

# **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

**Monday, February 10, 2025 7:00 PM**

**Public School Library**

**506 W. 9th Street**

**Dorchester, NE 68343-0007**

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Matt Bolton: Present

Matthew Hansen: Present

Shelly Lehr: Present

Carol Schnell: Present

Matt Smith: Present

Steve Vyhnalek: Present

## 1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

The board meeting was called to order by President Steve Vyhnalek. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## 2. Roll Call

Also present were Principal Jake Wiese and Jen Bond.

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

Nick Mumm and Elizabeth Mumm were present.

## 4. Request for Change of Agenda

Action item 9.2 will be moved to the end of the meeting.

## 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.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

## 6. Financial Report

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

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

## 7. Reports

### 7.1. Principal's Report

In January we had the Q2 Secondary Rally and the CRC Basketball Tournament. The girls took 3rd place. In February, there was the CRC JH Vocal Clinic. During the Longhorn Line-up we made Valentine's for the elderly. Second semester formal evaluations have begun. Parent-Teacher Conferences are February 13th. We will likely host girls basketball sub-districts.

## 7.2. Superintendent's Report

There was no Superintendent's Report.

## 8. Discussion Items

### 8.1. NRCSA Legislative Conference and Spring Conference

Any board members wanting to attend need to let Dr. Cogswell know soon.

### 8.2. Legislative Update

There was discussion on upcoming legislative bills.

### 8.3. Carpet Replacement

The board discussed the quote to replace the carpet in rooms 114 and 118

### 8.4. Roof Replacement Estimates

The board discussed the estimate to replace the roof.

### 8.5. 2025-2026 State Aid Projections

Current State Aid is \$592,441. Next year's is estimated at \$505,449 for a decrease of \$86,992.

### 8.6. Current School Calendar

The board discussed a possible change to the calendar if girls basketball team makes it to state basketball.

### 8.7. 2025-2026 Bond Payment

The last bond payment will be next December for \$290,000. The board visited about options to put funding into the building fund starting next year.

## 9. Action Items

### 9.1. Consider Approving Membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards

Motion to continue membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Carol Schnell.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

### 9.2. Consider the contract and salary for Principal

Motion to approve the contract and salary for the principal Passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Matt Smith.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

### 9.3. Consider adopting the 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar Passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Matt Smith.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

#### 9.4. Resignation and Hires

Motion to accept the resignation of Olivia McBeth Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Matt Bolton.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

#### 10. Board Committee Report(s)

There were no committee reports

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

Motion to moved into closed session at 7:46 pm Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

Motion to go back into regular session at 8:24 pm Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

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

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, March 10th at 7:00 pm

#### 13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

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