

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, July 13, 2020 8:00 PM

Public School Library

506 W. 9th Street

Dorchester, NE 68343-0007

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Matthew Hansen: Present

Mike Hatfield: Present

Neal Pavlish: Absent

Carol Schnell: Present

Kelli Schweitzer: Present

Steve Vyhnalek: Present

Neal Pavlish absence is excused due to illness.

1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

The July Board Meeting was called to order by President Steve Vyhnalek at 8:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Also present are Superintendent Daryl Schrunk (via Zoom), incoming Principal Jake Wiese and Linda Woolsey.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

Visitors - Rebecca Steuk and Carolyn Pavlish were in attendance.

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 meetings minutes Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Carol Schnell.

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

6. Financial Report

Motion to approve the financial report Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Mike Hatfield.

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

7. Reports

7.1. Principal's Report

Mr. Wiese presented information on staff surveys taken through Google docs. He has been meeting with teachers and staff getting to know everyone. Mr. Wiese has been working on student handbook updates for the 2020-21 school year. He is still attending graduate classes. Upcoming dates are summer school June 20-24 and NDE Administrator's Days Virtual Meetings July 29-31.

7.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Schrunk presented his 2019-2020 leaves to the Board. There is a NASB Area Membership Meeting in York on Wednesday, August 19th.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. Discuss plans for reopening school in the fall.

NRCSA's Reopening Committees [NRCSA = Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association]:

At the beginning of June, over 100 Superintendents and ESU Administrators have committed to helping develop ideas for use in developing a school district's reopening plan for the coming school year. The volunteers were divided up into eight sub-committees, each tackling a different topic that needs to be addressed in considering reopening. The sub-committees are: Transportation, SPED/504, Instruction/Class Size, Food Services, Custodial/Health, Activities, Personnel, and Calendar/Logistics. Each committee is meeting at a set time/day each week during June. Mr. Schrunk served on "Food Services" and "Custodial/Health". The intent was for each school district to have plans ready to present to local school boards at July board of education meetings.

At this time, Dorchester Public School is setting plans in place for reopening school in the fall. Our scheduled first day of school is Wednesday, August 19. Our 2020-2021 calendar can be found on our website (dorchesterschool.org).

Please know that the safety and well-being of our students and staff is always a priority. We will follow the directed health guidelines in place. Our plans will allow us to adjust according to any health concerns ("risk dial") so we can continue educating our students.

After Discussion with the Board and input from visitors, a special meeting will be held on August 3rd to review and approve the fall school plans for re-opening school. Mr. Schrunk will send out an all-call to update families on the upcoming school start date of August 19th. A letter will be sent to homes with details for opening with Coronavirus shortly after the August 3rd meeting.

8.2. Discuss opening the facilities back up to the public.

Playground = Has been closed to the public since March. Recommendation is to open back up to the public mid-July.

Gym = The small gym has been used in the past (before COVID) by patrons for volleyball or basketball. Are we ready to open back up to patrons as early as mid-July?

The Board discussed the need to focus on opening the playground and/or school for our children. Outside activities will not be held in the school at this time. The playground will be opened with a posting of the risks.

9. Action Items

9.1. Consider approving position(s).

Motion to approve position of Mishelle Kortus as bus driver Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

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

9.2. Final Reading of Board of Education Policies #2002 - Organization of Board, Board Officers, and Check Signing; #3039 - Threat Assessment and Response; #3046 - Animals at School; #3055 - School Resource Officers; #5016 - Student Records; #5035 - Student Discipline; #5054 - Student Bullying; #6020 - Multicultural Education; #6021 - District Criteria for Selecting Evaluators to be Used for Special Education Evaluation; and #6033 - Restraint and Seclusion.

10. Board Committee Report(s)

No board reports at this time.

11. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Closed session was not needed at this time.

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

The next scheduled board meeting is

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

A special meeting will be held on Monday, August 3rd at 7:00 to approve re-opening plans. The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, August 10, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:21pm. Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Matthew Hansen.

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

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