter, sub bus dr., 135.00; Lois Kannegieter, sub, 667.00; Jared Knock, bd. mtgs./mlg., 260.70; Kati Knock, sub, 546.00; Brady LaMont, sub bus dr./ex. bus trip, 481.10; Ann Larson, sub, 258.68; Jeannie Miller, sub, 364.00; Randy Nelson, bd. mtgs./mlg., 279.60; Melissa Terhark, sub bus dr., 30.00; Julayne Thoreson, bd. mtgs., 225.00; Dan Tonak, ex. bus trips, 240.80; Susanna Waldner, sub, 1,131.58; Katherine Wendling, sub, 1,261.00; **TOTAL ADD. PAYROLL: \$8,912.76.**

SALARIES and BENEFITS: Elem. Programs, 85,973.18; J.H. Programs, 20,211.33; H.S. Programs, 47,178.55; Preschool, 2,908.14; Title Programs, 7,448.29; Guidance, 4,708.67; Nursing Serv., 1,856.97; Library, 5,245.50; Bd. of Ed., 86.05; Administration, 29,660.09; Operations and Maint., 10,725.33; Pupil Transportation, 11,965.87; Extra-Curricular, 1,154.53; **TOTAL GEN. FUND: \$298,532.99.**

Cap. Outlay Fund:

Marco, Inc., copier/printer leases, 2,299.40; **TOTAL CAP. OUTLAY FUND: \$2,299.40.**

Sp. Ed. Fund:

SALARIES and BENEFITS: 27,944.64; ADDITIONAL PAYROLL: Diane Anderson, sub, 43.68; Tia Felberg, bd. mtg., 75.00; Kati Knock, sub, 104.00; Ann Larson, sub, 42.46; Jeannie Miller, sub, 1,456.00; Susanna Waldner, sub, 1,131.60; Katherine Wendling, sub, 364.00; **TOTAL ADD. PAYROLL: \$3,216.74;** Mileage

Reimbursement, 78.40; NESC, April assessments, 10,535.47; **TOTAL SP. ED. FUND: \$41,775.25.**

Food Serv. Fund:

SALARIES and BENEFITS: 8,154.61; ADDITIONAL PAYROLL: Kerri Snyman, sub, 82.94; **TOTAL ADD. PAYROLL: \$82.94.**

Cash-Wa Distributing Co., food/supp., 4,544.23; Culligan, softener salt, 30.50; East Side Jersey Dairy, Inc., milk, 986.64; Lake Grocery, food/supp., 28.14; Star Laundry, clean. serv., 117.66; U.S. Foods, food/supp./rental fee, 4,943.51; **TOTAL FOOD SERV. FUND: \$18,888.23.**

Enterprise Fund:

ITC, T.V. Serv., 17.08; **TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND: \$17.08.** **TOTAL ALL FUNDS: \$361,512.95.**

Acknowledgments: Congratulations to the CWL boys basketball team on their great season and fourth place finish at the State A Tournament. Congratulations to Sully Felberg and Chris Bevers for being selected to the State A All-Tournament Team.

Policy and Procedures

The Willow Lake School District will not need a school board election. One three-year position was open. Tia Felberg was the only person to file a petition for the three-year position.

Business and Finance

Cash flows were reviewed as of March 31, 2026.

Action Item #4: Motion by Knock, second by Forbes to approve to participate in the Northern Plains Insurance Pool. Motion carried.

Facilities

With the upcoming renewal of the school district insurance policy, information was shared on changes being

made company wide with EMC Insurance on roof deductibles.

Administration is working on a quote with House of Glass, updating classroom doors in the elementary wing and the 1997 addition. Along with doors, they will re-key exterior doors to match the new high school wing entrances.

President Thoreson, speaking on behalf of the WLAA, gave an update on the football field project.

Superintendent/Principal/Curriculum Director Report

Action Item #5: Motion by Knock, second by Forbes to approve the 2026-2027 master calendar. Motion carried.

The make-up day of March 20 was discussed. No action was taken.

Supt. Lee reported on staffing for Title I summer school and ESY services for the district.

Principal Mohr shared ACT test results recently completed by the junior class. Starting with the 2025-2026 school year, all juniors are required to take the ACT test as their spring assessment test.

Action Item #6: Motion by Forbes, second by Felberg to set the driver education fees for students at \$275 (in district) and \$325 (out of district); and the instructor fees at \$225/student (in district) and \$275/student (out of district). Motion carried.

Activity Director Report

Spring sports have begun their seasons.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the spring concert will be held Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.

The spring athletic co-op board meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15 in Willow Lake at 6:00 p.m.

NESC Updates: Board Member Felberg gave an update from the March NESC meeting.

Action Item #7: Motion by Forbes, second by Nelson to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss personnel (SDCL 1-25-2(1) and negotiations (SDCL 1-25-2(4) at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried.

President Thoreson declared the board out of executive session at 5:50 p.m.

Action Item #8: Motion by Forbes, second by Knock, upon recommendation from Supt. Lee, to approve contracts to the following certified staff for the 2026-2027 school year: Lukas Anderson, Rikki Anderson, Brook Begeman, Kim Bratland, Emily Dohmann, Kayla Edleman, Robin Flemming, Grayson Florey, Faith Guerrero, Cassandra Harding, Colleen Hohm, Christina Kannegieter, Emily Koenig, Kimberly Namuag, Meghan Nelson, Kim

Olson, Fevie Pardillo, Chayla Robinson, Lynnea Seivert, Nichol Stevens, Lindsey Tellinghuisen, Angela Terhark, Dan Tonak, Kristin Vandersnick, Tara Vig, Cynthia Warkenthien and Anna Zimprich. Motion carried.

Action Item #9: Motion by Felberg, second by Nelson to approve the 2026-2027 negotiated agreement. Motion carried.

Action Item #10: Motion by Felberg, second by Knock to approve the superintendent salary for Chris Lee at \$124,000 for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Action Item #11: Motion by Nelson, second by Forbes to approve the K-12 principal salary for Claire Mohr at \$85,000 for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Action Item #12: Motion by Forbes, second by Knock to approve the business manager salary for Melissa Burke at \$71,000 for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Action Item #13: Motion by Nelson, second by Knock to approve the Business/Computer teaching position to Greg Marx, at \$46,600, for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Action Item #14: Motion by Felberg, second by Forbes to approve the internal transfer to fifth grade for the 2026-2027 school year to Kayla Edleman. Motion carried.

Action Item #15: Motion by Forbes, second by Knock to approve the preschool resignation of Laura Madsen at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Action Item #16: Motion by Nelson, second by Knock to approve Laura Madsen for a paraprofessional position, for the 2026-2027 school year, with salary to be determined. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Willow Lake School Board will be May 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow Lake School Administration Conference Room.

Adjournment: **Action Item #17:** Motion by Knock, second by Nelson to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Julayne Thoreson, President

Melissa Burke, Business Manager

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