

# Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024 7:00 PM

Public School Library

506 W. 9th Street

Dorchester, NE 68343-0007

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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 advanced notice to the public of the meeting date and agenda. The Pledge of Alligiance was recited by all.

## 2. Roll Call

Also present were Superintendent Curt Cogswell, Principal Jake Wiese, and Jen Feeken.

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

Matt Smith was 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 minutes 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

## 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

## 7. Reports

### 7.1. Principal's Report

Mr. Wiese reported that professional development for staff included Hope Science Intro & MTSS meetings. Parent-Teacher Conferences had an approximate 70% parent turnout. During Longhorn Line-up in February, students made valentines for Saline Co. Aging Services and in March will be doing a Read Across America activity. The 8th grade class took the NAEP Assessment on the 22nd with a 100% participation rate. On February 28th Anne Hubbel with NDE did an ESSA Monitoring/Title I On-Site Visit.

## 7.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cogswell shared highlights from the month. Both the high school and junior high quiz bowl teams took third place. Dorchester will host the Reading Classic Competition on Friday, March 15th. The high school track team will have their first meet on March 14th. CRC Honor Choir and Band will be on March 18 and the school play will be on March 22nd and 23rd.

## 8. Discussion Items

### 8.1. Review Legislative Priority Bills

Mr. Cogswell talked about some priority bills being talked about in the legislature. These include LB 71 Modifies Parental Involvement Act and LB 575 Adopt the Sports and Spaces Act.

### 8.2. Committee on American Civics

Mr. Cogswell talked about schoolwide activities done to promote American Civics. This included reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily, our Patriots Day & Veteran's Day Programs, County Government Day, and Seniors taking the Citizenship Test.

### 8.3. Beef Program

A local farmer reached out to the school about starting a beef program. Mr. Cogswell is looking into what it would take to get it implemented.

### 8.4. Discuss and review "Safe Return to Learn Plan"

The board reviewed the Return to Learn Plan.

### 8.5. Fund Raising - Painted Parking Spots

A parent asked about doing a fund-raising project that would allow seniors to have their own parking space for the year at a cost. They would also be allowed to paint their spot.

### 8.6. Special Education Compliance Process

We had our compliance meeting with the Special Education team at NDE. They gave us some corrective action items regarding IEPs that we will need to fix.

## 9. Action Items

### 9.1. Consider Approving the 2024-2025 Calendar.

Motion to approve the 2024-2024 school calendar Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Carol Schnell.

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

### 9.2. Consider approving the FBLA trip

Motion to approve FBLA's trip to State Leadership Conference in Kearney on April 11th through April 13th. 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

### 9.3. Consider approving resignation(s)

Motion to approve the resignation of Jessica Burry after the 2023-2024 school year. Passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

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

### 9.4. Consider purchase of a shot clock

Motion to approve the purchase of a shot clock 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

### 9.5. Consider approving the teacher contract return date

Motion to approve moving the date teacher need to return their contracts by to April 1st Passed with a motion by Mike Hatfield and a second by Shelly Lehr.

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

## 10. Board Committee Report(s)

### 10.1. Transportation Committee

Bus 24 was taken to the Truck Center for repair and for recall issues. The estimate to replace the engine on the 2012 bus would be \$34,088. A decision needs to be made on what to do with the 2012 bus.

### 10.2. Building and Grounds

The board looked around the school and inspected the facilities to come up with maintenance recommendations for the summer.

## 11. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Closed session not needed.

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

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, April 8th, at 8:00 pm.

## 13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 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