

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2022 8:00 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 meeting was called to order by President Steve Vyhnalek at 8:00 pm with all members present. President Vyhnalek confirmed the advance notice to the public of the meeting and agenda. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Also present are Superintendent Daryl Schrunk, Principal Jake Wiese, Title 1 teacher Karma Ridpath and Linda Woolsey.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

No visitors were present.

3.1. Presentation by Mrs. Ridpath

Mrs. Ridpath presented information on the Title 1 program at DPS. This is an annual update requirement. All Title 1 policies and procedures are located on the Dorchester School website under "Title 1" on the website banner. At the end of the 2021-2022 school year, there are 40 students in the reading program and 15 students in the math program. Over the course of this year, 50 different students were involved with Title 1. Upcoming events include summer training for Mrs. Laura Barlow and Mrs. Ridpath this summer.

3.2. Review Board Policy #5018-Parent and Guardian Involvement In Education Practices

Mr. Schrunk reviewed Policy #5018-Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices. There was no public comment at this time or changes necessary.

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 Mike Hatfield 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 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

Mr. Schrunk reviewed the April Financial Report.

7. Reports

7.1. Principal's Report

Mr. Wiese reviewed the elementary and high school music concerts, prom, Honors Night, Athletic Banquet and Graduation that have taken place at DPS. NSCAS testing has been completed and MAP testing is in process. The Hope Crisis Center presented a Dating Violence workshop on April 20. Many students attended the FBLA SLC in April. Three students received 2nd place in Broadcast Journalism and will be attending NLC in Chicago this summer. Upcoming events are District Track on May 12th and State track on May 20-21; Elementary field day is May 16th; Staff Gathering at City Slickers on May 18th; last day of Preschool is May 19th with the last day of K-12 on May 20th. Summer Reading and Math Camp on June 13-17 and July 18-22.

7.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Schrunk discussed the possibility of replacing the 2008 Minivan this year. The Transportation Committee will look into this. Summer projects will include painting, cleaning and general maintenance of classrooms. The Staff Luncheon/Recognition will be held May 20th.

Legislative updates = Recap from 2022 session

> LB 758 Change provisions to the Nebraska Farm-to-School Program Act. Expands the farm to school program to early childhood education programs.

> LB 852 Require behavioral health points of contact for school districts. Requires a district to designate a behavioral health point of contact for each building to coordinate services for students and families. ESU#6 will assist us in providing this resource.

> LB 902 Adopt the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act. Places into statute a career scholarship program specific for the underserved workforce sector.

> LB 1218 Change provisions to certification of school employees and student loan forgiveness. Acknowledges and addresses the educator workforce shortage in Nebraska.

Information for upcoming budget planning ('22-23 school year)

> LB 644 passed last session and went into effect January 1, 2022. Basically, a school district may increase their tax asking annually by 2% plus real growth. The county (Saline) certifies real growth on August 20th at the same time valuations are certified. If a school district wishes to ask for taxes more than 2% plus real growth, then the school district must request a joint meeting held by the county that contains the main building for the school district (Saline). The county files the Special Joint Meeting and at least one representative from the school district must be present. There are more filing details that we will need to adhere to, if we need to utilize this tax asking "override". It is my understanding that a state county assessor meeting is happening later in May to bring the counties up to date. Mr. Schrunk will continue to update the board as he learns more.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. Review Rule 10 Safety Visit.

Mr. Schrunk presented the findings from the recent Rule 10 Safety Review completed by Norm Yoder. Mr Yoder commended the school board for the new and remodeled facilities that we currently have. Some areas addressed have already been corrected. Other changes will occur this summer.

9. Action Items

9.1. Consider approving resignation(s).

Motion to approve resignations of Tiffany Sand, Bethany Theis and Miles Ray Passed with a motion by Mike Hatfield and a second by Matthew Hansen.

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

Mr. Schrunk discussed the resignations of Tiffany Sand, Bethany Theis and Miles Ray. The Board thanks them for their service to DPS.

9.2. Consider approving contract(s).

Motion to approve contract for Spencer Kotas as Social Studies teacher Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Shelly Lehr.

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

Mr. Schrunk has checked with NDE on the requirements for endorsements on hiring Mr. Kotas. We will be in compliance.

9.3. Consider approving National Leadership Conference (NLC) for FBLA trip.

Motion to approve National Leadership Conference (NLC) for FBLA trip and \$750 total stipend Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

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

Mr. Wiese and Mr. Schrunk presented the travel itinerary for the NLC in Chicago June 28 - July 3. Lori Cerny has agreed to travel with the students by bus.

9.4. Consider approving new Math textbooks and materials.

Motion to approve new Math textbooks and materials 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

Mr. Wiese reported ESU6 has assisted in the selection process for our K-12 Math curriculum. The Big Ideas Math series from Cengage was selected. ESSER III Funds will be used for the purchase.

10. Board Committee Report(s)

No reports.

11. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Closed session not necessary.

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

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, June 13 at 8:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Shelly Lehr.

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