

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
CORE EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026**

President Chad Clites called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Core Educational Cooperative to order at 10:02 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at CORE Educational Cooperative Office in Platte, SD.

Members present: Anthony Mayer left at 10:56 a.m. via Teams (Burke), Matt Vandembark joined at 10:03 a.m. via Teams (Colome), Chad Clites (Corsica-Stickney), Amy Keiser via Teams (Gregory), Hillary Leiferman (Kimball), Lindsey Weich joined at 10:04 a.m. (Plankinton), Roxanne Summerville (Platte-Geddes), Kasie Sealey via Teams (Wessington Springs), and Jim Munsen (White Lake).

Members absent: Dylan Slate (Armour), Lorlen Husman (Lyman), Mike Deinert (Mt. Vernon), and Ashley Dorris (Wolsey-Wessington).

Superintendents: Craig Holbeck via Teams (Armour), Betsy Rohde via Teams (Colome), Scott Muckey (Corsica-Stickney), Joel Bailey via Teams (Platte-Geddes), Jason Kolousek via Teams (Wessington Springs), and Riley Donovan via Teams (Wolsey-Wessington).

Others present: Renee Thomas (Director) and Catrina Brown (Business Manager).

Public Forum

No action taken.

Additional Agenda Items

Non-Member District Contract was added to the agenda.

Approve Agenda

Motion Burke, seconded by White Lake approving the amended agenda. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from March 5, 2026

Motion Platte-Geddes, seconded by Kimball approving the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 5, 2026. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Financial Reports

Motion Plankinton, seconded by Kimball approving the report of cash transactions, payroll summary report, revenue summary, and expenditure reports dated March 31, 2026. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve April 2026 Bills

Motion White Lake, seconded by Plankinton approving the following bills for payment:

Check #	Vendor Name	Account Number	Invoice Detail Description	Invoice Amount
4443	SHERATON SIOUX FALLS & CONVENTION CENTER	10 2623 000 334	ED SPEC TRAVEL	\$ 348.00
4447	US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	10 2623 000 413	ED SPEC FUEL	\$ 187.95
4435	MID CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE	10 5000 000 520	OFFICE LEASE PAYMENT	\$ 500.00
Fund 10 Total:				\$ 1,035.95
4432	CORSICA-STICKNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	22 1223 000 325	TRANSITION PROGRAM RENT	\$ 1,500.00
4434	GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	22 1223 000 340	TRANSITION PROGRAM WIFI	\$ 79.95
4431	CORNER MARKET	22 1223 000 411	TRANSITION PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$ 92.38
4432	CORSICA-STICKNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	22 1223 000 411	TRANSITION PROGRAM MEALS	\$ 221.45
4447	US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	22 1223 000 413	TRANSITION PROGRAM FUEL	\$ 112.33
4443	SHERATON SIOUX FALLS & CONVENTION CENTER	22 2126 000 334	ED EVAL TRAVEL	\$ 348.00
4438	PLATTE BODY SHOP	22 2126 000 413	ED EVAL WINDSHIELD - TRISHA #37	\$ 561.25
4447	US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	22 2126 000 413	ED EVAL FUEL	\$ 396.49
4428	BEST WESTERN PLUS RAMKOTA HOTEL	22 2149 000 334	PSYCH TRAVEL; FOLIO #915051	\$ 110.00
4446	TOTEM PD	22 2149 000 411	PSYCH CONSULTATION; INV #1701	\$ 987.00
4445	TOM'S AUTO SERVICE	22 2149 000 413	PSYCH OIL CHANGE - CALEB #42	\$ 67.98
4447	US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	22 2149 000 413	PSYCH FUEL	\$ 815.80
7548	BRINK, BOBBI	22 2159 000 334	SPEECH TRAVEL	\$ 1,136.10
7569	ODENBACH, KARISSA	22 2159 000 334	SPEECH TRAVEL	\$ 592.90

4442	SEVERSON'S SERVICE	22 2159 000 413	SPEECH BATTERY & OIL CHANGE - NICOLE #26	\$ 340.40
4442	SEVERSON'S SERVICE	22 2159 000 413	SPEECH OIL CHANGE - JEN B #45	\$ 70.95
4447	US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	22 2159 000 413	SPEECH FUEL	\$ 1,231.78
7546	BERGELEEN, LAURA	22 2159 000 413	SPEECH TIRE REPAIR - LAURA #33	\$ 71.36
4447	US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	22 2171 000 413	PT FUEL	\$ 335.38
4449	VERN EIDE OF MITCHELL	22 2171 000 413	PT OIL CHANGE, BELT, BRAKE PADS - #31	\$ 978.32
7567	MILLAR, KATIE	22 2172 000 334	OT TRAVEL	\$ 427.80
4447	US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	22 2172 000 413	OT FUEL	\$ 703.96
7563	KOTT, SONA	22 2172 000 413	OT FUEL	\$ 18.96
7566	LEHR, DAVE	22 2227 000 319	TECH SERVICES; INV #42889	\$ 366.00
4444	SOUTH DAKOTA NEWSPAPER, THE	22 2319 000 350	BOARD ADVERTISING	\$ 338.22
4443	SHERATON SIOUX FALLS & CONVENTION CENTER	22 2329 000 334	DIRECTOR TRAVEL; ACCT #20587	\$ 522.00
4427	AMAZON	22 2329 000 411	DIRECTOR SUPPLIES	\$ 29.49
4433	FIRST BANK & TRUST	22 2329 000 411	DIRECTOR SUPPLIES	\$ 23.99
4447	US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	22 2329 000 413	DIRECTOR FUEL	\$ 228.80
4440	RATWIK. ROSZAK & MALONEY, P.A.	22 2329 000 640	DIRECTOR WORKSHOP FEE	\$ 300.00
4437	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	22 2549 000 321 001	OFFICE ELECTRICITY	\$ 387.00
4430	CITY OF PLATTE	22 2549 000 321 002	OFFICE WATER AND SEWER	\$ 80.40
4426	3D OIL & LP, LLC	22 2549 000 321 003	OFFICE PROPANE	\$ 184.58
4441	RINGLING GRAVEL AND CONSTRUCTION LLC	22 2549 000 323	OFFICE SNOW REMOVAL; INV #4365	\$ 40.00
4436	MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS	22 2549 000 340	OFFICE PHONE	\$ 375.00
4427	AMAZON	22 2549 000 411	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 397.99
4439	QUILL CORPORATION	22 2549 000 411	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 68.99
4447	US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS	22 2765 000 334	B-3 FUEL	\$ 50.76
4433	FIRST BANK & TRUST	22 2765 000 411	B-3 SUPPLIES	\$ 23.99
Fund 22 Total:				\$ 14,617.75
7543	ANDERSON, EMILY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 200.00
7544	ANDERSON, MERRETTA	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,500.00
7545	BEESELEY, KANDY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,700.00
7545	BEESELEY, KANDY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 300.00
7547	BREWER, LINDSEY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 500.00
7549	CAMPBELL, BETTY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 400.00
7550	CAMPBELL, MATTHEW	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,500.00
7551	CHRISTENSEN, DUSTIN	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 400.00
7552	DYK, ROXANE	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 500.00
7553	EDWARDS, SASKIA	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 100.00
7554	FITZGERALD, BRANDI	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,600.00
7555	FORESTER, ASHLEY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 900.00
7556	FOUBERG, JOHN	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 500.00
7557	HANSEN, ANDREA	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 500.00
7558	HOHN, SARAH	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 400.00
7559	JENSEN, MICHELE	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 300.00
7560	JOHNSON, DILLON	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,200.00
7561	KELEHER, LORI	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,700.00
7562	KOHLMEYER, DANIELLE	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 200.00
7564	KOUPAL, KAREN	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,700.00
7565	LARSON, ERIN	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 500.00
7568	MITTELSTEDT, RODNEY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,300.00
7568	MITTELSTEDT, RODNEY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,700.00
7568	MITTELSTEDT, RODNEY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,100.00
7570	PIERCE, COURTNEY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 500.00
7571	RANG, SHELBY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,300.00
7572	RANK, TORRI	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,000.00

7573	RENKLY, SHANNON	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 600.00
7574	SCHAFFER, MAXWELL	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,500.00
7574	SCHAFFER, MAXWELL	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 200.00
7575	SCHELL, JENNIFER	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,100.00
7576	SCHNEIDER, MARY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 1,200.00
7577	STEEVES, KELSEY	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 100.00
7578	TEEL, APRIL	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 500.00
7579	WITT, KATE	53 2226 000 319 201	EDGE TEACHER PAYMENT	\$ 900.00
4448	VERIZON WIRELESS	53 2226 000 340	VS PHONE	\$ 39.73
4433	FIRST BANK & TRUST	53 2226 000 341	VS POSTAGE	\$ 128.55
4427	AMAZON	53 2226 000 411 202	BLACKBOARD SUPPLIES	\$ 41.44
4429	BLACKBOARD LLC	53 2226 000 411 202	BLACKBOARD SUPPLIES; INV #005072	\$ 6,945.75
4433	FIRST BANK & TRUST	53 2226 000 411 202	BLACKBOARD SUPPLIES	\$ 254.71
4433	FIRST BANK & TRUST	53 2226 204 411	GW/PD SUPPLIES	\$ 23.99
Fund 53 Total:				\$ 37,034.17
Report Total:				\$ 52,687.87

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Other Payroll

Motion Gregory, seconded by Kimball to approve the following other payroll:

PAYROLL ITEMS THAT NEED APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNING BOARD
April 8, 2026

EMPLOYEE NAME	SERVICES	AMOUNT
Betsy Shippy	Physical Therapy Services - March 2026	\$1,836.30
Cheryl Pruett	OT Substitute - March 2026	\$388.13
Marcia Veurink	Transition Program Sub - April 2026	\$110.00
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED FOR APRIL 20, 2026 PAYROLL		\$2,334.43

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Quote for 2025-2026 Audit

Motion Burke, seconded by Platte-Geddes to approve the quote from Schoenfish & Co., Inc for the 2025-2026 audit at the rate of \$13,000.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest per SDCL 3-23

No potential conflict of interest forms were submitted.

Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel, (4) Director and Business Manager Negotiations, (4) Negotiations

Motion Kimball, seconded by Plankinton to approve entering into executive session at 10:13 a.m. per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel, (1) Director and Business Manager Evaluation, (4) Negotiations. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President Chad Clites declared the board out of executive session at 10:49 a.m.

Employee Contracts for 2026-2027

Motion Plankinton, seconded by Platte-Geddes to offer the following staff contracts for 2026-2027:

EMP2027-011	Johnson, Valerie	School Psychologist/DIAL Executive Director	\$49,133.33
EMP2027-025	Hohn, Jaycie	School Psychologist	\$26,228.57
EMP2027-033	Hoffman, Autumn	School Psychologist	\$65,000.00
EMP2027-036	Keller, Jane	Office Assistant	\$37,200.00
EMP2027-034	Shippy, Betsy	Physical Therapist	\$50 per hour, mileage at state rate

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Negotiated Agreement for 2026-2027

Motion Kimball, seconded by White Lake to approve the Negotiated Agreement for 2026-2027. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

School Psychologists Retention Adjustment

Motion White Lake, seconded by Gregory to approve a \$2,000.00 salary retention adjustment for Caleb Stukel, Autumn Hoffman, and Brittney Roth. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Addendums to Employee Contracts for 2026-2027

Motion Plankinton, seconded by White Lake to approve the following addendums to employee contracts for 2026-2027:

Contract #	Employee	Title	2026-2027 Salary Amount After Negotiations
EMP2027-001	Stukel, Caleb	School Psychologist	\$67,000.00
EMP2027-002	Heisinger, Morgan	Speech Therapist Assistant	\$42,105.90
EMP2027-003	Frandsen, Trisha	Educational Evaluator	\$50,400.00
EMP2027-004	DeHaan, Ashley	Speech Therapist	\$67,791.00
EMP2027-005	Kafka, Kristi	School Psychologist	\$88,771.77
EMP2027-006	Bergeleen, Laura	Speech Therapist	\$75,100.30
EMP2027-007	Boyden, Jennifer	Speech Therapist Assistant	\$48,738.58
EMP2027-008	Brink, Bobbi	Birth to Three Bright Beginnings/Speech Therapist	\$91,218.17
EMP2027-009	Sibbel, Erin	School Psychologist	\$77,653.99
EMP2027-010	Mosterd, Holly	Birth to Three Coordinator	\$72,090.00
EMP2027-012	Klundt, Jennifer	Speech Therapist	\$82,932.29
EMP2027-013	Kott, Sona	Occupational Therapist	\$89,107.68
EMP2027-014	Larson, Roxann	Speech Therapist	\$81,666.34
EMP2027-015	Palmer, Nicole	Speech Therapist	\$69,727.16
EMP2027-016	Shumake, Paige	Occupational Therapy	\$70,586.67
EMP2027-017	Stukel, Kellie	Physical Therapist	\$104,418.36
EMP2027-018	Booth, Maci	Speech Therapist	\$65,849.33
EMP2027-019	Boyd, Tayla	Speech Therapist Assistant	\$50,136.99
EMP2027-020	Witt, Tania	Speech Therapist	\$94,478.61
EMP2027-021	Wright, Natalie	Speech Therapist	\$84,609.35
EMP2027-022	Vosika, Maria	Speech Therapist	\$70,501.50
EMP2027-023	Burke, Karla	Educational Specialist	\$72,090.00
EMP2027-024	Boos, Michelle	Educational Specialist	\$70,560.00
EMP2027-025	Hohn, Jaycie	School Psychologist	\$27,428.57
EMP2027-026	Roth, Brittney	School Psychologist	\$68,700.00
EMP2027-027	Gill, Amber	Educational Evaluator	\$61,400.00
EMP2027-028	Gunnare, Desiree	Transition Program Specialist	\$64,950.00
EMP2027-029	Millar, Katie	Paraprofessional/Occupational Therapy Assistant	\$39,400.00
EMP2027-032	Fanning, Karlee	Speech Therapist	\$62,200.00
EMP2027-033	Hoffman, Autumn	School Psychologist	\$67,000.00

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Director and Business Manager Contracts for 2026-2027

Motion Kimball, seconded by White Lake to approve the following contracts for 2026-2027:

EMP2027-030	Thomas, Renee	Director	\$100,700.00
EMP2027-031	Brown, Catrina	Business Manager	\$75,200.00

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Technology Coordinator Contracts for 2026-2027

Motion Plankinton, seconded by Platte-Geddes to approve the contract with Dave Lehr to provide technology services to the cooperative for 2026-2027 at the rate of \$73.00 per hour and \$31.00 per hour for travel time. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Non Member District Contract

Motion Kimball, seconded by Plankinton to approve the contract #CORE2027-002 with the Lower Brule School District to provided school psychology services at the rate of \$650.00 per day plus mileage at state rate and educational evaluations at the rate of \$350 per day plus mileage at the state rate. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

SD School District Benefits Fund Adoption and Renewal

Motion White Lake, seconded by Burke to approve the SD School District Benefits Fund Adoption and Renewal for 2026-2027. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

SD School Districts Benefits Fund Participation Agreement

Motion Plankinton, seconded by Platte-Geddes to approve the SD School Districts Benefits Fund Participation Agreement for 2026-2027. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Director's Report

No action taken.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the CORE Educational Cooperative in Platte, SD.

Adjourn

Motion Plankinton, seconded by Colome to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager

CORE Educational Cooperative				
Report of Cash Transactions				
March 31, 2026				
		As of 2/28/2026	As of 3/31/2026	
Fund Totals:				
CORE Educational Cooperative:		\$ 731,451.45	\$ 775,761.33	
DIAL Virtual School:		\$ 2,404,758.81	\$ 2,518,398.08	
		\$ 3,136,210.26	\$ 3,294,159.41	
Beginning Balance of First Fidelity Bank as of 3/1/2026:				\$ 1,787,259.25
Receipts:				
	Fund 10 (General Fund)			\$ 200.00
	Fund 22 (Special Ed)			\$ 303,762.55
	Fund 22 (CORE Bank Account Interest 0.10%)			\$ 160.54
	Fund 53 (Virtual School)			\$ 163,025.00
	Total Receipts:			\$ 467,148.09
Expenditures:				
	Fund 10 (General Fund)			\$ 919.34
	Fund 22 (Special Ed)			\$ 14,934.80
	Fund 53 (Virtual School)			\$ 37,418.04
	Total Expenditures:			\$ 53,272.18
Automatic Withdraw:	ACH Monthly Payment (Fund 22)			\$ 10.00
	Total Automatic Withdraw:			\$ 10.00
Payroll:				
	Fund 10 (General Fund)			\$ 14,908.66
	Fund 22 (Special Ed)			\$ 230,215.91
	Fund 53 (Virtual School)			\$ 23,370.28
	Total Payroll:			\$ 268,494.85
Ending Balance of First Fidelity Bank as of 3/31/2026:				\$ 1,932,630.31
Beginning Balance of CD in First Fidelity Bank as of 3/1/2026 (Fund 10)				\$ 56,669.47
Interest:	Fund 10 (General Fund) - 18 months (Matures 4/12/2026) 4.16%			\$ 1,175.50
Ending Balance of CD in First Fidelity Bank as of 3/31/2026				\$ 57,844.97
Beginning Balance of CD in First Fidelity Bank as of 3/1/2026 (Fund 10)				\$ 59,224.31
Interest:	Fund 10 (General Fund) - 18 months (Matures 8/15/2026) 4.20%			\$ -
Ending Balance of CD in First Fidelity Bank as of 3/31/2026				\$ 59,224.31
Beginning Balance of CD in First Fidelity Bank as of 3/1/2026 (Fund 53)				\$ 240,472.66
Interest:	Fund 53 (Virtual School) - 18 months (Matures 5/17/2026) 4.16%			\$ -
Ending Balance of CD in First Fidelity Bank as of 3/31/2026				\$ 240,472.66
Beginning Balance of CD in First Fidelity Bank as of 3/1/2026 (Fund 53)				\$ 552,744.68
Interest:	Fund 53 (Virtual School) - 18 months (Matures 9/13/2026) 4.16%			\$ 11,402.59
Ending Balance of CD in First Fidelity Bank as of 3/31/2026				\$ 564,147.27
Beginning Balance of CD in First Fidelity Bank as of 3/1/2026 (Fund 53)				\$ 439,839.89
Interest:	Fund 53 (Virtual School) - 18 months (Matures 1/9/2027) 3.86%			\$ -
Ending Balance of CD in First Fidelity Bank as of 3/31/2026				\$ 439,839.89
Ending Balance as of 3/31/2026				\$ 3,294,159.41