

# **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

**Monday, May 15, 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 8:00 p.m. 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, Title 1 Teacher Karma Ridpath and Jen Feeken

## **3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment**

Jack Moles, Executive Director of NRCSA (Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association) was present. Dr. Curtis Cogswell, 2023-24 incoming Superintendent, was also present.

3.1. Jack Moles, Executive Director of NRCSA (Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association), will present to the board for approximately 10-15 minutes.

Jake Moles, Executive Director of NRCSA (Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association) presented information about the goals and growth of NRCSA. He discussed bills coming up in the legislature that will affect rural schools, including LB 583, LB 681 (Education Future Fund), LB 243(School Property Tax Limitation Act), & LB 705 (Distribution of lottery proceeds that go to educational purposes). He also talked about NRCSA's stance on the aforementioned bills.

## **3.2. Presentation by Mrs. Ridpath**

Mrs. Ridpath presented information on the Title 1 program at DPS. This is an annual update requirement. All Title 1 policies and procedures are located on the Dorchester School website under "Title 1" on the website banner. At the end of the 2022-2023 school year, there are 57 students in the reading program and 25 students in the math program. Over the course of this year, 65 different students were involved with Title 1. Upcoming events include summer training for Mrs. Laura Barlow and Mrs. Ridpath.

## **3.2.1. Review Board Policy #5018-Parent and Guardian Involvement In Education Practices**

Mr. Schrunk reviewed Policy #5018-Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices. There was no public comment at this time or changes necessary.

#### 4. Request for Change of Agenda

No requests for change of agenda.

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

Motion to approve the reading of the last meeting(s) 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

The board reviewed the minutes from the last board meeting.

#### 6. Financial Report

Motion to approve the financial report 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

Mr. Schrunk reviewed the Financial Report.

#### 7. Reports

##### 7.1. Principal's Report

Mr. Wiese reviewed events that have taken place including Longhorn Line-up, prom, athletic banquet, elementary and junior high/high school concerts, elementary carnival, honors night, district track, and graduation. Upcoming events include the last day of school, trainings, data day, school improvement, and summer school. Summer school is be June 12-16 and July 10-14.

##### 7.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Schrunk discussed the possibility of replacing the 2008 Minivan this year. Summer projects will include painting, cleaning and general maintenance of classrooms. The staff luncheon/recognition will be held on May 19th. The old crows nest has been removed and pouring of cement for the new foundation should start shortly. Fencing on the southside of the football field was also discussed. Mr. Schrunk gave an update on current legislation being debated and likely bills that will pass this session. LB 705 is the Education Committee Priority Package. It provides for a new distribution of lottery funds for educational purposes. This bill has become the "vehicle" for other bills to be attached into this one package of bills. In all 24 components representing various bills introduced this session have become part of LB 705. A few to keep an eye on in the likelihood that this package passes are: LB 372 which amends existing law to change provisions regarding part-time student enrollment to allow home school students the ability to participate in extracurricular activities if enrolled in not more and no less than five credit hours. LB 414 changes provisions to Option Enrollment. Capacity for special education services operated by an option school district would be determined on a case-by-case basis.

#### 8. Discussion Items

No discussion items.

#### 9. Action Items

##### 9.1. Consider approving resignation(s).

No resignations to approve.

9.2. Consider approving contract(s).

No contracts to approve.

9.3. Consider the purchase of a school vehicle. (Closed Session)

Motion to move into executive session at 9:15 p.m. for a strategy session with respect to property/real estate matters 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 Matthew Hansen and a second by Carol Schnell.

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 9:26 p.m. 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

Motion to authorize Transportation Committee to pursue purchasing a school vehicle and give authority to Board President and Superintendent to finalize purchase. Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell 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 discussed the possibility of purchasing a school vehicle to replace the 2008 minivan.

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, June 12 at 8:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. 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

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