

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2024 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: 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 to the public of the meeting date and agenda. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

2. Roll Call

Also present were Principal Jake Wiese and Jen Feeken. Superintendent was present via zoom.

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. Reorganization of the Board of Education by Nomination and Roll Call or Ballot Vote

It was decided that Steve Vyhnalek would remain President, Matt Hanson would remain Vice President, Kelli Schweitzer would remain Treasurer, and Mike Hatfield will become Secretary. Passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Matthew Hansen.

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

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting(s)

Motion to approve the reading of the last meeting minutes 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

7. Financial Report

Motion to approve the financial report 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

8. Reports

8.1. Principal's Report

There was no Principal's report this month.

8.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cogswell discussed that next month the board will need to vote on whether or not to let a new school into the Conference.

9. Discussion Items

9.1. 2024-2025 Calendar

A draft of the 24-25 school calendar was given to board members to look over.

9.2. State Career and Technical Education Funding

The State with the passage of LB 814 provided each school district with additional funding for our Career and Technical Education Funding. Dorchester Public Schools received \$7,500 to use towards our CTE Programs.

9.3. 2023-2024 Annual Report

The board was presented with the Rule 10 District Annual Report.

9.4. Review Board Policies - 6004, 6005, 6006, 6007, 6008 and 6009

This item was tabled until the next board meeting.

9.5. Safety Visit (Rule 10)

Mr. Cogswell shared some information from Dr. Norm Yoder's safety visit that he conducted on December 12th. He also shared pricing on wall pads for the auxiliary gym.

9.6. 2024-2025 Board Member Election

Incumbents must file before February 15th and Non-incumbents must file before March 1. Shelly Lehr, Kelli Schweitzer, and Mike Hatfield are up for re-election this year.

10. Action Items

10.1. Appointment of Board Committees for 2024: Public Relations, Committee of American Civics/Curriculum, Buildings/Ground, Negotiations, Wellness, and Transportation

Motion for board committee members to stay the same as the previous year. 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

10.2. Consider retaining the following as the official designees for 2024: 1) Representative for State and Federal Programs - Superintendent, 2) School Attorneys - KSB Law, 3) Newspaper - Crete News, and 4) Depository of District Funds - First State Bank, Dorchester Branch.

Motion to retain official designees for 2024 as presented 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

10.3. Consider and take action to accept board member's resignation.

Carol Schnell rescind her resignation. She will remain on the board.

11. Board Committee Report(s)

There were no board committee report this month.

12. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

No need for closed session.

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

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, February 5 at 7:00 pm.

14. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 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