

Committee on American Civics Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2026 4:15 PM

District Conference Room
1322 Avenue I
Gothenburg, NE 69138

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Rationale:

Mission Statement:

Gothenburg Public Schools is the cornerstone of a proud, passionate, and progressive community where students and staff thrive in a positive and innovative environment. We ensure the growth of all individuals by inspiring them to own and maximize their potential.

A copy of the open meetings law is posted on the wall of the Board Room and is available to the public.

2. Open Hearing

2.1. Overview of SS 79-724.

Rationale: Mrs. Richeson will provide insight on how the district addresses the components of SS 79-724 throughout the year.

2.2. Public Comment

Rationale: Public Comment will be received for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to § 79-724 - Committee on American Civics.

2.3. Committee on American Civics

As members of the Board of Education Committee on American Civics of the Gothenburg School District, we have completed the duties cited in Nebraska State Statute 79-724 as set forth in 79-724 with pride and respect for the nation's institutions. Board members on the committee on American Civics are Kelly Terrell (chair), Kyle Fornoff, and Ryan Sukraw.

3. Close Hearing

4. Discuss options for ELA materials adoption beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Rationale:

Board Policy 6004 defines the distinction between curriculum and materials as follows:

- **Curriculum** is adopted by the Board of Education and refers to the content and standards being taught.
- **Materials** are resources used to support and facilitate instruction of the curriculum.

The purpose of today's discussion is to provide an overview of the process used to develop the recommendation and to gather feedback and questions from the Committee on American Civics.

If the committee supports the recommendation, the materials review window will open today. Materials will be available for viewing by contacting Mrs. Maggie Tiller prior to the April Board meeting.

This is an informational and discussion item only.

5. Close Meeting