

**Oakes Public School District #41 Special Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2021**

President Sonia Meehl called the special meeting of the Oakes Public School Board District #41 to order at 7:00 a.m. at the Oakes School Conference Room. President Sonia Meehl was present via Zoom Video Call, and Directors Bill Schmitz, Ryan Rosendahl, Robert Thorpe, and Sheila Nagel were present. Attending via Zoom Video Call Kayla Meierotto and Rachel Bruner-Pearce Durick. Also attending, Brandon Bata, Anna Sell, Superintendent Kraig Steinhoff, and via Zoom Video Call Business Manager April Haring.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Teacher Grievance, a claim has been served by Katherine Heimbuch to pursue civil litigation. Rachel Bruner from Pearce Durick is representing Oakes Public Schools District for this pending litigation.

Nagel motioned, Thorpe seconded to discuss the teacher grievance in an executive session rather than in an open meeting; pursuant to ND Century Code Section 44-04-19.1 for the purpose of attorney consultation for pending civil litigation. Roll call approved.

Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting room or placed in the Zoom waiting room.

Executive session began at 7:03 a.m. with the following members present: Directors Bill Schmitz, Ryan Rosendahl, Robert Thorpe, and Sheila Nagel, Superintendent Kraig Steinhoff, Principal Anna Sell, Principal Brandon Bata, via phone conference Michelle Lang-NDIRF, and via Zoom Video Call President Sonia Meehl, Rachel Bruner-Pearce Durick, and Business Manager April Haring.

Schmitz motioned, Rosendahl seconded to adjourn executive session 8:04 a.m.; the public was invited to return to the meeting, and the open meeting was resumed.

Meehl declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

President _____

Business Manager _____