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Hastings Public Schools

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Joint Powers Meeting

Date: January 13, 2026

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: Tilden, Room 117

Attendees:

Dr. Wehrkamp Herman, LynDee Humble, Jen Seubert, Carrie Tate, Phil Beirmaier, Melissa Millner, Kari Gorr, Dan Wietecha, Chris Jenkins, DawnMarie Vihrachoff, Mya Beck

Joint Powers Meeting Summary

Joint Maintenance Facility Lease and Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Agreement

- Both parties reviewed the contract details and agreed to clarify language to ensure the agreement is clear, concise, and sustainable for long-term use.
- It was noted that the original lease contract was executed in 2001, not 2002 as currently stated in the agreement.
- Cleaning responsibilities were discussed: office spaces and public/common areas are covered under the agreement, while each party is responsible for cleaning its respective shop spaces.
- Discussion took place regarding a potential buy-out in the event of future termination, specifically addressing:
 - How the value of the property would be determined
 - When the property valuation would occur for buy-out purposes
- Additional clarification is needed regarding responsibility for contamination, particularly related to potential gas or diesel tank leaks.

City and School District Updates

- Hockey Day will be held in Hastings. Organizers continue to seek volunteers to ensure the event's success.
- The next Community Collaboration Meeting, hosted by the School Board, is scheduled for April 1, 2026 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the High School Lecture Hall.
- The State of Hastings Address will be held on April 8, from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., presented by Dr. Wehrkamp Herman and Mayor Mary Fasbender. The event is hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.
- The City has launched a new website and encourages community members to visit and explore it.
- The City will soon be forming interview panels, including community members, to assist with the Police Chief hiring process, as Chief Wilske is retiring. Additionally, Officer Domeier has begun serving as the second School Resource Officer (SRO).
- The City will be working on a wall redesign at the football field in conjunction with the Highway 61 project.
- The School Board held its annual organizational meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026. Meeting minutes are available online.
- Dr. Wehrkamp Herman is sharing School Perceptions Survey results at each building and gathering feedback from staff.
- The District is collaborating with District 917 to provide certification opportunities for students, including technology-related certifications.
- Positive feedback has been received regarding new STEM programming experiences.
- Kennedy Elementary is developing an outdoor learning space through prairie restoration through a grant.
- McAuliffe, Pinecrest, and Tilden schools have also received grants to support outdoor learning spaces.
- A two-page School Vision Card is being developed to provide a clear, high-level overview, along with a data dashboard on the District website for more in-depth information.
- Monday, April 20 at 5:30 has been tentatively scheduled for the City Council and School Board to have their annual meeting.

Future Joint Powers Committee Meetings: April 14, 2026 7:30 - 9:00 am Tilden Room 117