

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2022 7:00 PM

Public School Library

506 W. 9th Street

Dorchester, NE 68343-0007

Notice of the time and place of the Dorchester Board of Education meeting was published in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. Newspapers of general circulation in the district include, but are not necessarily limited to, the Crete News, the Lincoln Journal Star, or the Omaha World-Herald. Notice is also posted in at least three prominent places within the school district which may include the following: Dorchester Public Schools, Farmers Coop, First State Bank, and the Village Office. Individual board members received in advance the meeting agenda and meeting materials. Pursuant to Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Statutes, the public is hereby informed that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the Board meeting boardroom.

Matthew Hansen: Present

Mike Hatfield: Present

Shelly Lehr: Present

Carol Schnell: Present

Kelli Schweitzer: Present

Steve Vyhnalek: Present

1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

The February board meeting was called to order by President Steve Vyhnalek at 7:00 pm with all board members present. President Vyhnalek confirmed the advance notice to the public of the meeting and agenda. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Other school personnel present are Superintendent Daryl Schrunk, Principal Jake Wiese and Linda Woolsey.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

Visitors present are Mike Nohavec and Matt Smith.

4. Request for Change of Agenda

No request for change of agenda.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting(s)

Motion to approve the reading of the last meeting minutes Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

6. Financial Report

Motion to approve the financial report Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

Mr. Schrunk presented detailed information on the financial report for January.

7. Reports

7.1. Principal's Report

Principal Wiese reviewed the busy basketball and wrestling schedules in the past several weeks. Mr. Wiese attended the ESU6 Principal Network on February 2nd. Upcoming events include Parent-Teacher Conferences on Feb. 10th; no school Feb. 11th and early release on Feb. 18th for staff P.D. Dorchester will host the CRC Quiz Bowl on Feb. 16th with no school for K-8 and a noon release for 9-12. On Feb. 21, Heidi Farmer will assist with Reading Coaching and Feb 28, Amber Vlasnik will review our Math Curriculum. Spring sports practices will begin Feb. 28th. March 4 and 11 are no school days. The 3rd quarter will end on March 10th.

7.2. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Schrunk reviewed information on recent legislative updates. Mr. Schrunk reviewed a draft of the State Aid funding for the 2022-2023 school year. He will be attending the NRCSA Legislative Forum on Feb. 22nd. Mr. Schrunk presented information on interest shown in sanctioning a Girls Wrestling team for next year. Board members are to consider this for further action in coming months.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. Review Board of Education Policies #3021, 3022, 3023, 3028, 3029, 3033, 3034, 3036, 3039, and 3040.

Mr. Schrunk reviewed policies #3021-Community School, #3022-Volunteers, #3023-Electronic Records Management, #3028-Sex Offenders, #3029-Resolution of Conflicts Between Parents, #3033-Lending Textbooks to Children Enrolled in Private Schools, #3034-Copying Fees for School District Records, #3036-Purchasing Card, #3039-Threat Assessment and Response, and #3040-School Safety and Security. No changes are necessary at this time.

8.2. Review "Placement on Salary Schedule" from Dorchester Negotiations Agreement.

Mr. Schrunk and the DEA have discussed the placement of any new hires on our salary schedule based on their degree. Additional meetings between the negotiations committee and the DEA may be necessary to further clarify placement of new hires in the future. This could also be included in the contract for 2023-2024.

9. Action Items

9.1. Consider Approving the School District's Implementation of Multicultural Education Throughout the Curriculum.

Motion to approve the school district's implementation of multicultural education within classrooms Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Mike Hatfield.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

Mr. Schrunk and Mr. Wiese presented evidence of Dorchester's multicultural topics taught in all classrooms. The information provided indicates we have met the State Statute.

9.2. Determine the Availability of the 2022-2023 Special Education Program and English Learners for Option Enrollment Students.

Motion to declare 2022-2023 Special Education and English Learner programs closed for option enrollment students due to the fact that the current staff and facilities are not sufficient enough to accommodate additional option enrollment students Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

Mr. Schrunk reviewed the current resolution to close the option enrollment for Special Education and English Learning for the 2022-2023 school year.

9.3. Consider approving Early Retirement Incentive Program Applications and Agreements.

Motion to approve Early Retirement Incentive Program Applications and Agreements with Diane Houdek and Theresa Johnson allowing Deb Burrows as an alternate Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

According to the criteria regarding when the board receives more applications for voluntary separation than it approved is outlined in Policy #4099--Early Retirement Incentive Program - ERIP, here is the order:

1) Diane Houdek

2) Theresa Johnson

Alternate = Deb Burrows

Mr. Schrunk reviewed the criteria for ERIP approved at the December 2021 board meeting. The teachers approved for the Early Retirement Incentive Program may revoke their agreement for a period of seven (7) days following its execution.

9.4. Consider approving resignation(s).

No resignations at this time.

9.5. Consider contract and salary for Principal and Superintendent.

Motion to moved to closed session at 8:37 pm Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

Motion to return to open session at 9:56 pm Passed with a motion by Mike Hatfield and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

Motion to approve contract and salary increase of 2.5% for Principal and Superintendent Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

The decision to move to closed session was based on personnel and the evaluation of job performance clearly necessary 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.

10. Board Committee Report(s)

No committee reports at this time.

11. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Additional closed session not needed at this time.

12. Establish Future Board of Education Meeting Date(s) and Time(s)

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m.
Board Retreat = Monday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 pm Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

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