

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1236

Introduced by

Representatives Hawken, R. Kelsch

Senators Espegard, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-09-31 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the publication of school board proceedings.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-09-31. School board proceedings - Publication.**

7 1. Every two years, at the time of a school district's annual election of board
8 members, the electors of the district shall determine whether a record of the board
9 proceedings must be published in the official newspaper of the district. If a majority
10 of the electors voting on the question approve the publication, the school district
11 business manager shall provide for publication of the school board proceedings;
12 ~~including an itemized list of obligations approved for payment.~~

13 2. The business manager shall:

14 a. Include in the publication of school board proceedings an itemized list of
15 obligations approved for payment; or

16 b. (1) Post the itemized list of obligations approved for payment on the
17 internet for a period of at least twelve months; and

18 (2) Include in the publication of school board proceedings the web site at
19 which the list may be viewed and indicate that the itemized list is also
20 available in printed form upon request.

21 3. If appropriate, the business manager shall require that the newspaper publishing
22 the board proceedings indicate that the published proceedings are subject to
23 review and revision by the board.

- 1 4. The business manager shall ensure that the proceedings are published within a
- 2 reasonable time after each board meeting.
- 3 5. A vote to approve the publication is effective for a period of two years or until
- 4 disapproved at a succeeding school district election.