

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2023 8:00 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 regular board meeting was called to order by President Steve Vyhnalek at 7:00 pm with all board members present. He confirmed the advance notice of the meeting date and agenda. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

School personnel present are Superintendent Daryl Schrunk, Principal Jake Wiese, Linda Woolsey and Jen Feeken.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

Sharon Endorf, Director of Member Engagement for NASB was present. Dr. Curtis Cogswell, 2023-24 incoming Superintendent, was also present.

3.1. Sharon Endorf, Director of Member Engagement for NASB (Nebraska Association of School Boards), will present the information in their Membership Guides to the board for approximately 10-15 minutes.

NASB membership guides were distributed by Sharon Endorf. The various organizations they represent and services provided were reviewed for the Board.

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 March meeting minutes 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

Mr. Schrunk presented the minutes from the March meeting.

6. Financial Report

Motion to approve the financial report 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 reviewed the April Financial Report. Mr. Schrunk informed the board the new bus is to be delivered tomorrow April 18th.

7. Reports

7.1. Principal's Report

Mr. Wiese shared 65 students are on the 3rd quarter honor roll or honorable mention list. On March 22nd, a "hold" drill with drug dogs was conducted. Formal evaluations for 2022-2023 are complete. The Junior class took their ACT test on March 21. FBLA State Leadership Conference was held April 3-5. Three FBLA students are going to Nationals after placing 3rd for a mobile app they developed. Kindergarten and Preschool had an open house on April 4. Many students have been recognized for Journalism and NSAA Multi-Activity Student awards. Amanda Cerny was recognized as a 2023 NDE "School Nutrition Hero". JH Quiz Bowl finished 3rd at the District Meet. Boys and Girls State delegates are Ashton Jirsa, Quinn Kasl and Amber Kotas. Upcoming events include NSCAS testing, 7-12 registration and scheduling, April 19 Longhorn Line-Up, April 22 Prom / Post Prom, April 25 Athletic Banquet, April 27 HS Spring Concert, May 1 Elementary Spring Concert, May 3 Senior Trip / Skip Day, May 5 PTO Carnival, May 9 Honors Night, May 12 Seniors last day with staff breakfast and May 13 graduation. End of the year staff activities include: May 19 recognition / celebration lunch, May 22 MTSS "Refine and Refocus", May 23 K-6 Date Day and May 24-25 School Improvement Meeting. Summer Reading and Math Camps will be held June 12-16 and July 10-14. Mr. Wiese will be looking for other schools and NDE input on Valedictorian / Salutatorian selection and chronic absenteeism. More details will be shared at a later date.

7.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Schrunk presented Legislative Updates. Included were LB385, which creates a program for retention grants of \$2,500 for some teachers; LB356 NE colleges/universities for student grants; LB520 delaying implementation of science and technology education credits; LB724 eliminating the test for basic skills competency; LB372 allowing part-time enrollment of students; LB705 distribution of lottery funds; LB372 non-public students in school's extracurricular activities; LB583 foundation aid to qualified school districts; LB243 percentage of annual increase requests for levying authority and LB298 data collection for dyslexia. Mr. Wiese will be recognized on Wednesday, April 19th at the Region I meeting as the Principal of the Year. Mr. Schrunk, Dr. Cogswell and Steve Vyhnalek attended the Spring Conference in Kearney on March 23-24. Mr. Schrunk, Dr. Cogswell and Steve shared highlights of the conference. Friday, May 19th, we will have the Staff Service Awards. The board is invited to attend at noon.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. Review Board of Education Policies #5026-5033.

Mr. Schrunk reviewed policies #5026-Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment of Students; #5028-Initiations and Hazing; #5029-Crisis Response Policy; #5030-Truant Behavior; #5031-Student Appearance; #5032-Closed Campus; #5033-Student Driving and Parking. No changes are necessary.

9. Action Items

9.1. Consider approving resignation(s).

Motion to approve resignation of Andrea Kamler 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

9.2. Consider approving contract(s).

Motion to approve contracts for Amanda Clouse (1st grade teacher), Jessica Tuttle (Secretary), Crystal Moore (Cook) and Jaci Dunaway (Library) 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 Vyhnaek: Yea

9.3. Consider Approving the "Revised" 2023-2024 School Calendar.

Motion to approve the Revised 2023-2024 School Calendar Passed with a motion by Mike Hatfield and a second by Carol Schnell.

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

Mr. Schrunk reviewed the changes in the CRC Conference schools. Dorchester will not host the Quiz Bowl in 2023-2024. We will host the basketball tournament. Therefore, the school calendar changed February 14th to a full day of school and November 22nd will be part of the Thanksgiving break.

9.4. Consider Approving Classified Personnel Salaries.

Review Policy #4037 "Employment Terms for Classified Staff"

Motion to move into executive session at 9:22 p.m. for a strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Shelly Lehr.

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

Motion to return to open session at 9:42 pm Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Mike Hatfield.

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

Motion to approve the Classified Personnel Salaries for 2023-2024 as presented Passed with a motion by Mike Hatfield and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

Steve Vyhnaek: Abstain (With Conflict), Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea

10. Board Committee Report(s)

No committee reports.

11. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Closed session not necessary at this time.

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

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, May 15 at 8:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. 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 Vyhnaek: Yea

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