

...deep government spending cuts.

Whether or not Congress' deficit-reduction talks succeed, the Republicans' offer has touched off a debate unlikely to end soon. The altered stance would upend party orthodoxy, which holds that deficits should be tamed entirely by spending cuts, with no tax increases.

In recent months, growing numbers of Republican lawmakers and strategists have grown wary of the no-exceptions position. They fear independent voters will abandon the GOP next year if it seems too rigid

privatize and shrink Medicare for future beneficiaries.

Publicly, Republican lawmakers say they are motivated by the dire need to curb the deficit and reassure financial markets that the government can tax and spend responsibly.

Rep. Charles Bass, R-N.H., recently told NPR that he might renege on his pledge to oppose higher taxes, even if it hurts him politically. Bass said he also pledged to "defend America against enemies, both domestic and foreign. And I consider the debt crisis in this country to be a real threat to the future of America."

BCN: Schools want feedback

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months, which it did on April 19, 2011. This time the vote was 57 percent "yes," but still short of the 60 percent required.

In a third vote on Oct. 25, supporters of the school lost a little ground as 56 percent voted "yes," even though this time around, some design changes had lowered the cost of the building to \$13.9 million.

Among their arguments, voters opposed to the new school cite a decrease in projective enrollment numbers as a reason not to increase taxes to pay for construction.

At Wednesday's meeting, Jacobson showed the board a list of three options the school board could take, and the costs associated with them. The first option would be to remain with the three campuses as is. Doing so would cost the district \$3.201 million in operating costs a year, not counting insurance, special education costs and tuition among other things. Jacobson said if the district continues with the three existing campuses, taxes will have to be raised by 5 to 15 mills.

The other two options would require a building to be constructed. A new proposal includes keeping the North Central and Wimbledon-Courteney schools open for elementary students, and through the building authority, constructing a new school for grades seven through 12. This move would save the district \$651,093 a year, but taxes would be raised to make the annual lease payment of \$690,000.

The third option is to use the building authority to build the centralized, pre-kindergarten through grade 12 campus for \$13.9 million. Doing so would save the school district \$1.027 million a year, more than enough to make the annual lease payment of \$992,000 without raising taxes.

The three votes on the new school have made the issue very contentious between "yes" and "no" voters. Some school board members said with both sides dug in so deeply to their positions, it would be difficult to find a middle ground.

"We talk about 'respect

the no votes, respect the (yes) votes,' you've got to look at that," board member Mike Schwehr said. "I don't think a fair compromise is going around the vote of the people."

Board member Kyle Peterson said he would be concerned about the public's reaction to the district building a new school despite the fierce objections of a sizable portion of the district's residents.

"Fiscally, to build a K through 12 is the smartest thing, but you've also got the emotional side," Peterson said. "I think you're risking a blowout between the communities."

Peterson and Schwehr both graduated from North Central High School, where a major portion of the "no" votes have been recorded in the past elections.

Board member Jason Haugen said he has heard from many constituents in the North Central area who feel that the BCN School Board is not representing them.

Haugen said he's also heard from people who are not in favor of district parents sending their children to different schools.

"(They) despise the fact that their kids are being split up," Haugen said. "Even in the beginning people didn't like the fact - 'I don't want my seven through 12 kids over there and my elementary over here...' It's usually people that have kids that understand the fact that if they have four or five kids, they don't want their kids all over the place."

Jacobson and several other board members said that they have heard from "no" voters who want all BCN students under the same roof, but were against tax increases to pay for a new building. Aside from cuts in operating expenses and a more advanced campus for teaching students, unifying BCN's students into one school was also an argument for the new building.

Taking an extra step towards unity, the school board's last action of the night prior to adjourning was to change the names of the BCN District's three campuses from North Central, Wimbledon-Courteney and Spiritwood, to Barnes County East, West and South respectively.

...against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated this 1st day of November, 2011

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The Theodore Roosevelt Elkhorn Ranch nomination to the National Register of Historic Places was recommended by the ND Historic Preservation Review Board to be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for official listing. Anyone wishing to comment must submit written comments to Merlan E Paaverud, Jr, SHPO, 612 E Blvd Ave, Bismarck ND 58505 no later than 5:00 pm CDT on 15 December 2011. Comments from land/rights owners must be notarized and include area of ownership and percentage of ownership for each signer. Twp144 R102 Sections S1/2 28, E1/2 32, 33, 34 and Twp 143 R102 Sections 3, 4, E1/2 5 & 8, 9, N of river in 16.

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

relating to Games of Chance

North Dakota State Gaming Commission

will hold public hearings to address proposed changes to article 99-01.3 of the N.D. Administrative Code.

**Education Room
3880 S. Columbia Rd.
Grand Forks, ND
Tues., Dec. 13, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

**or
Teamsters Hall
21 S. 18th St.
 Fargo, ND
Wed., Dec. 14, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

**or
City Council Chamber
515 2nd Ave. SW
Minot, ND
Thurs., Dec. 15, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

**or
Peace Garden Room
State Capitol
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND
Fri., Dec. 16, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Office of Attorney General, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505, or by calling 701-328-4848, or by visiting our web page at www.ag.nd.gov. Also, written comments may be submitted to this address until December 30, 2011. If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Office of Attorney General at the above telephone number or address at least three (3) days prior to the public hearing.
Dated this 8th day of November, 2011
James P. Wang, Chairman

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www.nd.gov/ins of calling (701) 328-2440. Also, written comments may be submitted to the North Dakota Insurance Department, 600 East Boulevard, Dept. 401, Bismarck, ND 58505 until January 20, 2012. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Insurance Department at the above telephone number or address at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.
Dated this 3rd day of November, 2011.
/s/ Melissa Hauer
Special Assistant Attorney General
General Counsel
N.D. Insurance Department

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VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA

October 17, 2011 - Regular Meeting
5:15 P.M. - Administration Building
Valley City School Board

Members Present

Sharon Buhr
Val Moritz
Richard (Dick) Nelson
Joyce Braunagel
Members Absent
Patrick (Mike) Callahan
Others Present
Supt. Koppelman
Matt Nielson
Dave Luessen, TR

The Valley City School Board of the Valley City Public School District #2, Valley City, Barnes County, North Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 2011. President Sharon Buhr called the meeting to order. Guests were welcomed.

Moritz moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 21 and the special meeting on October 4, 2011, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

No additions to the agenda.

Nelson moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$259,757.72, seconded by Braunagel. Motion carried.

The Board recognized Matt Nielson, Science Teacher at the High School. Nielson presented information on the school's involvement with recycling. The Board and Supt. Koppelman extended a thank you to Mr. Nielson for his efforts in helping the district with recycling.

Supt. Koppelman reviewed with the Board the resolutions to be presented during the North Dakota School Board Conference.

Supt. Koppelman reviewed with the Board the resolutions to be presented during the North Dakota High School Activities Association meeting at the Fall Administrator's Conference.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Linda Heit, Business Manager
Sharon Buhr, President

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

and Otter Tail within and around the City of Bottineau, North Dakota. Applicants further request Otter Tail be issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to extend service to locations within the Otter Tail service area set forth in the agreement.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are whether the Service Area Agreement complies with section 49-03-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, and whether the approval of the Service Area Agreement and resulting certificate issuance are compatible with the public interest.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by December 16, 2011. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An informal hearing of this matter is scheduled to begin on December 7, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. CST in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

For more information, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Kevin Cramer, Commissioner

Tony Clark, Chairman

Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner

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Valley City Public School Dist #2
Summary Check Register

ACE HARDWARE	\$229.68
APPLE INC.	\$2,198.00
APPLE TEXTBOOKS	\$438.72
APPLIANCE CITY/RADIO SHACK	\$48.36
ARNTSON & STEWART, P.C.	\$519.41
BLOOM 'N CRAFTS FLORAL	\$50.00
BROAD REACH	\$348.60
BROWN & SAENGER	\$324.00
JILL BURNS	\$54.95
CAPSTONE PRESS, INC.	\$447.09
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$117.82
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC	\$6,795.17
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$2,360.20
CENTRAL DAKOTA MECHANICAL, INC.	\$2,442.10
CKEN-11	\$38.00
COLE PAPERS	\$542.85
COURAGE TO CHANGE	\$313.06
CRYSTAL ART VIDEO WORLD	\$45.85
CSI	\$113.68
DACOTAH INSURANCE	\$29.00
DAKOTA INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	\$196.50
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUI	\$345.00
DAKOTA PLAINS COOPERATIVE	\$89.33

KNOWBODY RESOURCES	\$440.80
KOHN ELECTRIC	\$104.06
CARMELLE KUEHN	\$210.80
KYOCERA MITA AMERICA INC	\$396.90
LASER SYSTEMS	\$199.64
TERRI LE GRAND	\$166.80
LEAF	\$355.71
LEEVERS SUPER VALU	\$222.27
JON LIARDI	\$5.00
THE LIBRARY STORE	\$115.24
LOOKOUT BOOKS	\$483.27
LYNN JOHNSON CONSTRUCTION	\$140.00
MARKETPLACE FOODS	\$5.96
MENC	\$222.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$322.56
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY	\$36.70
ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION	\$255.54
NDASFAA	\$30.00
NORTHWEST IRON FIREARM INC	\$71.49
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	\$165.00
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	\$1,536.74
PAMIDA	\$15.00
POPPLERS MUSIC INC.	\$205.02
PRINTER SOLUTIONS	\$247.00
QUILTED CEILING	\$413.35
JEFF SCHLITTENHARDT	\$48.56
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS	\$34.00
SCHOLASTIC INC	\$5,770.09
SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC	\$329.11
SEVEN SEAS BEST WESTERN	\$346.50
SHEYENNE VALLEY AREA CAREER TECH	\$723.38
SHEYENNE VALLEY MULTIDISTRICT SP.	\$113,480.64
SMITH LUMBER CO	\$345.12
SOUTH CENTRAL ADULT SERVICES	\$1,299.00
STEINS INC.	\$694.08
SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES OF AMERI	\$54.90
SUBWAY	\$393.65
AMY TAHRAN	\$165.66
TECH ED CONCEPTS, INC.	\$1,950.00
TESORO	\$409.04
ALAIN TOSO	\$167.70
UPS	\$16.57
USA TODAY	\$195.00
VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$1,145.03
VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$38,981.05
VALLEY OFFICEWORKS	\$211.90
VALLEY PAINT AND GLASS CO.	\$57.99
VALLEY SERVICE	\$173.75
VC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$400.00
VC PUBLIC WORKS	\$4,025.59
VC TIMES-RECORD	\$307.27
VCPS FOOD SERVICE	\$2,119.02
WADE'S SERVICE CENTER	\$8,550.00
WELLSOURCE, INC.	\$290.65
WENDI WILMES	\$61.20
YE OLDE LOCKSMITH	\$145.00
SHEILA ZINKE	\$61.20
	\$259,757.72

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