

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, December 12, 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

President Steve Vyhnalek opened the meeting at 8:05pm with all board members present. He 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 and Linda Woolsey.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

No visitors 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 meetings minutes Passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Mike Hatfield.

Matthew Hansen: Abstain (With Conflict), 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 Carol Schnell.

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 presented recent activities for staff at PD on Fridays. Longhorn Line-Up groups wrote thank yous to veterans in November and decorated classroom doors in December. The Dorchester Volunteer Fire Department and Pinnacle Bank participated in Adopt-A-Door. A Lockdown Drill was held on December 1st with the Saline County Sheriff Office; Winter MAP testing will be completed this week; and DPS staff is participating in the 12 Days of Holiday Cheer. Mr. Wiese attended the State Principal Conference December 7-8 in Lincoln. The Staff holiday party will be held on December 16th at Eastside. The Elementary Excellence Rally will be held on December 22nd. The semester ends on December 22nd. The Blue River Cohort will be held on January 3rd.

Mr. Wiese presented more details on changing graduation requirements in Social Studies, English Language Arts, and Personal Finance. Personal Finance requirement takes effect for the graduating class of 2023 per Nebraska Statute. The English and Social Studies requirements take effect for the class of 2026. Additional information will be presented at the next Board meeting.

The Seniors Class of 2023 has asked if they can take a trip to Grand Lake, Colorado. The board is willing to listen to their request at the next meeting.

7.2. Superintendent's Report

7.2.1. > Highlights of the 2022 NASB Conference held in Omaha on November 16-18

No report at this time. See item 8.3.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. Review Board of Education Policies #4031-4043.

Mr. Schrunk reviewed policies #4031-Rights of Probationary Teachers, #4032-Rights of Permanent Teachers, #4033-Crisis Response Team, #4034-Reduction in Force, #4035-Classified Staff, #4036-Employment of Classified Staff, #4037-Classified Staff Employment Terms, #4039-Family Military Leave, #4041-Staff Dress and Appearance, and #4043-Professional Boundaries between Employees and Students. No changes are needed at this time.

8.2. Discuss and review "Safe Return to Learn Plan" including "Continuity of Services" and "Use of Funds".

A discussion was held on the "Safe Return to Learn Plan" for ESSER funding. How Dorchester is using these funds was reviewed. This information is located on the school website. No public comment was received.

8.3. Review NASB State Conference.

Mr. Schrunk reviewed the sessions he attended at the NASB State Conference. He attended the keynote address by Jeff Evans; KSB Law sessions on complaints and construction; Title IX; EHA Health & Dental Plan for 2023-2024; and NASA Membership meeting. Shelly Lehr and Kelli Schweitzer also attended part of the conference and shared their insights.

9. Action Items

9.1. Consider Approving the 2021-2022 Audit by Mireau and Co.

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 school audit by Mireau and Co. 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 shared information from the 2021-2022 annual audit. Total receipts to the General Fund were \$3,956,895.79 with total disbursements of \$3,913,388.34.

9.2. CONSIDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SALINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DORCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR 2023.

MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SALINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DORCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR 2023 Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer 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 presented the contract with the Saline County Sheriff's Office for our School Resource Officer.

9.3. Consider and take action on staff resignation(s).

No resignations at this time.

9.4. Consider and take action on staff contract(s).

Motion to approve the Superintendent's contract 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

President Vyhnalek talked with KSB Law in regards to the superintendents contract. The Superintendent's contract will be for two (2) years and offered to Dr. Curtis Cogswell starting on July 1, 2023.

10. Board Committee Report(s)

No committee reports at this time.

11. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Closed session not necessary at this time.

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

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:43pm 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

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