

Community Forum

Monday, November 18, 2013 7:00 PM

Public School Library

506 W. 9th Street

Dorchester, NE 68343-0007

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1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

President Zoubek called the meeting to order at 7:02. School personnel present were Superintendent Mitch Kubicek, Principal Duane Dohmen, and Joyce Karl.

2. Roll Call

All members were present.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

Several patrons from the district were present.

4. Discussion Items

4.1. Presentation of enrollment and participation projections

Mr. Kubicek presented information regarding enrollment and participation numbers. Other information including conference affiliation, transportation, and NSAA classification was shared.

4.2. Discuss a possible cooperative agreement

Several members of the community were present to discuss several topics: -A basketball cooperative would be varsity immediately, unlike the JV only cooperative for Football. -Players and coaches noted a positive experience with the football cooperative. -If Boys' Basketball were in a cooperative, Girls' Basketball would likely be in a cooperative as well due to scheduling of contests. -Concerns about students not participating if a cooperative were to occur were shared. -Concerns about the ability to field a team with low participation numbers were shared. Facing the possibility of forfeiting contests due to low numbers was a concern. -A discussion about developing youth programs to generate greater participation numbers was held. -Questions about additional opportunities such as softball, cross country, and FFA were posed. -The possibility of using Milford's track for practice opportunities, even in there was not a Track cooperative, was discussed.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Matthew Hansen. Mark Bors: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Brad Havlat: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea, Lindsey Zoubek: Yea

Carol Schnell?(s) Carol Schnell, Secretary of the Board of Education