

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2023 7:30 PM

Elementary Media Center, Twin River Public
School
816 Willard Ave
PO Box 640
Genoa, NE 68640

Agenda

1. Meeting Called to Order-Schapmann
 - 1.1. Open Meeting Law-Schapmann
 - 1.2. Meeting Properly Published and Posted- Schapmann
 - 1.3. Rules for Public Participation Stated- Schapmann
2. Roll Call- Schapmann
 - 2.1. Excused/Unexcused Absences- Schapmann
3. Seating of New Board Member(s) - Schapmann
 - Administer Oath of Office
4. Nomination and Election of Board President- Schapmann
5. Election of Officers - Board President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
6. Dissemination to each Board Member the Conflict of Interest Policy
7. Dissemination to each Board Member the Board Code of Ethics Policy.
8. Appointment of Recording Secretary
9. Appointment of Standing Committees
 - Civics Committee
 - Building and Grounds
 - Transportation
 - Negotiations

10. Consent Agenda
 - 10.1. Approval of Agenda
 - 10.2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - 10.3. Treasurer's Financial Report
 - 10.4. Approval of Claims
11. Items to Remove from Consent Agenda
12. Visitors/Public Input
13. Reports of Administrators and Committees
 - 13.1. Principal's Reports
 - 13.2. Activities Report
 - 13.3. Superintendent's Report
 - Sports Co-ops
 - Gym Floor and Modular Bids
 - 501 Bulding
 - Negotiations Committee Meeting
 - January 11 Meeting
 - Draft School Calendar
 - Superintendent Goals
14. Consider and take possible action to approve the certified/classified hires/resignations.
15. Consider and take possible action to accept the bid for the 2023 propane bus for \$120,002.
16. Consider and take possible action to designate and authorize KSB School Law Firm to provide the school district legal counsel.
17. Consider and take possible action to approve the Genoa Leader Times as the approved media outlet for publicizing meetings for Twin River Public Schools.

18. Consider and take possible action to approve Policy 3002 resolution that identifies Cornerstone Bank of Monroe, Genoa Community Bank, and Bank of Clarks in Silver Creek as the Official Depositories of Twin River Public Schools.
19. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting
20. Possible Executive Session to discuss personnel for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law.
21. Adjournment

"I, ...(name)..., do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely and without mental reservation or for purpose of evasion; and that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of the _____ School District Board of Education according to law, and to the best of my ability. And I do further swear that I do not advocate, nor am I a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United

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States or of this state by force or violence; and that during such time as I am in this position I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this state by force or violence. So help me God."

**2005
Conflict of Interest**

Any member of the board of education who meets the conditions set forth in this policy shall be deemed to have a business or financial conflict of interest.

1. Definitions. For purposes of this policy:

- a. Business with which a board member is associated shall include the following:
 - (1) A business in which the board member or a member of his or her immediate family is a partner, a limited liability company, or serves as a director or an officer.
 - (2) A business in which the board member or a member of his or her immediate family is a stockholder in a closed corporation with stock worth one thousand dollars or more, or the board member or his or her immediate family owns more than a five percent equity interest or is a stockholder of publicly traded stock worth more than ten thousand dollars or more at fair market value, or which represents more than ten percent equity interest. This shall not apply to publicly traded stock under a trading account if the board member reports the name and address of the company and stockbroker.
- b. A business association shall be defined to include an individual as a partner, limited liability company member, director or officer, or a business in which the individual or member of the immediate family is a stockholder.
- c. Immediate family member or member of the immediate family shall mean a child residing in an individual's household, a spouse of an individual, or an individual claimed by that individual or that individual's spouse as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

2. Contracts with the School District.

- a. No board member or member of his or her immediate family shall enter into a contract valued at two thousand dollars or more, in

any one year, with this school district unless the contract is awarded through an open and public process that (1) includes prior public notice and (2) allows the public to inspect during the school district's regular office hours the proposals considered and the contract awarded. Board members who enter into employment contracts with the school district must also comply with the board's policy on the employment of board members.

- b. The existence of any conflict of interest in any contract in which the board member has an interest and in which the school district is a party, or the failure to make public the board member's interest known, may render a contract null and void.
- c. The prohibition of a conflict of interest or requirement for the board member to make public notice shall apply when the board member, or his or her parent, spouse, or child has a business association with the business involved in the contract or will receive a payment, fee, or commission as a result of the contract.
- d. The prohibition in this section does not apply if the contract is an agenda item approved at a board meeting and the board member:
 - (1) Makes a declaration on the record to the school board regarding the nature and extent of his or her interest prior to official consideration of the contract;
 - (2) Does not vote on the matters of granting the contract, making payments pursuant to the contract, or accepting performance of work under the contract, or similar matters relating to the contract, except that if the number of members of the school board declaring an interest in the contract would prevent the board with all members present from securing a quorum on the issue, then all members may vote on the matters; and
 - (3) Does not act for the school board as to inspection or performance under the contract in which he or she has an interest.

3. Contracts with Board Member's Immediate Family.

a. If a person in a board member's immediate family is an employee of this school district, the board member may vote on all issues of a contract which are generally applicable to:

- (1) All district employees.
- (2) All employees within a specific classification but which does not single out the member of his or her immediate family.

4. Employing Members of the Immediate Family.

a. A board member may recommend for employment or supervise the employment of an immediate family member if:

- (1) The board member does not abuse his or her position.
- (2) Abuse of official position shall include, but not be limited to, employing an immediate family member:
 - (i) who is not qualified for and able to perform the duties of the position;
 - (ii) for any unreasonably high salary;
 - (iii) who is not required to perform the duties of the position.
- (3) The board makes a reasonable solicitation and consideration of applications for employment.
- (4) The board member makes a full disclosure on the record to the governing body of the school district and to the secretary of the board. If the secretary of the board of education would be the individual filing the disclosure statement, the statement shall be filed with the president of the board of education.
- (5) The board approves the employment or supervisory position.

- b. The board has not terminated the employment of another employee so as to make funds or a position available for the purpose of hiring an immediate family member.
5. Gifts, Loans, Contributions, Rewards, or Promises of Future Employment
- a. No board member shall offer or give to the following persons anything of value, including a gift, loan, contribution, reward, or promise of future employment, based upon an agreement that a vote, official action, or judgment would be influenced thereby:
 - (1) a public official, public employee, or candidate.
 - (2) a member of the immediate family of an individual listed in Subparagraph 'a' above.
 - (3) a business with which an individual listed in Subparagraph (1) or (2) above is associated.
 - b. No board member shall solicit or accept anything of value, including a gift, loan, contribution, reward, or promise of future employment based on an agreement that the vote, official action, or judgment of the board member would thereby be influenced.
 - c. A board member shall not use or authorize the use of his or her public office or any confidential information received through the holding of a public office to obtain financial gain, other than compensation provided by law, for himself or herself, a member of his or her immediate family, or a business with which he or she is associated.
 - d. A board member shall not use personnel, resources, property, or funds under his or her official care and control other than in accordance with prescribed constitutional, statutory, and regulatory procedures or use such items, other than compensation provided by law, for personal financial gain.
6. Conflict of Interest Relating to Campaigning or Political Issues
- a. Except as provided below, the board shall not authorize the use of personnel, property, resources, or funds under its jurisdiction for the purpose of campaigning for or against the nomination or

election of a candidate or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question.

- b. This does not prohibit the board from making school district facilities available to a person for campaign purposes if the identity of the candidate or the support for or opposition to the ballot question is not a factor in making the facilities available or a factor in determining the cost or conditions for use.
- c. This does not prohibit the board from discussing and voting upon a resolution supporting or opposing a ballot question.
- d. This does not prohibit the board, while legally seated as a body, from responding to specific inquiries by the press or the public as to the board's opinion regarding a ballot question or from providing information in response to a request for information.
 - (1) The board may designate one or more members of its body, or one or more of its school administrators, to speak on behalf of the board on specific occasions such as public meetings or legislative hearings.
 - (2) Any member of the board may present his or her personal opinion regarding a ballot question or respond to a request for information related to a ballot question; but in so doing, the person should clearly state that the information being presented is his or her personal opinion and is not to be considered as the official position or opinion of the board. However, this shall not be done during a time that the individual is engaged in his or her official duties.

7. Conflict of Interest Statement

- a. Any board member who would be required to take any action or make any decision in the discharge of his or her official duties that may cause financial benefit or detriment to him or her, a member of his or her immediate family, or a business with which he or she is associated, which is distinguishable from the effects of such action on the public generally or a broad segment of the public, shall take the following actions as soon as he or she is aware of such potential conflict or should reasonably be aware of such potential conflict, whichever is sooner:

- (1) Prepare a written statement describing the matter requiring action or decision and the nature of the potential conflict;
 - (2) Deliver a copy of the statement to the school board secretary who shall enter the statement onto the school district's public records; and
 - (3) Abstain from participating or voting on the matter in which he or she has a conflict of interest.
- b. If the board member would like a formal opinion from the NADC as to whether there is an actual conflict of interest, he/she shall deliver a copy of the statement to the NADC.
8. Recordkeeping
- a. The board secretary shall maintain a separate record of the following information for every contract entered into by the school board in which a board member has an interest and for which disclosure was made pursuant to section 2d of this policy:
 - (1) The names of the contracting parties.
 - (2) The nature of the interest of the board member in question.
 - (3) The date that the contract was approved.
 - (4) The amount of the contract.
 - (5) The basic terms of the contract.
 - b. The information supplied relative to the contract shall be provided no later than ten (10) days after the contract has been signed by both parties. The ledger kept by the board secretary shall be available for public inspection during normal working hours of the office in which it is kept.
9. Conflict. To the extent that there is a conflict between this policy and the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act ("Act"), the Act shall control.

Adopted on: August 7, 2017
Revised on: _____
Reviewed on: _____

Deleted: _____

2012 Board Code of Ethics

The board recognizes that collectively and individually, all members of the board must adhere to an accepted code of ethics in order to improve public education. Board members must conduct themselves professionally and in a manner fitting of their position.

Each board member shall:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
2. Endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board meetings;
3. Render all decisions based on the available facts and his or her independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
4. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members, and seek systematic communication between the board and students, staff and all elements of the community;
5. Work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority to the superintendent to administer the school district;
6. Communicate expressions of public reaction to the board policies and school program to other board members and the superintendent;
7. Learn about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in seminars and programs, such as those sponsored by the state and national school board associations;
8. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
9. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using the board member's position on the board for personal or political gain;

10. Refrain from discussing the confidential business of the board in any setting except a board meeting;
11. Refrain from micro-managing the affairs of the school district;
12. Recognize the superintendent as the executive officer of the board;
13. Work constructively and collegially with the other members of the board, students, staff and patrons.
14. Refer complaints to the superintendent or building principal, as appropriate;
15. Always be mindful of his/her fiduciary obligation to the school district, including duties of loyalty and care, by placing the interests of the district above the board member's personal interests.
16. Remember that a board member's first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending this district's schools.

Adopted on: August 7, 2017

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

2022-23 Board Committees

Transportation

1. Dan Preister
2. John Nelson
3. Chelsa Thompson

Building and Sites

1. John Nelson
2. John Reeg
3. Jennifer Swantek

Civics

1. Dan Preister
2. Dave Baxa
3. John Reeg

Negotiations

1. John Reeg
2. Jennifer Swantek
3. Dave Baxa

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- Acadience Testing
 - Completed Dec. 14-16th
 - 70% of elementary students in grades 1st-6th made benchmark in Oral Reading Fluency

- Positive Action Training
 - January 3rd and 4th

- Upcoming Testing for elementary students
 - January 10th - 13th
 - NSCAS: 3rd-6th grade
 - MAPS: K-2nd grade
 - January 19th - 20th
 - PELI: Pre-K

- SHIP
 - February 2nd: Family engagement event: Book Bingo
 - February 6th and 8th: Scholastic Book Fair

January 9, 2023 - Board Meeting Minutes

Recent News & Information:

- Boys & Girls basketball took 3rd at the Columbus Holiday Tournament
- Speech team had their first meet this past Saturday
 - Results
- JH boys basketball had first game today
- Basketball record updates (before the Madison game):
 - Girls: 2-7
 - Boys: 4-5
- Wrestlers:
 - Recently competed at Aquinas Catholic
- Postponed events status:
 - Lakeview dual: cancelled
 - Double Dual (Syracuse, Milford, David City) - postponed → likely cancelled due to inability to find a suitable date
 - Dual w/ St. Paul – waiting to hear back on proposed dates for reschedule
 - Central City BB - Still throwing dates out to see what could work
 - Biggest issue with all postponements is January is packed with events across the board

Professional Development/Meetings:

- District 2 meeting in Boys Town on January 11th, 2023
 - Vote on [proposals](#)

Upcoming Events:

- HS G/B Basketball @ Aquinas Catholic (1/10/23)
- HS G/B Basketball vs. Cross County (1/12/2023)
- HS Wrestling @ Elm Creek (1/13/2023)
- Speech @ Wisner-Pilger (1/14/2023)
- JH Boys BB vs. Lakeview (1/14/2023)



David Schmit <dschmit@twinriver.esu7.org>

Speech Meet Results

Ryan Sidwell <rsidwell@twinriver.esu7.org>

Sun, Jan 8, 2023 at 11:31 AM

To: David Schmit <dschmit@twinriver.esu7.org>

Mr. Schmit,

Please report the following to the Board and if you wish please send to the Genoa Leader Times

"On Saturday, January 7th, the Twin River Speech Family competed with 18 other schools at the Twin River Speech Meet. The Speech Family scored 163.5 points and as a team finished 4th, only 12.5 points behind Raymond Central. With over 240 entries, the top 18 were medaled in each event. The following member of the Speech Family medaled in their events;

Xander McComb 17th in Extemporaneous

Alex Sikes 16th in Humorous

Laynie Allen 15th in Humorous

Ava Martinez 14th in Informative

Grace Weaver and Courtney Kemper 13th in Duet

Jocelyn Robertson 12th in POI

Emma Yrkoski, Briley Cuba, Aubree Brandenburger, Liliana Trejo and Parker Zabka 12th in OID

Austin Anderson 12th in Entertainment

Clara Preister 12th in Serious

Courtney Kemper 12th in Informative

Tessa Cherry 11th in POI

Jaclyn Everett, Tricia Kunkee, Tayle Zarek, Laynie Allen, and Grace Weaver 11th in OID

Noah Ladd 10th in Persuasive

Trey Quick 9th in Humorous

Grace Sagales 8th in Poetry

Grace Sagales 7th in POI

Logan Kershaw 6th in POI

Ava Martinez 6th in Poetry

Tessa Cherry 5th in Extemporaneous

Logan Kershaw 5th in Persuasive

Kenzie King 5th in Informative

Mason Rinkol 4th in Humorous

Mason Rinkol and Kirk Hebda 4th in Duet

Clay Brandenburger 3rd in Extemporaneous

Clay Brandenburger Tournament Runner-Up in Persuasive

Kadin Buhl, Clara Preister, Austin Anderson, Brayden Rinkol, and Kirk Hebda Tournament Runner-Up in OID"

Superintendent
 Jason Schapmann
Elementary Principal
 Brenda Buhl
High School Principal
 Zach Barrett
Assistant Principal/AD
 David Schmit



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Business Manager
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Twin River Public Schools

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Certified Resignations/Retirements

Staff Name	Position	Hire/Last Day
Gabrielle Lanxon	Pk-6 SPED	Hire, August 2023

Classified Resignations/Retirements

Staff Name	Position	Hire/Last Day
None		

“... providing opportunities for individuals to become lifelong learners”