

# **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

**Monday, September 11, 2023 8:20 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 September board meeting was called to order by President Steve Vyhnalek with all board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## 2. Roll Call

Also present are Superintendent Curt Cogswell, Principal Jake Wiese, Jen Feeken, and Corey Bird.

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

No visitors present.

## 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(s) minutes. 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 Vyhnalek: Yea

## 6. Financial Report

Motion to approve the financial report. 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

Our end of the year expenditures equal \$3,917,482 compared to \$3,913,177 last year for a difference of \$4,305. One expense to bring to your attention is the bill regarding IDEA Technology - this was additional funding provided through Special Education. We also had our transfers to Depreciation and Athletics in our expenditures.

## 7. Reports

### 7.1. Principal's Report

Mr. Wiese shared recent activities at DPS. The District has two new teachers in 2023-2024. MAP testing has been completed. Dorchester School hosted the Blue River Cohort on Tuesday, September 5th. Mr. Wiese attended the NSASSP/NCSA Region 1 meeting where KSB Law presented information about part-time enrollment and participation in activities and also whether or not schools need to honor credit from non-accredited institutions (home schools). Upcoming events include Homecoming Week on Sept. 18-22, K-6 Grandparents Day on Sept. 29, and Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences.

### 7.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cogswell shared that we had many compliments from other schools about the Blue River Cohort. The seniors painted the bleachers on the football field. He reminded the Negotiation Committee that they must meet by November 1st for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Cogswell stated that his focus for September will be IDEA compliance, certification compliance, completing grand applications for ESSA and IDEA, and preparing for audits.

## 8. Discussion Items

8.1. Option Enrollment Resolution: Our Board must adopt an Option Enrollment resolution by October 15th.

Mr. Cogswell discussed with the board options for an option enrollment resolution.

8.2. Office of Special Education External District Monitoring Protocol

Mr. Cogswell shared that Dorchester Public School was a school to monitor based off of special education data submitted during the 2021-2022 school year. He said measures that they look at for students receiving special education services are - attendance, discipline, academic achievement, graduation, etc.

8.3. Teacher Certification

Mr. Cogswell told the board we have a teacher working towards completing certification requirements for this current school year. He has been in contact with NDE and is working towards getting everything needed submitted.

8.4. State Education Conference

Mr. Cogswell told the board the State Education Conference is scheduled for Nov 15-17 for anyone who would like to attend.

## 9. Action Items

9.1. Consider Approving 2023/2024 Tax Request Resolution for Saline County School District (76-0044) Dorchester Public School.

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Tax Request Resolution for Saline County School District (76-0044) Dorchester Public School. 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 Vyhalek: Yea

9.2. Consider Approving Proposed 2023-2024 General Fund Budget of Receipts and Expenditures for Saline County School District 76-0044.

Motion to approve the proposed 2023-2024 General Fund budget of receipts and expenditures for Saline County School District 76-0044. 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

9.3. Consider Approving Proposed 2023-2024 Budget for the Following Funds: Depreciation, Employee Benefits, Activities, School Lunch, Bond, Special Building, Student Fees.

Motion to approve the proposed 2023-2024 budget for the following funds: Depreciation, Employee Benefits, Activities, School Lunch, Bond, Special Building, and Student Fees. 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

9.4. Consider Approving Proposed 2023-2024 Property Tax Request and Estimated Levies: General Fund - \$3,040,404.00 with an estimated levy of \$0.7449; Bond Fund - \$292,929.00 with an estimated levy of \$0.0717. A total tax request of \$3,333,333 compared to \$3,267,676 last year and a total levy of .81670 compared to .80687 last year.

Motion to approve the Proposed 2023-2024 Property Tax Request and Estimated Levies: General Fund - \$3,040,404.00 with an estimated levy of \$0.7449; Bond Fund - \$292,929.00 with an estimated levy of \$0.0717. 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

10. Board Committee Report(s)

No Committee Reports at this time.

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). October 9 at 8:00 p.m.

The next scheduled board meeting is Wednesday, October 11th at 8:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:23 pm. 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

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