

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2024 8:00 PM

Public School Library

506 W. 9th Street

Dorchester, NE 68343-0007

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Matthew Hansen: Present

Mike Hatfield: Absent

Shelly Lehr: Present

Carol Schnell: Present

Kelli Schweitzer: Present

Steve Vyhnalek: Present

1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

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

2. Roll Call

Also present were Superintendent Curt Cogswell, Principal Jake Wiese, and Jen Feeken.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

Matt Smith was 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 Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Carol Schnell.

Matthew Hansen: 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 Carol Schnell and a second by Matthew Hansen.

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

7. Reports

7.1. Principal's Report

Mr. Wiese reported that MAP testing is almost complete with only one student needing to finish. Blue River Cohort was at Shickley this year on September 3rd. Longhorn Line-up will be on September 12th, MTSS Data Meeting Day will be September 24th, and Homecoming Week is September 23rd-28th. K-6

Grandparents' Day will be celebrated on October 4th. Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are Oct 9th 5:00-8:30 and Oct 10th 8:00-12:30. NDE has approved competency-based crediting for world languages. This is designed for students who are "heritage speakers".

7.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cogswell shared that the seniors' project day consisted of painting the basketball court at the park and touching up the bleachers. The Patriot's Day program will begin at 8:15am on September 11th. The band placed 3rd at Yorkfest. He is in the process of finalizing and submitting the budget to NDE and the State Auditors.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. Legislative Special Session

Mr. Cogswell discussed the outcome of the Legislative Special Session.

8.2. Special Education Corrective Action Plan

Mr. Cogswell discussed with the board the special education corrective action plan that is currently being worked on.

8.3. Option Enrollment Resolution for 2025-2026

Motion to approve the maximum number of option students for the current school year Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Shelly Lehr.

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

Mr. Cogswell discussed with the board updating our option enrollment policy and the maximum number of students allowed per grade.

9. Action Items

9.1. Consider approving the 2024/2025 Tax Request Resolution for Saline County School District (76-0044) Dorchester Public School.

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Tax Request Resolution for Saline County School District (76-0044) Dorchester Public School Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

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

9.2. Consider approving proposed 2024/2025 General Fund Budget of Receipts and Expenditures for Saline County School District (76-0044) Dorchester Public Schools.

Motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 General Fund Budget of Receipts and Expenditures for Saline County School District (76-0044) Dorchester Public School Passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Carol Schnell.

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

9.3. Consider approving the proposed 2024/2025 Budget for the following funds: Depreciation, Employee Benefits, Activities, School Lunch, Bond, Special Building and Student Fees.

Motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 Budget for the following funds: Depreciation, Employee Benefits, Activities, School Lunch, Bond, Special Building, and Student Fees Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Matthew Hansen.

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

10. Board Committee Report(s)

No committee reports at the time.

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 October 14th at 8:00 pm.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Matthew Hansen.
Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

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