

Board of Education Special Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2022 7:30 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 Special Meeting of the Dorchester Board of Education was opened by President Steve Vyhnalek with all board members present. President Vyhnalek confirmed the advance notice of the meeting and agenda.

2. Roll Call

School personnel present: Superintendent Daryl Schrunk and Principal Jake Wiese. Also present: Dr. Curtis Cogswell.

3. Action Items

3.1. Consider and take action on staff resignation(s).

Motion to approve the resignation of Superintendent Daryl Schrunk 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

The Board expressed their deepest regret at this resignation and their sincere thanks for Daryl's service of the past seven years.

3.2. Interview with potential superintendent candidate.

The Board conducted an interview with Dr. Cogswell.

3.3. Discuss, consider, receive legal advice, and form a strategy for superintendent contract negotiations.

Motion to go into closed session at 8:41pm for a strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining 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 Passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Mike Hatfield.

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

Motion to move to an open meeting at 10:00 pm 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 Vyhnaek: Yea

Plans were discussed to schedule the next steps of interviews with staff and student committees.

3.4. Consider approving a superintendent search firm, if necessary.

Motion to table the consideration of a superintendent search firm Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Carol Schnell.

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

Motion was tabled at this time.

4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:05pm 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 Vyhnaek: Yea

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