

### BCLUW Board Meeting Minutes 3/24/26

March 24, 2026

The BCLUW Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. in the Media Center at the BCLUW High School in Conrad. Answering Roll Call was Board President: Adam Probasco, Board Vice President: Brent Schipper, Board Members: Alicia Matney, Jill Lutes, Jami Rolston, Alan Donaldson and Jacey Lehman. Also present was Superintendent: Ben Petty, Board Secretary/Treasurer: Leah Woiwood, High School Principal: Josh Tack, Middle School Principal: Dirk Borgman, Elementary Principal: Stephen Estes, Teachers: Curt Paugh, Kim Geelhart, Darc Steckleberg, and Karen Hammers, Guidance Counselor: Kristin Benson, Technology Director: Jason Freeseaman, and 6 members of the community.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Matney, second by Donaldson to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Rolston, second by Lehman to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2026 and February 18, 2026 board meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

**3E PARTNERS PRESENTATION:** Josh Terrell and Colby Christensen joined the meeting and presented to the board the health insurance proposal from 3E Partners. Josh went through the 3E model and how their company works.

**REVIEW OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** The financial reports were reviewed and expenses were looked at and compared to last year at this time. Motion by Lutes, second by Schipper to approve the financial reports and payment of invoices, including the additional bills, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**POSITIVE SHARING:** High School Principal, Josh Tack, shared conferences are complete at the high school and they are brainstorming ways to get better participation from students and parents. The MS matinee of the play is today and the show for the public is this weekend. Spring sports are starting and excited to see how the kids compete. Middle School Principal, Dirk Borgman, shared the 7 th and 8 th grade dance was held on Friday, March 13 th and the kids had a good time. Ms. Reints and her family night committee organized the annual family night on Thursday March 12 th . There was a great turn out. Ms. Shaw's students continue to create many great projects that they display throughout the building. Mrs. Bonzer organized a fun activity for Dr. Sues's birthday. Students had to find small Cat-in-the-Hat hats around the library. Elementary Principal, Stephen Estes, shared Ben Neff came and presented to the students on his passion for wild life photography. Mr. Wirth's music classes are getting ready for the Spring concert coming up in a couple weeks. The 3 rd and 4 th grade classes have been preparing for ISASP tests beginning the week of March 30 th . Kindergarten round up is occurring next Thursday, April 2nd. The preschool students will get a chance to see what a full day of school will be like in kindergarten.

**PERSONNEL:** Motion by Schipper, second by Rolston to approve the following:

- Accept the resignation of Brett Klein as the Shared Guidance Counselor effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Nolan Starn as the JH Baseball coach.
- Accept the resignation of Sadie Mesenbring as an Elementary Associate effective March 13, 2026.
- Accept the resignation of Mercedes Bills as Elementary Associate effective March 17, 2026.
- Offer a contract to Aiden Housman as JH Athletic director for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Offer a contract to Rhandi Oelmann as Preschool Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Offer a contract to Jane Wehrman as Title I Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.
- All ayes. Motion carried.

**VOLUNTEER COACHES:** Motion by Schipper, second by Lutes to approve the following:

- Ray Callaway: Golf
- Eric Sly: Golf
- Calvin Zoske: HS Baseball

**2 ND READING POLICIES 711.1, 711.8, & 712:** Motion by Lutes, second by Matney to approve the second reading of policies 711.1, 711.8, & 712. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPLE LAPTOPS/IPAD PROPOSAL:** Motion by Rolston, second by Matney to approve the Apple proposal of \$42,702.95. All ayes. Motion carried.

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### Neva D. Blakenship

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Grundy COUNTY**  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
 NEVA Deann BLANKENSHIP, Deceased  
 CASE NO. ESPR102936  
**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF  
 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
 AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Neva Deann Blankenship, Deceased, who died on or about February 20, 2026:  
 You are hereby notified that on March 16th, 2026, the Last Will and Testament bearing date of April 10, 2018, and 1st Codicil bearing the date of June 19, 2020 of Neva Deann Blankenship, deceased, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Ardys R. Cade was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated March 16th, 2026.

Ardys R. Cade, Executor of Estate  
 Erika L. Allen, ICIS#: AT0000408  
 Attorney for Executor  
 Rickert, Wessel & Allen  
 514 Main Street  
 P.O. Box 193  
 Reinbeck, IA 50669

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### ESPR102933 - Kendall Klar

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR GRUNDY COUNTY**  
 IN THE MATTER OF  
 THE ESTATE OF  
**KENDALL A. KLAR, Deceased**  
 CASE NO. ESPR102933  
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of KENDALL A. KLAR, Deceased, who died on or about February 9, 2026:  
 You are hereby notified that on March 3, 2026, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on March 25, 2026.

Brenna C. Siebel,  
 Administrator of the Estate  
 110 Fair Oaks Place  
 Hudson, IA 50643

Maria L. Hartman, ICIS#: AT0010467  
 Attorney for the Administrator  
 Hartman Law Firm, PLC  
 305 Main Street  
 Reinbeck, IA 50669

Probate Code Section 230

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### Dike Council Minutes 3.26.26

March 26, 2026

The Dike City Council met for a public hearing regarding the FY27 proposed tax levy on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6 pm with Mayor Six presiding. Council in attendance: Camarata, Beninga, Mikkelsen, Kauten & Lynch. Also in attendance: Robert Heerkes.

The Mayor opened the meeting for the FY27 proposed tax hearing at 6 pm. No comments or concerns were said or presented. Motion by Lynch to close the public hearing. Second by Mikkelsen. All ayes, motion carried.

The Dike City Council met for a special meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Mikkelsen introduced Resolution #0325202601, A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY27 BUDGET HEARING FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026 AT 6 PM. Second by Camarata. Roll call vote: ayes: Camarata, Beninga, Mikkelsen, Kauten & Lynch. Nays: none. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution #0325202601, duly adopted.

Motion by Camarata to adjourn the meeting. Second by Beninga. All ayes, motion carried.

The Dike City Council met for a public hearing regarding the authorization of a loan agreement for the purchase of ambulance. The Mayor opened the public hearing for comments and concerns. None were given or presented.

Kauten introduced the following Resolution #0325202602, A RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$210,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LOAN NOTES FOR AN AMBULANCE. Second by Lynch. Roll call vote: ayes: Camarata, Beninga, Mikkelsen, Kauten & Lynch. Nays: none. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution #0325202602, duly adopted.

Camarata introduced the following Resolution #0325202603, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2026, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT. Second by Mikkelsen. Roll call vote: ayes: Camarata, Beninga, Mikkelsen, Kauten & Lynch. Nays: none. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution #0325202603 duly adopted.

Motion by Lynch to close the public hearing. Second by Mikkelsen. All ayes, motion carried.

Sadie Six, Mayor  
 ATTEST:  
 Lindsay Nielsen, City Clerk

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### Estate of Carolyn R. Thesing

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT GRUNDY COUNTY**  
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR**  
**AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**IN THE MATTER**  
**OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**CAROLYN R. THESING, Deceased.**  
**Probate No. ESPR102935**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Carolyn R. Thesing, Deceased, who died on or about the 8th day of March, 2026:  
 You are hereby notified that on March 13, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Carolyn R. Thesing, bearing the date of July 3, 1997, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jeff Thesing and Mark Thesing or either of them alone were appointed Co-Executors for administration of the Estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated March 18, 2026.

Jeff Thesing  
 1040 Hwy T-55  
 Reinbeck, IA 50669

Mark Thesing  
 26971 U Ave.  
 Reinbeck, IA 50669

Lindsay N.S. Stanley  
 Correll, Sheerer, Benson, Engels, Galles & Demro, P.L.C.  
 Attorney for Executor  
 Address: 411 Main St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613

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### Grundy Center CSD Minutes 3.25.26

The Grundy Center Community School District met in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 in the Administration Building at 5:00 PM.

President Breyfogle called the property tax levy rate public hearing to order at 5:00 pm.

There were no questions or concerns from the public.

Motion made by Director Hofer, seconded by Director Janousek to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 pm. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

President Breyfogle called the regular meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

The 2026-2027 school calendar public hearing was opened at 5:02 pm. As there were no concerns or comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:03 pm.

The board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Breyfogle, Hofer, Janousek, Appel  
 Absent: Martens  
 Admin: Lebo, Wagner, Vokes  
 Visitors: Bob Munson, McKenna Mitchell, Briley Jordan, Avery Brandhorst, Troy Bovy

Motion made by Director Janousek, seconded by Director Appel to approve the Agenda with the removal of 9.10 Lawn Care Bid. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

President Breyfogle welcomed visitors.

Motion made by Director Janousek, seconded by Director Appel to approve the Consent Agenda approving the minutes from the 2-18-26 Regular Meeting, minutes form 3-6-26 Open Negotiation Meeting, bills presented for payment, personnel actions and open enrollment. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

The board reviewed the department report given by Mr. Sammons, Mr. Vokes, Mr. Lindeman and Mr. Wagner.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**  
 The Spanish Club presented an itinerary and fundraising plan for a trip to Spain and Italy in 2028.  
 Mr. Wagner presented the 2025-2026 Budget to be approved next month.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION :**  
 Motion made by Director Janousek, seconded by Director Hofer to set the 26-27 Certified Budget Public Hearing for April 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Appel, seconded by Director Janousek to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2022, Dated June 29, 2022, Approving the Escrow Agent Agreement, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2022, Dated June 29, 2022. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote: Appel: Aye, Breyfogle: Aye; Hofer: Aye; Janousek: Aye.

Motion made by Director Hofer, seconded by Director Appel to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Hofer, seconded by Director Janousek to approve network infrastructure upgrades plus erate discounts. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Appel, seconded by Director Hofer to set the 2026-2027 IT Consultant Agreement. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Appel, seconded by Director Janousek to approve the early graduation for 8 seniors. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Janousek, seconded by Director Appel to approve the 28E agreement for a shared Grounds and Maintenance Director with Dike New Hartford CSD. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Hofer, seconded by Director Appel to approve the Relay Service Agreement for Medicaid billing services. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Janousek, seconded by Director Hofer to approve the Student Teaching Agreements with the University of Northern Iowa and Morningside University. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Hofer, seconded by Director Janousek to approve the 2026-2027 Certified Staff, Schedule B and the Master Contract. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Janousek, seconded by Director Appel to approve the 2026-2027 Classified Staff Contracts. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Appel, seconded by Director Hofer to approve the 2026-2027 Principal and Director Contracts. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Hofer, seconded by Director Appel to approve the second and final reading of the review and revisions of 300 Policy Series. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Janousek, seconded by Director Hofer to approve the second and final reading of Policy Primer Volume 34 #2 revisions. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Superintendent Lebo provided updates on facility repairs, including bathrooms, kitchen ovens, and floor work. She also shared plans to auction the first pitch at the summer baseball game, noted her attendance at the final superintendent mentoring meeting, discussed the shift in focus for the project-based learning mega period, highlighted ongoing community conversations, and shared the Kindergarten Round-Up video.

The Board reviewed the upcoming dates to remember.

Motion made by Director Hofer, seconded by Director Appel to go into closed session at 6:30 pm pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i), to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote: Appel: Aye; Breyfogle: Aye; Hofer: Aye; Janousek: Aye.

The board returned to regular session at 7:35 pm.

Motion made by Director Janousek, seconded by Director Hofer to approve the 2026-2027 superintendent's contract includes a 3% salary increase, a one-year extension, and leave on scheduled calendar holidays and 22 vacation days. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Motion made by Director Hofer, seconded by Director Janousek to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mary Breyfogle, Board President  
 Becki Smith, Board Secretary

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### Hartman Estate

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Grundy COUNTY**  
 IN THE MATTER OF  
 THE ESTATE OF  
 Rodney H. Hartman, Deceased  
 CASE NO. ESPR102875  
**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF  
 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
 AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Rodney H. Hartman, Deceased, who died on or about May 28, 2025:  
 You are hereby notified that on February 24, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Rodney H. Hartman, deceased, bearing date of April 22, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Sharon L. Rucksdassel was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated March 25, 2026.

Sharon L. Rucksdassel, Executor of Estate  
 11705 J Ave.  
 Aplington, IA 50604

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 Attorney for Executor  
 JSC Legal, P.L.C.  
 1205 Technology Parkway  
 Cedar Falls, IA 50613

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# Got a Legal Notice to Submit?

Deadline for legal notice submissions is  
 Mondays at 12:00 pm.

