

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2023 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: Absent

Kelli Schweitzer: Present

Steve Vyhnalek: Present

1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

2. Roll Call

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

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 Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Mike Hatfield.

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

Mr. Cogswell reviewed the minutes from the regular November Board Meeting.

6. Financial Report

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

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

Mr. Cogswell presented the financial report.

7. Reports

7.1. Principal's Report

Mr. Wiese reported that PD this last month included EL information & MTSS meetings. The Dorchester Volunteer Fire Department came for Fire Prevention activities on November 15th. He has attended NCSA events and the State Principal's Conference. Sessions included staff mental health, NDE digital parent academy, and a KSB session on Student Discipline Act changes. The wrestling and basketball seasons are in full swing. District Play Production was November 28th. Up coming events include the high school Christmas Concert, end of 1st semester, and the elementary excellence rally/

7.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cogswell reported that he had attended the All-State Concert at the LIED Center and a luncheon at the Cornhusker honoring Mr. Wiese as Nebraska New Principal of the Year.. He attended the English Language meeting at ESU 6 to hear updates and learn more about Rule 15. December's focus includes 2024-2025 course and program planning and personnel planning.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. Review Board Policies - 5062, 5065, 5067, 6001, 6002. and 6003

The board reviewed policy #5062, #5065, #5067, #6001, #6002, and #6003. Policy #5062 is Lice and Nits. This policy states that a student must be treated before they can return to school. Policy #5065 is Bed Bugs. The school will exclude a student if a bed bug is found on their person while at school. Policy #5067 is Student Assistance Team or Comparable Problem-Solving Team. In compliance with the Nebraska Department of Education, each school must maintain a Student Assistance Team. Policy #6001 is School Organization. This policy states how the school shall be organized. Policy #6002 is School Calendar. The superintendent will present a calendar to the Board for approval each year. Policy #6003 is Instructional Program. This policy states that our instructional program must comply with instructional hours, establish special programs for individual students, schedule NSAA activities outside the instructional day as often as possible, and the school come up with a balance between academic and extra-curricular.

8.2. Donations

The school recieved a few donations from organizations and individuals.

8.3. Gym Floor Covering

Another school district is interested in buying our gym floor covering from us.

9. Action Items

9.1. Consider Approving the 2022-2023 Audit by Porter & Company

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 audit by Porter and Company. Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Mike Hatfield.

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

9.2. Consider approving 2024-2025 Negotiated Agreement

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 negotiated agreement. Passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

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

9.3. Closed Session to Discuss Superintendent Evaluation

Motion to move into closed session to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent at 7:57 pm. Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Shelly Lehr.

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

The meeting move into closed session for 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 Board Committee Reports this month.

11. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Motion to move back into regular session at 8:40 pm Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Mike Hatfield.

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

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

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, January 8 at 7:00 pm.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm. Passed with a motion by Mike Hatfield and a second by Matthew Hansen.

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

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