

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 5:30 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

In attendance were Superintendent, Nick Mumm, Principal JJ Wagner, and Jen Bond.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

No visitors were 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 Matt Bolton and a second by Matthew Hansen.

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

6. Financial Report

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

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

Mr. Wagner reported that summer school is going well, and he is getting to know the students. He also informed board members that Admin Days in Kearney start on July 23rd.

7.2. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mumm stated that the carpet in the 1st grade and 3rd grade classrooms has been replaced. He also said that Greg Tyser is looking for a new van for the school and the old bus that has been sitting at his shop will be towed away.

8. Action Items

8.1. Discuss and take necessary action to approve the following policies: 1002, 2006, 3003, 3004.1, 3023, 3026, 3036, 3043, 3047, 4051, 4057, 4059, 5001, 5015, 5016, 5018, 5031, 5034, 6025, 6031, 6034, 6044, and 6045

Motion to approve the board policies Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Matt Smith.
Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnaek: Yea

8.2. Discuss and take action to approve Title IX Policy

Motion to approve the slim Title IX policy 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 Vyhnaek: Yea

8.3. Discuss and take necessary action to approve the purchase of SchoolStatus Connect, family and school engagement.

Motion to approve the purchase of SchoolStatus Passed with a motion by Matt Smith and a second by Matt Bolton.

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

8.4. Discuss and take necessary action to approve the 2025-2026 student handbook and staff handbook.

Motion to approve the student and staff handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year Passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Matthew Hansen.

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

8.5. Discuss and take necessary action to approve ALICAP or EMC Insurance for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Motion to approve ALICAP for the school's insurance Passed with a motion by Matt Smith and a second by Matthew Hansen.

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

8.6. Discuss and take necessary action to approve the quote from Home Care Plus of \$12,309.94.

Motion to approve the quote from Home Care Plus for upgrades to the sound system on the stage 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 Vyhnaek: Yea

8.7. Discuss Board Retreat Items

The board discussed various items.

9. Board Committee Report(s)

10. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Closed session not needed at this time.

11. Establish Future Board of Education Meeting Date(s) and Time(s) Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, August 11, 2025. The hearing meeting will begin at 6:45 pm with the regular board meeting to follow.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:14 pm 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

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