

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2023 7:00 PM
District Office Board Room
401 South Pine Street
Valley, NE 68064-0378

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Meetings of the Board

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- The Board of Education convenes once each month on the second Monday except in the months that have five Mondays. In months with five Mondays, the Board convenes on the third Monday of the month. Holidays and unexpected conflicts may create exceptions to this practice.
- The Board of Education will convene in special session whenever it is deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the school district.
- Board of Education meetings are called to order at 7:00 p.m. unless another time is stipulated.

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DC West Community Schools engages, prepares, and empowers all of our students for the future.



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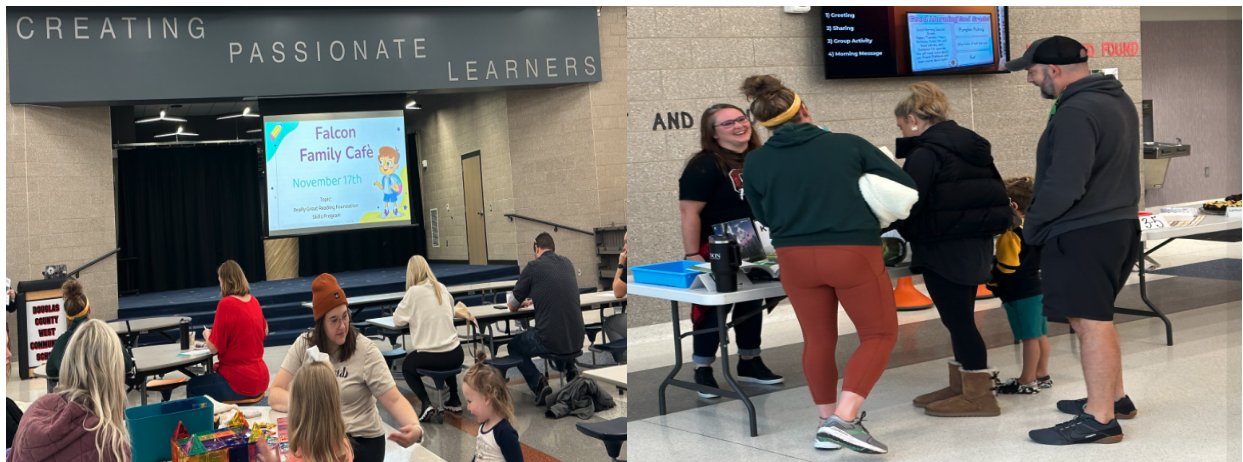
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DC West Elementary October 2023 Board Report Dr. Jeffrey S. Kerns

One of our goals for the Superintendents Early Childhood Plan 2023-2024 was to plan and develop a series of parent coffee events to increase communication opportunities with our families. We hosted our first Family Falcon Cafe on October 7th. During our October 27th meeting families were invited to join their Falcons during walking club from 7:45-7:55, at 7:55 when students transitioned to their classrooms our families moved to the elementary cafe for coffee and conversation.

Mrs. Kelsey Nabity provided a 15 minute overview of our new math curriculum and shared grab-n-go games for families to use with their students. Kelsey also showcased our new math curriculum family support [website](#) that she created. Parents were also provided opportunities to ask questions and review curriculum materials.



Our next Falcon Family Cafe (November 17, 2023) will feature speaker Rosie Krauel who will cover our Really Great Reading Foundation Skills Program (PK-2). We will once again have coffee and conversation for all families who wish to participate.

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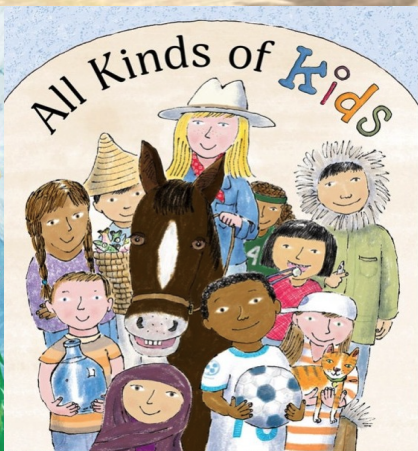
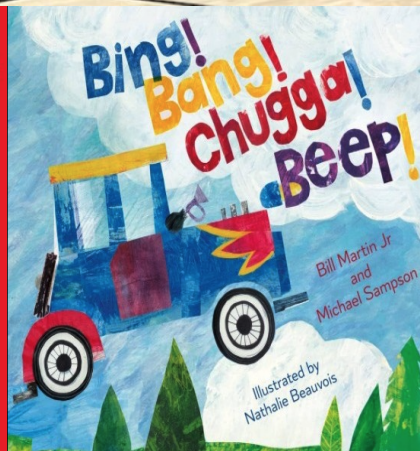
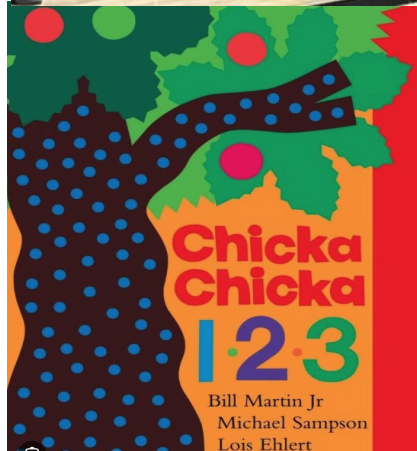
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We had national best selling author Dr. Michael Sampson in our gym to speak to our K-2nd graders about his experiences writing and publishing books. Dr. Sampson was available to DC West Elementary courtesy the BOOKWORM, an independent, family business, owned and managed by Phillip and Beth Black.



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Our K-5 grade teachers graciously hosted ESU 4 staff and several teachers in October. Our teachers offered them the opportunity to observe their classroom routines and practices as well as engage in productive discussions regarding curriculum, teaching strategies, and growth goals.



COPE is an agency we partner with for many services. COPE provides our backpacks each fall, works with us for the drive through pantry each month, has a weekly food bank and clothing for western Douglas County, a Christmas event, and provides rental assistance to families in western Douglas County. Many of our families depend on their services.

Their food shelves are bare. Dr. Acklie organized an emergency food drive with the elementary, middle and high school. Items donated need to be shelf stable foods such as: pasta, pasta sauce, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, soup, mac and cheese, canned fruit, or canned protein. The class with the most items won cinnamon rolls baked by Dr. Acklie.



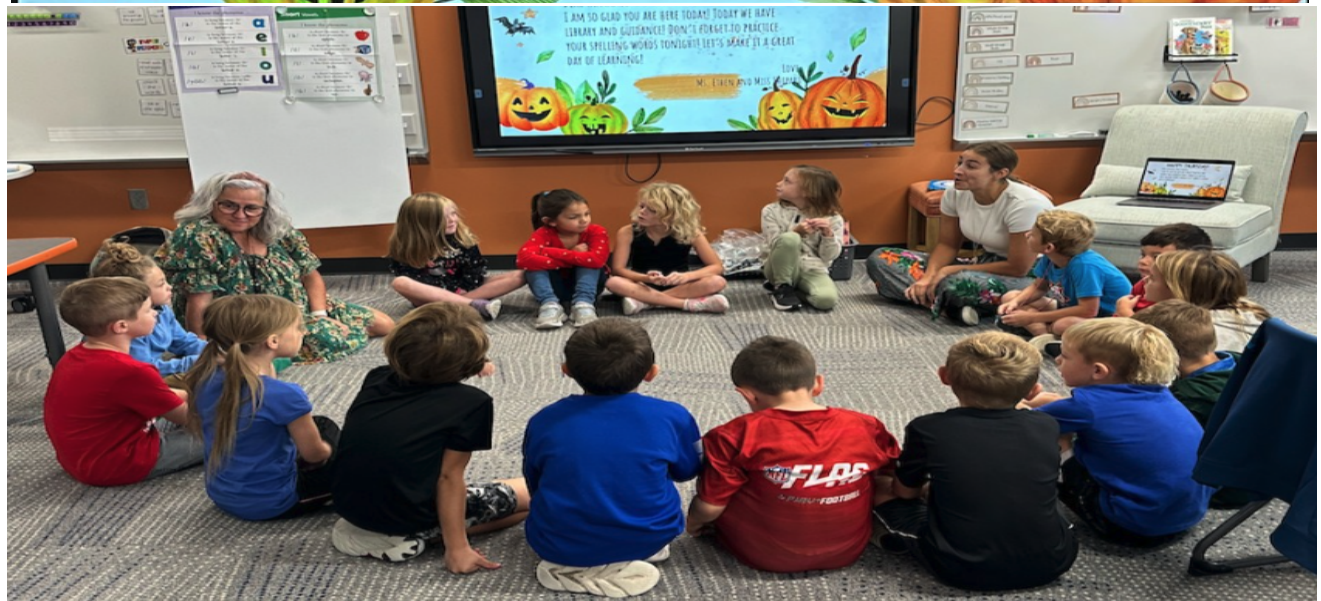
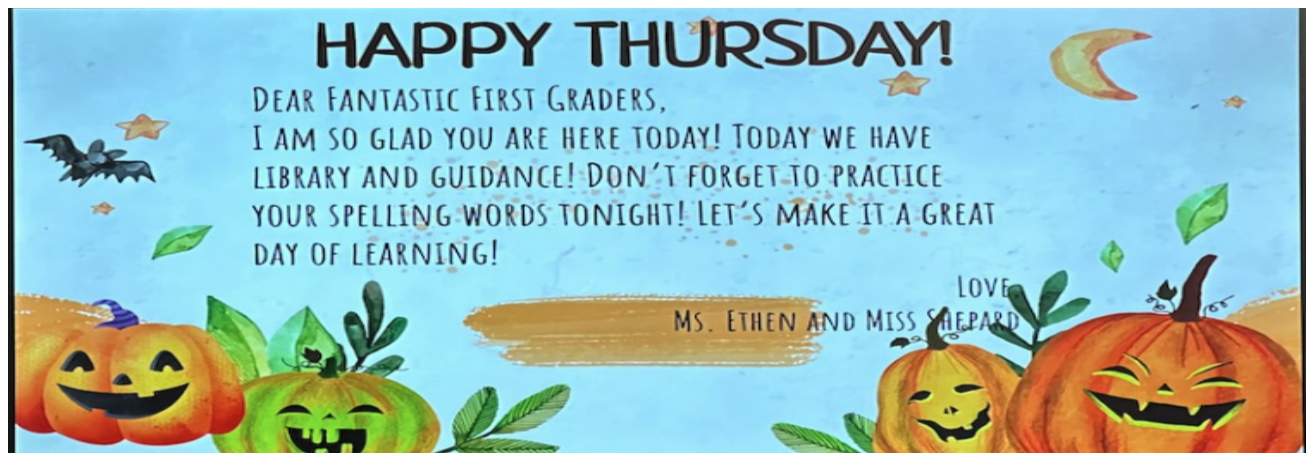
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Morning Meetings have been implemented at every grade level at DC West Elementary. We have chosen to implement Morning Meetings to provide opportunities for students to practice the skills of greeting, listening and responding, group problem-solving, and noticing and anticipating.



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We honored students who were presented with 1st QTR awards. Last year several parents shared that the awards were the same from K-5th grade. During a staff senate meeting our teachers created new awards that would be presented to students for the 2023-2024 school year.

New Quarter Awards:

K-1 Fabulous Falcon, Improvement, Academic Achievement

2-3 Fabulous Falcon, Awesome Attitude, Bucket Filler, Exceptional Integrity, Rising Star, Stellar Student, Tidy Teammate

4-5 Fabulous Falcon, Peak Performance, Perseverance, Student of the Quarter



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Dr. Acklie in conjunction with the Valley Public Library hosted a monthly Play and Learn for preschool aged students. Children had an opportunity to make spider cookies (Oreos with licorice legs) , Spider web rubbings, play with puzzles , several kinds of blocks and then story time.



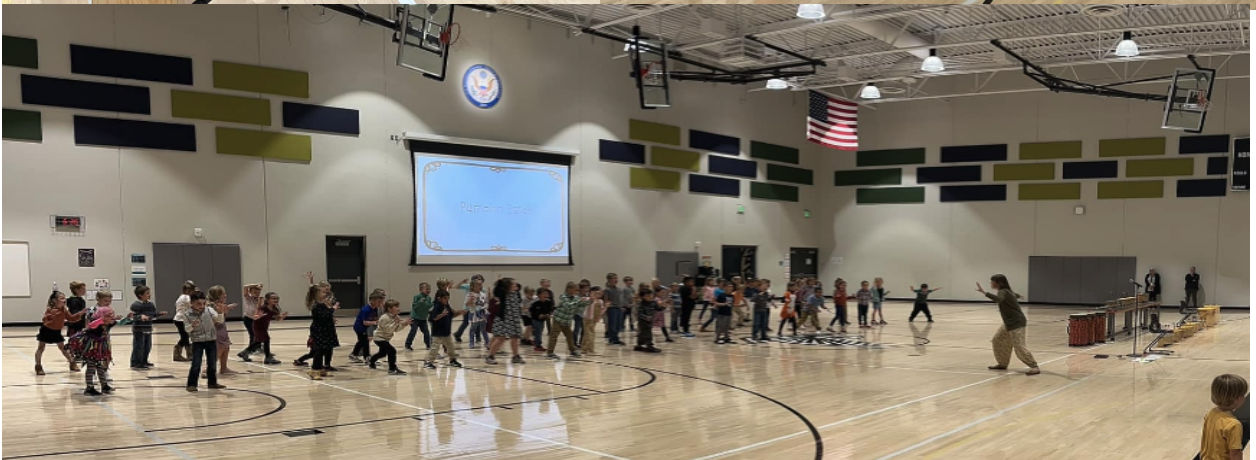
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Pictures from the 1st Grade Music Performance



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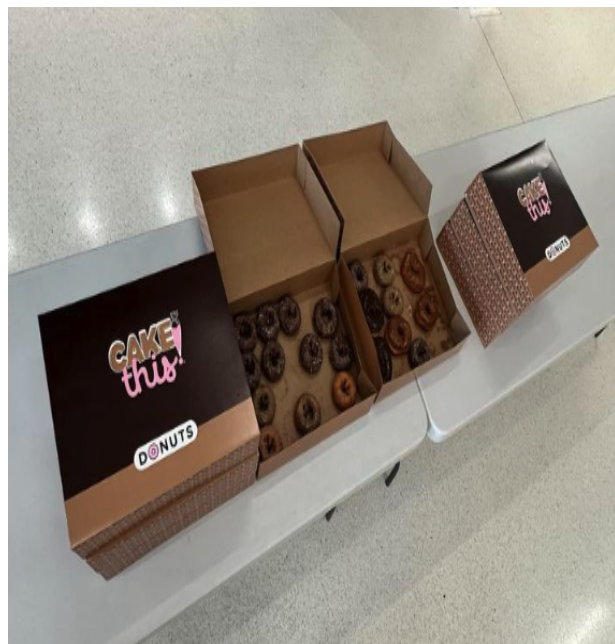
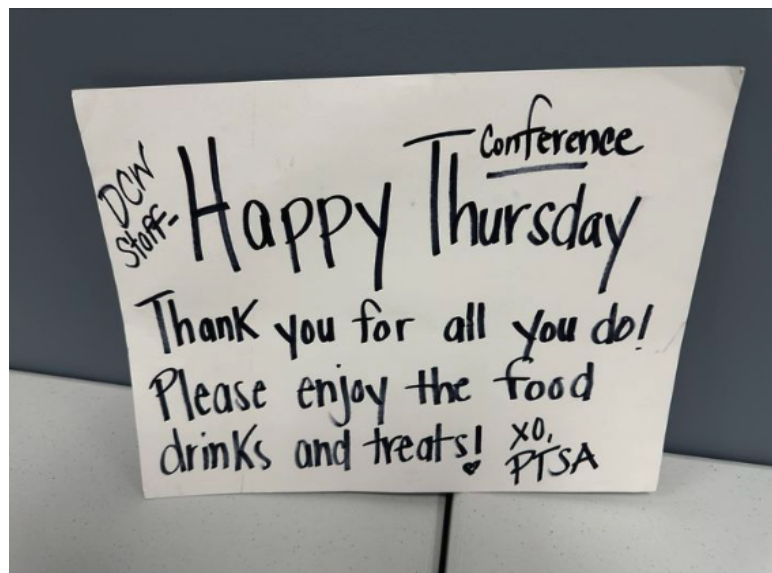


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Thank you to the PTSA for supplying dinner to our staff during conferences. Our staff greatly appreciated the food, drinks, and treats.



Thank you to the DC West Schools Foundation for providing breakfast for our staff on the district staff development day.



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Typically on the 2nd Wednesday of every month we hold a mobile food pantry in the parking lot at DC West Elementary. Last month we were able to provide meals to over 100 households in our community. Thank you to the members of the Rotary Club of Western Douglas County, Shawn Rochford, and Kristen Reeves for your assistance.

This year the Assistance League of Omaha accepted DC West Community schools in their Operation School Bell initiative. We were the first new school in over a decade to be accepted into the program. We were able to assist almost 20 Falcon Families, each student receiving between \$70 - \$95 dollars to spend at JC Penney's as well as a free book. The goal of the program is to increase confidence, better behavior, peer relationships and school attendance.



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FROM THE DESK OF DR. KERNS - Letter to DC West Elementary Families:

Falcon Families,

The importance of family involvement in education is clear, and the benefits are profound. Support and involvement between educators and families are incredibly crucial to a student's academic performance and emotional growth. In my four years as the DC West Elementary principal I have often reflected on how we all mutually benefit from our community and school partnerships. What we are able to accomplish as a result of our partnerships set Waterloo and Valley apart from so many communities and school districts. Who we are and what we do for each other in our communities is truly a beacon of hope in a sometimes dark world.

At DCW Elementary we are truly blessed to have a solid group of outstanding human beings who have chosen to utilize their talents in our school. Our teachers, paras, support staff, custodians, and our lunch staff truly value and love our students, our families and each other. Not only is this a slogan on the back of our shirts, it is the way we handle ourselves professionally and personally. I am especially grateful that our staff members have chosen to share their gifts with us and our children.

I also want to thank you for the outstanding support that our Falcon families have provided our community, school, students, and staff over the last four years. That level of trust and commitment does not happen overnight and it does not happen by accident, nor will it ever be taken for granted. I am convinced there is no way to know a student's full history and needs without connecting with their family. When we can establish and nurture positive relationships (even when we disagree) the impact on our students' motivation, positive behavior, and academic success will follow.

As DC West's Elementary educational leader the responsibility of fostering and the creation of these partnerships begins with me. I have been blessed to witness the power of these relationships as an educational professional, a father of a DC West student, and as a community member. I am fully committed to nurturing our current relationships and seeking out additional opportunities to share our schools goals, hear your voice, and increase opportunities for us to build stronger partnerships on behalf of our students. I sincerely hope you feel that your family has benefited from the high quality education provided by our outstanding educators, numerous support services our school provides, including a monthly mobile food pantry that is available to all of our families and residents.

Thank you again for your ongoing support,

Dr. Jeffrey Kerns

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November 2023 Board Report

The past month at DC West has been a truly incredible time. The fall sports season saw the most winning and record breaking group of DC West athletes we have had in my time. Here is a list of accomplishments this fall:

- Softball won the NCC Championship
- Girls Cross Country won the NCC Championship
- Volleyball won the NCC Championship
- Football made it to State Playoffs
- Volleyball made it to the District Finals
- Girls Cross Country won Districts and earned 6th place at State
- Boys Cross County sent runners to State
- Cross Country broke 1 school record
- Girls Cross Country has run at state for the past 5 years
- Softball broke 2 school records
- Volleyball broke 7 school records
- Football broke 7 school records

I am sure this is not a complete list as there are many individual awards each of the teams give out but wow...it has been an incredible fall. I am so happy with the efforts of the players and coaches as the continually push the bar further. I am grateful to work with these individuals and DC West celebrates their accomplishments with them. I know they are all hungry for next year and after a brief breath, they will begin to plan and work on next year. The fall seasons have set the tone for the rest of the school year and I know for a fact, more records will be broken this winter.

Along with the great accomplishments of the sports team, I also have to add in how incredible the NCC Choir Festival was this past Monday. I can proudly say we have the most robust and best sounding choir in the NCC. I want to give a huge shout out to Dawn Beyl for her work with the choir and for hosting such a great event.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nathan Ter Beest

Assistant Principal Activities Director



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Board Report November 2023
Dr. Dawn Marten - Director of Learning

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Superintendent’s Early Childhood Plan (SECP):

As the district-level leader who oversees the SECP, I have worked closely with Dr. Kerns to establish school goals that align with best practices in the area of Early Childhood Development, specifically Birth through Grade 3. Our goals for the 23.24 school year are:

Leadership Effectiveness

Goal: Building administration and staff will deepen their understanding of the birth through Grade 3 approach in order to effectively implement the DC West Superintendents Early Childhood Plan components. The Superintendent’s Early Childhood Plan is viewed as “the way we do business” at DC West Elementary School. We will continue to interweave the 6 key components (Birth Through Grade 3, School as Hub, Developmental Change, Parents & Family Support, Professional Growth & Support) into the school and ensure that they are not viewed as an extra responsibility or outside entity.

Results from Achieving Leadership Effectiveness Goal:

- Add additional grade level teacher to the Executive Leadership Team in order to provide representation from each developmental level
- Align district committee members and building team members in ensure lateral collective work and include parents when appropriate
- Instructional coaching support from ESU3 Consultants and Buffett staff
- Develop DC West Instructional Walk-Through Form specific to Mathematical Instructional Look-Fors
- Add Principal, PTSA, and Family Facilitator section to the school newsletter to increase effective communication efforts
- Develop a series of Parent Coffee Events to increase effective communication with families. Topics could include: Zones of Regulation, MAP Assessment, literacy & phonics, and mathematical concepts.

Instructional Excellence:

Goal: Building leadership and staff will gain a deeper understanding of teaching the whole child and implement best practices that align with the Birth through Grade 3 approach, specific to Mathematical instructional practices and Social Emotional and Behavioral Learning.

Results from Achieving Instructional Excellence Goal:

- Instructional coaching by ESU consultants
- Teacher-teacher peer observations, feedback sessions and collaborative conversations connecting to the DCW Instructional Model and Essential Child Experiences
- Pilot implementation of Tier I SEL curriculum
- Responsive Classroom Professional Learning sessions aligned to academic focus
- Teacher showcase focusing on mathematical instruction Develop Culture Warriors

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- Purchase Responsive Classroom professional learning books and resources
- Continue to enrich One School One Book

Family & Community Partnership Engagement:

Goal: Strengthen and increase the number of family and community partnerships at DC West Community Schools.

Results from Achieving Family & Community Partnership Engagement:

- Explore and implement the national program, WatchDogs, to increase parent presence and involvement within the school day
- Develop and implement a Parent Volunteer Program
- Develop activities that align to children’s literature to incorporate into Personal Visits with parents with Family Facilitator
- Implement story time with preschool students
- Increase family and children involvement in Socializations
- Continue to develop Summer Program for families
- Implement Operation School Bell
- Increase parent visit enrollment numbers to at least 15 families

ASSESSMENT:

PreACT Administration

On October 18, our 9th-11th grade students took the PreACT. Once results are received, teachers and administrators will analyze the data to determine what supports can be put into place in core classes to support students toward their success on the ACT as 11th-grade students. 11th-grade students will set a goal composite score for the Spring ACT. Based on the PreACT results, students will meet individually with Mr. Knott and Mr. Michael to set a goal and discuss the incentives for meeting their goal.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

NeMTSS Summit

Mrs. Pechous and I brought a team of teachers and Mr. Knott together to attend the NeMTSS Summit: Transformations through Coherence in Kearney, NE. The summit featured presentations and interactive breakout sessions. The summit highlighted connections among behavioral supports, academics, social-emotional learning, and continuous improvement within a multi-tiered system of support and offered ways to promote cohesion among these areas to improve outcomes for students. The summit aligned perfectly with our District Strategic Plan Strategy focusing on MTSS. Our learnings from the summit have been brought back to our District MTSS Workgroup to further develop our systems of support in each school building. Our learnings consisted of ways to increase communication, implement successful problem-solving strategies, and strengthen MTSS support in all aspects of education.

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November 2023 Special Education Report

Hello! It's been another busy month in the Special Education Department. Here are some of our highlights:

Students and Staffing

We are seeing an overall increase in the number of students we are serving in our special education programs this year, so we are making good use of the additional staffing we have hired over the past two years.

Birth-3: Leigh Groth is our Birth-3 Early Childhood Special Education teacher serving children with developmental delays and disabilities in their home using a family coaching model. Our Birth-3 team also includes a Services Coordinator through ESU 3, along with our occupational therapist and physical therapist who are contracted from Just for Kids Therapy. We utilize speech-language pathologists and school psychologists from our district staff when needed, as well as contracted specialists such as our Teacher of Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Leigh's caseload is currently 13, up from approximately 8 at this time last year.

Preschool: We currently have 12 preschoolers receiving special education services at DC West Early Education Center. Students receive services within their regular classroom from their regular preschool teacher and also receive speech-language, OT, PT, and other specialized support as needed.

Elementary: Based on our projections last spring for students and student needs for this year, we increased our special education teaching staff from 4 to 5 teachers and from 11 to 15 paras for this year. This was based on a projection of having 47 students requiring Resource services with increasing



overall needs from students we have served in the past. We have seen a large influx of new students moving into the district with IEPs this year at the elementary level, so instead of serving 47 students, we are currently serving 57 students, and we are also evaluating a number of new referrals. We will continue to monitor and evaluate this trend to determine if additional staffing may be requested for next year or not. In addition to these numbers, we have about 20 students who receive speech-language services only. We also continue to struggle to fully staff our para allocation, and at any given time, we usually have 2-3 open para positions.

Middle: We have seen a net increase of 8 students from our spring projections at the middle level. We currently are serving 42 students in our program with a few additional students receiving speech only. We increased our teaching staff from 2.5 to 3 for this year and added additional para support, so we have been able to absorb the increased student need well while maintaining appropriate staffing, although there have been some adjustments since students continue to enter middle school who have more severe disabilities and require more support from our staff.

High: The high school shows the most stable growth for students with special needs. We projected 37 students in the spring and are currently serving 40 students. We also serve two students in our 18-21 Young Adult Transition Program through contracted providers.

Future Planning:

We are starting to look ahead to next year and start preparing for staffing and programming to meet our students' needs. We anticipate the most substantial growth at the high school level as we prepare to expand our Life Skills programming for students with significant disabilities. We are discussing preparation for our physical spaces, materials needed, and staffing



needs. We recently purchased the Unique Learning curriculum for students who receive alternate curriculum at all three levels, and our teachers report that they like the intuitiveness and ease of use of the curriculum, and they are seeing good gains for students with this programming. We will continue to plan for staff training and a transition plan for students so that we have comprehensive programming to meet the unique needs of every student with a disability at every level.

Unified Sports Update and Extra Duty Position Proposal

We have had some exciting opportunities and experiences with our Unified Sports program this year. Our middle school students participated in a Unified soccer league this fall and plan on participating in a Unified Bowling tournament this spring. Our middle school students also participated in a Unified Track Meet at Bennington High School this fall. We have some amazing athletes!

We have also received invites from Fort Calhoun for a couple of fun opportunities for our students. On December 7, 2023, Fort Calhoun and DC West will compete in a Unified Basketball game between the Girls and Boys Varsity DCW-FC games at Ft. Calhoun High. We will plan two 10-minute halves with Unified middle and high school students and partner peers. Please come out and cheer us on!

Fort Calhoun has also invited us to participate in their spring Unified “Fun at the Fort” day in the spring, which will feature a fun, field-day type experience for our Unified athletes.

Our Unified Sports programming has really taken off over the past two years and has provided amazing opportunities for our secondary students with disabilities while also building positive relationships and inclusive mindsets



for all of us. Lisa Masters, Middle School Special Education Teacher, has been mastermind and advocate behind these endeavors, and she puts in countless hours to plan and supervise practices, games, transportation, and collaboration with Special Olympics Nebraska to ensure we maximize our efforts and opportunities. Given the substantial amount of time Lisa has put into this program and the huge positive impact this program has had on our students, we would like to request consideration of adding a **6-12 Unified Champions Sponsor** to the Negotiated Agreement, pending Board and DCWEA approval. Thank you for your consideration.

Other Happenings:

Dr. Marten, Mr. Knott, and I were able to take a small group of teacher leaders to the Nebraska MTSS Summit in Kearney last month. This was a great opportunity for us to reflect and recalibrate on our MTSS initiatives and their alignment to our strategic goals and best practices. We will use the knowledge and strategies we learned in our district and building MTSS work this year.

Kristen Phillips, School Psychologist, and I attended the Tri-State Special Education Law Conference at the CHI Center last week. The Law Conference always has a lot of information for us to consider as we implement IEPs and 504 plans. We learned about many issues relating to 504s, special education discipline, best practices in writing IEPs, and Child Find. We will share this information with special education staff and administrators throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicki Pechous, Ed.S.
Director of Special Education

Middle School
Yearbook Purchasing
Information Coming
Soon!

DC West Middle School November

Mr. Jeremy Travis, Middle School Principal www.dctest.org



Meet our MS Guidance Counselor



Hi, everyone! My name is Katie Richards and I am so excited to be the School Counselor at DC West Middle School this year! I have enjoyed getting to know the students, staff, and community these past couple of months and am looking forward to the many activities to come. My role is to help support students with their academic, personal, and social-emotional needs throughout the year. As the school counselor, I take part in building a safe, warm, and nurturing environment for all students! Please reach out if you have any questions. I am here to help!

krichards@dctest.org

531-459-3846

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Mason Mitchell and Brilynn White.

DC West Middle School Boys Basketball practices are underway. We have approximately (35) 7th and 8th grade students participating this winter for us. The Team is coached by Mr. Ron Michael, Mrs. Mattie Subbert, and Mr. Jesse Hays. We are looking forward to watching them compete.

Upcoming MS Activities.....

- 11/7 Grand Opening Performing Arts Center Night
- 11/14 MS Boys BB vs Raymond Central 4:00
- 11/18 MS Boys BB @ Louisville Tournament TBA
- 11/20 MS Boys BB vs Fort Calhoun 4:00
- 11/21 MS Boys BB vs Arlington 4:00
- 11/22 No School-Thanksgiving Break
- 11/23 No School-Thanksgiving Break
- 11/24 No School-Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 MS Boys BB vs Fremont Bergan 4:00

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Mrs. Lisa Masters-Special Education, Mrs. Katie Bents-Nurse, and Mrs. Taylor Siegrist-6th Grade ELA. These staff members exemplified The Falcon Way!

Awesome Attendance Raffle



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#YouMatter

8th Grade All-State Band



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Positive Student Recognition/Rewards

2023-2024

DAILY=*Falcon Flyers*

- Color-coded tickets.
- Students turn in to the office.
- Office chooses 5 tickets from each grade level.
- Student names are announced the following morning during announcement for exemplifying The Falcon Way.
- Reward is getting to be on their Phone or iPad at Lunch.

WEEKLY=*Above and Beyond*

- Falcon Grams are student recognition from teachers.
- Due in the morning on the last day of each week (typically Friday).
- Students are recognized during lunch on Friday's with a Falcon Gram and a Sucker.

MONTHLY=*Students of the Month*

- Students that displayed The Falcon Way throughout the month and represented the school to the fullest.
- At the end of each month teachers will nominate students.
- One boy and one girl from each grade is selected
- Students will be announced, receive a certificate and wristband, and have their picture taken for display and social media.

QUARTERLY=*Falcon Rewards*

- Celebrate students that have no failing grades, no written principal office referrals, and no missing assignments for the entire quarter.
- Each quarter will have an eligibility deadline date
- Students who don't qualify will have a guided study hall during this time.



8th Grade Field Trip



DC West Middle School

@middle_dcw

Our 8th grade students got the opportunity to tour the Capital today in Lincoln as well as get to meet Sen. Lynne Walz. Great day for our Falcons! @lynnewalz #TheFalconWay #YouMatter 🇺🇸 🇩🇪 🇯🇲



Our 8th Grade Students also had the opportunity to participate in the History of Nebraska Tour as well.

Joke:

Why didn't the skeleton's go to the dance?.....*Because they had no "body" to dance with!*



Douglas County West
Middle School Board Report November 2023
Mr. Jeremy Travis

Enrollment as of 10/10/23

6th-82

7th-66

8th-94

Total DC West Middle School (242)

Well, the 1st Quarter came to a close and we are almost to Thanksgiving Break....Where has the school year gone? We have had a great start to the 2nd Quarter as the students are learning and growing and the staff members are putting their best foot forward to be prepared for them. We made some adjustments to the 2nd Quarter to be even more effective and efficient in our daily time to build upon their strengths and to strengthen some areas of concern. Our staff members really care about our kids and they want to see them be successful in their future, which also means challenging them out of their comfort zone to get them to reach closer to their potential. We are in an important stretch of the school year to keep moving forward and focus on being 1% better each day!

The Grand Opening of our New Performing Arts Center was an exciting night for all. It felt really good to be a part of and I can't wait to watch our students, staff, programs, and community thrive in it!



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October MS Staff Members of the Month

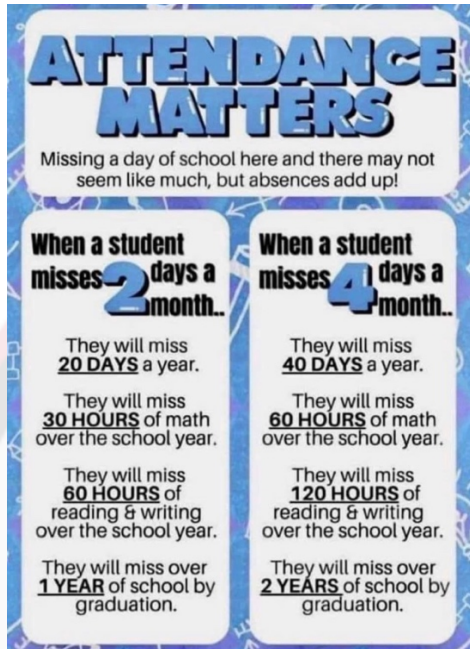
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We will continue to develop what **The Falcon Way** looks like at our Middle School. We will continue to focus on Falcons being Safe, Responsible, Respectful, Engaged, and Inclusive for us! We will continue to have daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly student incentives for our students throughout the school year.



Deputy Brown-School Resource Office (SRO) Update:

We are going to be sad to see Deputy Brown move on at the end of the semester but we are going to wish him and his family the best of luck in the future.

We are determined to continue to provide a safe and positive learning environment for all students and staff. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, if you want to see how things are going throughout the day, or if you have any concerns. I'm proud of what we do and who we are! Go Falcons!

Jeremy Travis, M.A.

Middle School Principal/MS AD (6-8)



DC WEST Community Schools

Engage, Prepare, and Empower

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"Kids don't care how much you know until they know how much you care"

#TheFalconWay #FalconStrong #DCWestROCKS #BeFALCONKind #dcwestpride

Board Report

Jim Knott

DC West Community Schools

November 13, 2023

November is upon us, and although we are between sports seasons, it is a very busy time at the high school. The honor roll for first quarter came out on Friday, October 27. We have two types of academic honor rolls at DC West; an Honor Roll of Distinction and an Honor Roll of Merit. To be included on the Honor Roll of Distinction, a student must have accumulated a GPA of 3.5 or higher for that grading period. To be included on the Honor Roll of Merit, students must have achieved a 3.0-3.5 GPA during the grading period. The first quarter Honor Rolls are listed on page two of this report.

Last June, I decided I wanted to try a different type of professional development this year. I felt that after 29 years in education, I needed to get out of my own bubble and see what other schools are doing to serve kids. With this in mind, I decided to visit 2-3 similar size NCC Conference Schools and 1-2 larger neighboring schools. My first visit was to Arlington High School on the morning of October 16. I met Principal Aaron Pfungsten at around 8:00 and toured the facility, met several students and staff members, and had a lengthy discussion regarding several pre-prepared questions and/or potential observations. The questions/observations were:

- What are your student and staff supervision duties including teacher observations and walk-throughs? What do you find most/least effective?
- What does your high school do best? What about your high school causes student, staff, and community pride? What makes your high school a special place for students?
- How does your high school support students who struggle academically and/or socially?
- What is causing problems at your high school or driving you crazy as a leader this year?

While I am not planning on publicly sharing my findings from any specific school, I am hoping to pick up at least a few things I can bring back to improve my personal practice and/or DC West High School as a whole. My next school visit is to Syracuse High School on Thursday, November 30. When I finish all my school visits this spring, I plan on sharing general ideas and practices I found most interesting and beneficial.

Quarter 1 Honor Roll of Distinction

SENIORS		JUNIORS		SOPHOMORES		FRESHMEN	
Eric Asher *	Maria Malousek	Jamison Badje	Gavin Lakner *	Bella Anderson	Madelyn Phillips *	Hailey Albrecht *	Lillian Lakner *
Paige Bias-White	Olivia Malousek *	Jaeda Bakken	Bryce Larsen *	Nolan Asher *	Anella Pralle *	Trent Alexander	Jack Landauer
Laney Bissailon *	Elijah Manrique	Will Bergsten	Ezekiel Larsen	Joslyn Giles	Abby Rayer	Liliana Balus	Falon Mathes
Anna Borner *	Nathan Martin	Kelan Bohlen *	Cameron Madden	Ian Gleason	Kyler Rippe	Noelle Beyl *	Anthony Neto Almenares
Brandon Christensen	Zachary McArdle *	Tieler Collette	Grant Mayer	Kyle Gregurich	Jetta Satterm *	Peyton Bias-White *	Carina Ray
Brooke Cooke *	Jonas Meairs-Richman	Trent Davidson	Colton Meduna *	Nylee Hayner	Trey Schieber *	Lydia Bonacci	Aubree Richards
Lillian Duncan	Jaylee Negley *	Carleigh Dembinski	Madelyn Mitchell *	Adora hays-Lavender	Waylon Schroeder	James Bussen	Mallory Shaw
Darby Giles	Jayden Paulson	Jagger Denker	Roen Murdock	Tess Henrichs	Jackson Schuiteman	Allyson Cooke *	Ryder Songer
Savannah Grabenstein	Courtney Polonci	Markus Dorson	Sarah Perkins	Barrett Hinrichs	Joseph Stammer	Brynlee Dasher	Carson Stanzel
Gage Gratopp *	Blaine Quy	Lyla Elsaesser *	Carli Ptacek	Caiden Hoops	Addison Strong *	Casey Dembinski	Gage Travis
Hemeny Guitierrez	Wil Reeves	Alexis File *	Angelina Ramos Garcia	Maren Jarecke	Jaxon Swierczek *	Emily Fletcher	Aspen VerMaas *
Liliana Harris	Raya Satterm *	Austin Fletcher	Evan Steele	Emma Kincanon	Colton Trost	Julian Gottsch	Talia Walsh *
Grace Holm *	Carley Shaw	Robert Graves IV	Mitchell Sullivan *	Cade Listenberger	Jadie Vieth	Eva Hert	Ava Walvoord
Hudson Jarecke	Brady Singer *	Ramsees Graves	Zoe Teitler *	Edison Lopez-Marroquin	Jasmine West *	Scarlett Higginson	Brody Wiese
Elizabeth Jensen-Robinson *	Madison Taft	Chloe Greve	Luke Thimmesch	Damian Monroe	Beau Wilcox	Brayton Holding	Ella Wiese *
Caleb Johnson	Zachary Uehling	Ava Grimm *	Emma Toller	Kolten Nielsen	Zane Wohlers *	Hunter Holding *	Sindee Zook *
Lukas Johnson	Kylee Vaughan	Aidan Heim	Kayden VerMaas *	Amelia North *	Izzabella Zach	Adisan Jeffrey	
Harley Kaven	Cameron Wiese	Lily Herman	Colton Willmott *	Trey Olsen		Abigail Johnson	
Cheyenne Kilmer	Mesfin Wilson	Stella Higginson	Dakota Wolter	Mason Pettit		Emma Kopocis *	
Megan Kopocis *	Ryker Wohlers *	Brody Hillyer *	Maddison Zach	Alexander Phillips *		Tucker Korb	
Payton Lawler	Jack Woodward *	Aspen Huber					
Aubree Liss *	Antwan Wright Jr.	Bryar Jensen *					
Ellie Lloyd	Lily Wright *	Catherine Johnson *					
Daniel Luna-Garza *	Nora Wurtz	Remy Kirby *					
Terry Luthy III *		Miles Korb					

Quarter 1 Honor Roll of Merit

SENIORS	JUNIORS	SOPHOMORES	FRESHMEN
Ty Bevington	Sidney Atkins	Bailey Anderson	Mikayla Cappello
Levent Capan	Nathan Bevard	Collin Biesterfeld	Brayden Fehlhaber
Camden Cowan	Jackson Denker	Jayden Blank-Jimenez	Hayden Gottsch
Jack Cremers	Ethan Feldhacker	Jordan Brumbaugh	Hudson Harlow
Michael Croom	Grace Getsfred	Ethan Denstad	Angel Hernandez
Ethan Griffith	Samuel Hayden	Kayden Foster	Halaina Hunter
Alexandria Johnson	Kiya Johnson	Georgia Goff	Johanna Luthy
Kale Kotil	Nathaniel Koborg	Saybra Hermanson	Trevor Meck
Taylor Patterson	Avery Maline	Kai Jorgensen	Jesse Mentzer
Ashton Scott	Caiden Marksmeier	Cheyanna Kruse	Kinley Nelson
Miles Shallberg	Samuel Musson	Blaine Martin	Yhosvel Perez Pages
Logan Stanton	Grant Scott	Molly Moehling	Dalton Schnatz
Jonas Timm	Yoseline Trejos	Benjamin Oien	Katelyn Stanton
Drake Travis	Brody Walsh	Grant Parr	Brienna Sullivan
Charles Wood		Brody Radcliffe	Remington White
		Reece Royuk	
		Paul Valadez	
		Rowan Williams	
		Evan Winters	

Superintendent's Report November 13, 2023

Negotiations

Our legal counsel and DCWEA are working on current arrays that will be used in negotiations. Jamie, Jim, and Kelly are the current negotiations committee members. I will be in contact with committee members to schedule dates as soon as I receive some options from DCWEA.

Superintendent Evaluation

The annual Superintendent evaluation is routinely conducted in December. I will be sending out the information to all Board members via email in early December for the Superintendent evaluation per [Board Policy 2231](#).

Annual Audit

The annual audit and annual financial report have been submitted to the Department of Education. The audit will be reviewed by auditors BerganKDV in the December Board Meeting.

Levy Comparisons

A board member recently asked for some regional levy comparisons. The Nebraska Department of Education publishes [statistical information for public school districts](#) annually. The 2023-2024 year is not published so I included the levies for the 2022-2023 year.

School District	2022-2023 Levy
Gretna	\$1.49
Bennington	\$1.43
Elkhorn	\$1.38
Fremont	\$1.22
Yutan	\$1.11
Wahoo	\$1.05
Arlington	\$1.05
Ashland	\$0.95
DC West	\$0.94

State Student Achievement Scores & AQUESTT Ratings

We expect a public release of our 2023 state test student achievement data along with AQUESTT ratings from NDE in the next month. We will plan to share a presentation of all this information at the December meeting.

Superintendent Goals for 2023

- Lead the vision and support needed to implement strategic plan priorities.
- Refine our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) model to support academic achievement and provide social-emotional behavioral supports for all students PreK-12.
- Engage in financial planning and design for long-term capital improvement projects.
- Complete the pilot and adoption process of a new certified staff and administrator evaluation system as well as implement new electronic management for personnel evaluation.
- Continue to learn strategies to facilitate, coach and lead the entire administrative team to excellence.
- Research, study, and implement strategies to manage the growth of the communities and district in the next five to ten years so we are proactive rather than reactive.

Upcoming Dates:

November 15-17~ State Education Conference in Omaha

November 22-24~ Thanksgiving Break, No School

December 11~ Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

December 20-January 3~ Winter Break, No School

Financial Recap October 2023

	10/1/2023	Receipts	Expenditures	10/31/2023
General Fund				
Depreciation Fund	\$5,337,380.46	\$714,738.39	\$1,321,347.42	\$4,730,771.43
Food Service Fund	\$3,016,056.13	\$7,048.75	\$537,083.19	\$2,486,021.69
Qualified Capital Fund	\$180,117.54	\$32,488.19	\$92,780.61	\$119,825.12
Bond Fund	\$470,489.01	\$11,260.49	\$0.00	\$481,749.50
Special Building Fund	\$1,047,597.73	\$26,218.44	\$0.00	\$1,073,816.17
- Special Bldg (MS/Fine Art)	\$2,886,146.43	\$50,197.15	\$10,000.00	\$2,926,343.58
	\$581,915.59	\$0.00	\$581,915.59	\$0.00
	\$13,519,702.89	\$841,951.41	\$2,543,126.81	\$11,818,527.49

General Fund Detail

	October	YTD	Budgeted	Revenues		YTD
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>
All Instructional Program	\$ 591,654.59	\$ 1,243,284.82	\$ 7,920,584.00	\$	\$ 233,795.28	\$ 917,706.05
SPED Instructional Program	\$ 174,552.93	\$ 348,748.62	\$ 2,275,632.00	\$	-	\$ 1,580.97
Support Services SPED Related	\$ 35,622.57	\$ 68,464.12	\$ 403,158.00	\$	\$ 115,681.00	\$ 226,438.02
Support Services Non-SPED Related	\$ 41,365.57	\$ 83,515.36	\$ 484,821.00	\$	-	-
Support Instructional	\$ 50,403.11	\$ 160,353.81	\$ 856,582.00	\$	\$ 3,987.69	\$ 22,395.19
Board of Education	\$ 305.36	\$ 24,925.59	\$ 92,700.00	\$	\$ 3,583.68	\$ 7,743.27
Executive Administration Services	\$ 31,028.72	\$ 61,470.36	\$ 399,286.00	\$	\$ 4,794.00	\$ 4,794.00
District Legal Services	\$ 2,282.90	\$ 4,487.90	\$ 35,000.00	\$	\$ 531.45	\$ 106,753.45
Office of the Principal	\$ 66,296.83	\$ 139,965.12	\$ 828,608.00	\$	-	-
General Admin - Business Services	\$ 21,180.19	\$ 50,196.35	\$ 311,452.00	\$	\$ 1,814.67	\$ 3,911.96
Maint & Operation of Building & Sit	\$ 185,140.45	\$ 423,520.40	\$ 1,795,631.00	\$	-	-
Vehicle Acquisition & Maint	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 15,200.00	\$	\$ 274,478.00	\$ 548,956.00
Regular Pupil Transportation	\$ 45,474.45	\$ 104,058.87	\$ 505,400.00	\$	-	-
SPED Pupil Transportation	\$ 10,697.12	\$ 26,602.14	\$ 173,760.00	\$	-	-
Categorical Grant from Coporation	\$ 8,373.52	\$ 16,461.42	\$ 134,908.00	\$	-	-
State Categorical Programs	\$ 12,721.06	\$ 24,759.16	\$ 146,804.00	\$	\$ 2,713.41	\$ 2,713.41
Federal Programs	\$ 33,075.84	\$ 64,533.21	\$ 418,024.00	\$	\$ 9,498.00	\$ 9,498.00
ESSER II & III	\$ 11,172.21	\$ 23,111.44	\$ 439,612.00	\$	\$ 62,459.21	\$ 62,459.21
	\$ 1,321,347.42	\$ 2,872,658.69	\$ 17,237,162.00	\$	\$	\$
October 2023 Payroll						
Net Payroll	\$	\$ 583,184.25		\$	\$	\$
Payroll Taxes (District)	\$	\$ 62,746.02		\$	\$	\$
Payroll Withholding (Employees)	\$	\$ 150,778.94		\$	\$	\$
Retirement (District)	\$	\$ 79,402.23		\$	\$	\$
Retirement Withholding (Employees)	\$	\$ 78,616.03		\$	\$	\$
Prop & Personal Property Tax Credit	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Title ESSA Programs	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
IDEA Programs	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Medicaid	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$ 9,854.07
ESSER II & ESSER III	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Other Federal Categorical Receipts	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Sale of Property	\$	\$ 1,402.00		\$	\$ 1,402.00	\$ 1,402.00
Insurance Adjustment	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$ 714,738.39		\$	\$	\$ 1,926,205.60

10/2023 - 10/2023

Regular; Beginning Month 10/2023; Processing Month 10/2023; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity; Fund Number 05, 12

Fund: 05 ACTIVITY FUND

Chart of Account Number	Chart of Account Description	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Revenues	Balance Change	Balance
05 704	INTEREST	1,386.90	0.00	117.68	0.00	1,504.58
05 704 1001	ACTIVITY PASSES	13,052.14	0.00	275.00	0.00	13,327.14
05 704 1002	CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS	3,268.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,268.99
05 704 1003	INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC	368.92	0.00	80.00	0.00	448.92
05 704 1005	STAFF LOUNGE	1,738.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,738.11
05 704 1007	VALLEY WAY	15,576.40	225.00	0.00	0.00	15,351.40
05 704 1011	PTSA DONATION	4,117.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,117.70
05 704 1022	SENIOR CLASS	191.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	191.62
05 704 1023	PROM	3,468.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,468.73
05 704 1102	ARTS & HUMANITIES	790.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	790.43
05 704 1104	ATHLETICS HS	5,136.89	9,219.56	13,735.75	0.00	9,653.08
05 704 1106	BASEBALL TEAM	1,352.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,352.98
05 704 1107	BAND	4,135.58	731.83	0.00	0.00	3,403.75
05 704 1108	CHEER	489.35	909.00	1,422.00	0.00	1,002.35
05 704 1111	BBB TEAM	766.09	0.00	266.70	0.00	1,032.79
05 704 1112	CONCESSIONS	28,186.87	3,324.55	8,663.71	0.00	33,526.03
05 704 1113	CONSTRUCTION TECH	7,106.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,106.79
05 704 1114	DANCE TEAM	2,830.88	910.00	0.00	0.00	1,920.88
05 704 1116	DRAMA	4,208.76	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	5,208.76
05 704 1117	FBLA	2,018.72	0.00	60.00	0.00	2,078.72
05 704 1118	HIGH SCHOOL	391.12	161.50	130.00	0.00	359.62
05 704 1119	DC TECH 1:1	44,020.41	7,510.35	120.00	0.00	36,630.06
05 704 1120	GBB TEAM	5,466.13	0.00	843.00	0.00	6,309.13
05 704 1123	HOSA	3,374.62	500.00	738.00	0.00	3,612.62
05 704 1124	STUCO HS	2,895.70	0.00	106.80	0.00	3,002.50
05 704 1128	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	1,539.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,539.98
05 704 1131	FOOTBALL TEAM	835.22	0.00	311.60	0.00	1,146.82
05 704 1132	SCIENCE CLUB	310.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.19
05 704 1133	SPEECH TEAM	2,471.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,471.63
05 704 1134	VOCAL MUSIC	3,619.64	112.00	1,502.00	0.00	5,009.64
05 704 1136	WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB	69.52	0.00	22.00	0.00	91.52
05 704 1137	ROBOTICS TEAM	4,486.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,486.08
05 704 1141	GOLF TEAM	84.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	84.88
05 704 1142	YEARBOOK HS	3,680.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,680.17
05 704 1151	CROSS COUNTRY TEAM	1,770.13	737.00	780.00	0.00	1,813.13
05 704 1161	SOFTBALL TEAM	3,388.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,388.30

Regular; Beginning Month 10/2023; Processing Month 10/2023; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity; Fund Number 05, 12

Fund: 05	ACTIVITY FUND	Chart of Account Number	Chart of Account Description	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Revenues	Balance Change	Balance
05 704 1166		BOYS TRACK TEAM		327.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	327.33
05 704 1167		GIRLS TRACK TEAM		638.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	638.39
05 704 1176		VOLLEYBALL TEAM		2,274.59	89.00	40.00	0.00	2,225.59
05 704 1186		WRESTLING TEAM		959.67	0.00	239.00	0.00	1,198.67
05 704 1198		SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS		598.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	598.12
05 704 1199		CHANGE BAGS		(1,620.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,620.00)
05 704 1222		SCIENCE GRANT		3,055.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,055.68
05 704 1224		STUCO MS		11,445.78	68.00	26.00	0.00	11,403.78
05 704 1225		COFFEE CART - EL SPED		1,551.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,551.40
05 704 1319		DISNEY MUSICAL		13,057.52	0.00	141.50	0.00	13,199.02
05 704 1320		PRESCHOOL		45.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.33
05 704 2112		MS CONCESSIONS		4,775.50	1,460.30	965.74	0.00	4,280.94
05 704 2121		MS BBB TEAM		211.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	211.05
05 704 2136		MS FOOTBALL TEAM		368.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	368.47
05 704 2201		ART CLUB MS		500.00	472.86	0.00	0.00	27.14
05 704 2204		ATHLETICS MS		242.00	950.00	430.00	0.00	(278.00)
05 704 2205		UNIFIED SPORTS		779.07	54.04	250.00	0.00	975.03
05 704 2216		MS DRAMA		136.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	136.97
05 704 2218		MIDDLE SCHOOL		1,054.22	505.00	587.00	0.00	1,136.22
05 704 2242		MS YEARBOOK		3,639.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,639.84
05 704 3220		ELEM FIELD TRIP		5,480.92	0.00	15.00	0.00	5,495.92
05 704 3221		PBIS/FALCOIN		1,810.45	0.00	567.67	0.00	2,378.12
05 704 3318		ELEMENTARY		4,431.71	834.71	1,139.89	0.00	4,736.89
Fund Total: 05				234,360.58	28,774.70	34,576.04	0.00	240,161.92

Regular; Beginning Month 10/2023; Processing Month 10/2023; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity, Fund Number 05, 12

Fund: 12 STUDENT FEES

Chart of Account Number	Chart of Account Description	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Revenues	Balance Change	Balance
12 704	STUDENT PARTICIPATION FEE	22,638.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,638.98
Fund Total: 12		22,638.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,638.98

NOVEMBER 2023 BOARD BILLS

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
360 COMMUNITY SERVICES		4,211.60
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		786.64
ARROW STAGE LINES		1,902.00
BEAR PAW CREEK		70.00
BERGANKDV		12,000.00
BOOKWORM, INC, THE		220.00
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC		836.14
BOYS TOWN		2,880.00
BROWN, CORBIN		1,250.00
CAPPEL NAPA AUTO SUPPLY - VALLEY		21.38
CDW GOVERNMENT INC		1,075.26
CENTRAL REACH, LLC		79.90
CINTAS CORP		164.00
CITI CARD		128.40
CITY OF VALLEY		1,275.25
CONTROL TEMP, INC.		398.00
COX BUSINESS		67.60
CROWN PLAZA HOTEL & RESORTS		1,819.35
DAILY RECORD, THE		289.33
DC WEST ACTIVITY ACCOUNT		539.64
DC WEST FOOD SERVICE		1,160.59
DIETZE MUSIC HOUSE		489.94
EAGLE SERVICES INC.		855.89
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #3		12,730.00
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #7		80.00
EGAN SUPPLY CO		2,716.48
ELKHORN AUTOMOTIVE		3,807.08
FIBER PLATFORM, LLC		560.78
FIRST STUDENT		8,942.39
FREMONT ELECTRIC INC		469.62
HAMMOND, NEIL		140.00
HEARTLAND PEST CONTROL		240.00
HOMETOWN LEASING		2,522.27
JUST FOR KIDS THERAPY INC		9,715.00
KEYMASTERS OF GREATER OMAHA INC		126.24
KNOTT, JAMES		108.17
LEISURE CRAFT HOLDINGS, LLC		10,185.46
MACKIE CONSTRUCTION, INC.		38,465.89
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC		34.99
MCGRAW-HILL EDUCATION INC		728.59
MENARDS - ELKHORN		964.59
METAL DOORS & HARDWARE CO		125.00
MIDWEST SOUND & LIGHTING INC		150.00
N2Y LLC		249.99
NE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADM		385.00
NEBRASKA ASCD		40.00
NEBRASKA COACHES ASSOC		215.00
NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER		200.00
NEBRASKA TURF PRODUCTS		1,024.60
ONE SOURCE		276.00
PERRY GUTHERY HAASE & GESSFORD		2,594.86
PRAIRIE MECHANICAL CORP		8,074.08
PRIME SECURED		479.00
PRO-ED		305.60
PROFESSIONAL GLASS TINTING		14,275.77

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
PUBLICATION PRINTING		165.55
SCHOLASTIC INC		131.78
STEVE WEISS MUSIC		309.95
VALLEY ACE HARDWARE		395.12
VARSITY GROUP		7,305.00
VERIZON		90.12
W.W. NORTON & COMPANY, INC.		4,882.80
WALD, RACHEL		43.20
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBR, INC		1,181.88
WATER ENGINEERING INC		302.50
WEX BANK		42.77
WINSUPPLY COMMERCIAL CHARGE		686.63
WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC		2,179.13
ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATION, INC.		277.68
Checking Account ID 1		<u>171,447.47</u>

Checking Account ID	Fund Number	DEPRECIATION	Amount
2	02		
		BERINGER CIACCIO DENNEL MABREY	13,791.12
		BOYD JONES CONSTRUCTION CO	175,473.41
		LATITUDE SIGNAGE & DESIGN	10,753.00
		MEDCO SUPPLY COMPANY	16,005.34
		PUSH-PEDAL-PULL	27,958.24
		SHEPPARD'S BUSINESS INTERIORS INC	2,468.15
Checking Account ID 2			<u>246,449.26</u>

Checking Account ID	Fund Number	NUTRITION FUND	Amount
6	06		
		CANTEEN REFRESHMENT SERVICES	223.74
		CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	17,620.31
		CHESTERMAN CO	910.14
		CINTAS CORP	462.00
		HILAND DAIRY	5,346.03
		ROTELLA'S ITALIAN BAKERY INC	685.66
		SYSCO LINCOLN	9,695.54
		US FOOD INC	17,611.42
Checking Account ID 6			<u>52,554.84</u>

Checking Account ID	Fund Number	BOND FUND	Amount
7	07		
		BOKF, NA	476,475.00
Checking Account ID 7			<u>476,475.00</u>

Checking Account ID	Fund Number	QCPUF	Amount
9	09		
		BOKF, NA	428,951.25
Checking Account ID 9			<u>428,951.25</u>

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Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
ACH BANK FEE		67.25
BOYS TOWN		9,500.00
BREAKFIELD, VERNON		300.00
BSN SPORTS INC		889.43
CAPPEL NAPA AUTO SUPPLY - VALLEY		40.98
COX BUSINESS		121.23
DC WEST FOOD SERVICE		1,098.20
DICK'S VALLEY MARKET		18.80
EGAN SUPPLY CO		7,253.10
FIRST STUDENT		37,204.85
HY-VEE INC		70.00
JW PEPPER & SONS		448.89
LEARNING FORWARD NEBRASKA		300.00
LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS & COUNTRY STORE		3,280.72
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO IN		3,532.28
MAGIC WRIGHTER E-SERVICE		202.00
MARTEN, DAWN		234.49
METAL LOGOS INC		11,822.71
NE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADM		240.00
NEBR STATE BANDMASTERS ASSOC		30.00
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR		96.92
NORTHERN SPEECH SERVICES		235.27
ODEY'S INC		302.50
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT		25,475.13
PITNEY BOWES		961.00
PROFESSIONAL GLASS TINTING		10,631.72
SHAPE NEBRASKA		825.00
WALMART COMMUNITY		213.57
WELLS FARGO BANK		9,937.80
WEX BANK		75.00
ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATION, INC.		9.45
Checking Account ID 1		<u>125,418.29</u>

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 28-0015,
a/k/a, DOUGLAS COUNTY WEST COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, October 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, District #15, in the County of Douglas, in the State of Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on Monday, October 16, 2023 at the Central Office Board Room, 401 South Pine Street, Valley, NE 68064-0378.

Following public notification procedures approved by the Board of Education, February 14, 2011, in adherence to 84-1411, notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting such Notice on the exterior front door of the high school, elementary school, middle school, Valley City Hall, First Nebraska Bank, and Foundation One Bank. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the Board of Education of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.

Kelly Hinrichs: Present
Luke Janke: Absent
Jamie Jorgensen: Present
Bill Koile: Present
Elizabeth Mayer: Absent
Jim Tomanek: Present
Present: 4, Absent: 2.

1. Call to Order

The agenda, listing items for consideration by the Board, is on file in the Superintendent's office. Other matters may come before the Board and the Board has the right to modify the agenda before the meeting.

President – “As I call the meeting to order I wish to inform everyone present that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the back wall of the Board Room for your review at any time.”

2. Public Communications and Correspondence

Comments from the audience were accepted at this time. There was no public communications or correspondence

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Jim Tomanek.

Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Bill Koile: Yea, Jim Tomanek: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

4. Administrative Reports

4.1. Superintendent's Report

4.2. Financial Report

5. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Bill Koile: Yea, Jim Tomanek: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

5.1. Approve Minutes

A correction needs to be made to last month's minutes. See the motion below for the correction.

Motion to correct the minutes under new business item 7.4 that reads "addition of a Middle School Assistant Band Director" to read "addition of a second Middle School Band Director" passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Jim Tomanek: **Yea**

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

5.2. Approve Claims for Payment

5.3. Approve Financial Report

5.4. Approve Classified Staff

Patti Jensen (former Elementary Library Para) hired for Technology Assistant

Cameron Wiese Part-time preschool para

Mary Alhberg Elementary Library Para

Sandra Thoendel Elementary Sped Para

Sydney Troudt Middle School Sped Para

6. Old Business

6.1. Building and Grounds Update:

- Update on the completion of the Physical Education and Performing Arts Center Projects
- Budget summary of the project to date
- Current softball outfield reconstruction update
 - Boyd Jones is working on the grading and draining of the field and installing new sod.
- Facilities Grand Opening, November 7th at 7:00 p.m.

7. New Business

7.1. Discuss, Consider, and Take All Necessary Action with Regard to Possible Approval and Authorization to Execute a Real Estate Purchase Agreement

The Board was presented a resolution and purchase agreement for approval by the Board of Education.

Motion to approve the purchase of approximately 44.52 acres of real property generally located adjacent to N. 264th Street south of E. Meigs Street in Valley, Nebraska, and entering into a real estate purchase agreement for the purchase of such real property from the sellers, and that the Board approves the agreement and hereby approves and adopts the attached RESOLUTION passed with a motion by Bill Koile and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Jim Tomanek: **Yea**

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

7.2. Discuss, Consider, and Take All Necessary Action to Enter into a Lease Agreement with the Nebraska Educational Building Association (NEBA)

Mike Rogers, Counsel from Gilmore & Bell, who has assisted with our NEBA interlocal was in attendance to facilitate discussion about this agenda item.

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action with respect to entering into a Lease Agreement with the Nebraska Educational Building Association (NEBA) for the District to lease certain facilities from NEBA, a site lease for the District to lease certain real estate to NEBA, and to approve NEBA's refinancing of the outstanding obligations of the Douglas County West Community Schools Leasing Corporation and NEBA's financing of new facilities for use by the District pursuant to the Lease, and approval of related matters as provided in the Resolution before the Board.

Motion to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Nebraska Educational Building Association (NEBA) for the District to lease certain facilities from NEBA, a site lease for the District to lease certain real estate to NEBA, and

to approve NEBA's refinancing of the outstanding obligations of the Douglas County West Community Schools Leasing Corporation and NEBA's financing of new facilities for use by the District pursuant to the Lease, and approval of related matters as provided in the Resolution before the Board passed with a motion by Bill Koile and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Jim Tomanek: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

7.3. Discuss Community Engagement Session, October 30, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

The Board and administration will hold a community engagement session on October 30th at 6:30 pm regarding the future outdoor facilities project. An agenda for the meeting was discussed.

7.4. 2nd Reading of Policy Updates for 2023

Second reading of Board policy updates; discuss, consider, and take action to adopt said policies. All policies to be updated were presented to the Board.

Motion to approve Policy Updates 2023 as presented and to repeal and rescind all existing Board policies that pertain to the same matters or that are otherwise conflicting, including without limitation existing policies passed with a motion by Bill Koile and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Jim Tomanek: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

7.5. Recognize the Douglas County West Education Association as the Exclusive Bargaining Agent for 2025-2026
The Board was presented with a letter requesting the Board recognize DCWEA as the exclusive bargaining agent for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion to recognize the Douglas County West Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the 2025-2026 school year passed with a motion by Jamie Jorgensen and a second by Bill Koile.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Jim Tomanek: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

7.6. Adoption of Option Enrollment Resolution Per Policy 5006

Due to changes to the option enrollment law last legislative session, the school board is required to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications by October 15th for the following school year. Such resolution for adoption is recommended and attached by the administration for the 2024-2025 school year as an Appendix to newly passed board policy 5006.

Motion to approve resolution for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment application for the 2024-2025 school year passed with a motion by Jamie Jorgensen and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Jim Tomanek: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:39 pm passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Jim Tomanek: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0



Kristi Trost, Board Secretary



Dr. Melissa Poloncic, Superintendent

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 28-0015,
a/k/a, DOUGLAS COUNTY WEST COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Monday, October 30, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, District #15, in the County of Douglas, in the State of Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on Monday, October 30, 2023 at the High School/Middle School North Gymnasium, 401 South Pine Street, Valley, NE 68064-0378.

Following public notification procedures approved by the Board of Education, February 14, 2011, in adherence to 84-1411, notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting such Notice on the exterior front door of the high school, elementary school, middle school, Valley City Hall, First Nebraska Bank, and Foundation One Bank. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the Board of Education of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM.

Kelly Hinrichs: Present

Luke Janke: Present

Jamie Jorgensen: Present

Bill Koile: Present

Elizabeth Mayer: Present

Jim Tomanek: Present

Present: 6.

1. Call to Order

The agenda, listing items for consideration by the Board, is on file in the Superintendent's office. Other matters may come before the Board and the Board has the right to modify the agenda before the meeting.

President – “As I call the meeting to order I wish to inform everyone present that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in front of the podium for your review at any time.”

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by Jamie Jorgensen and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Jim Tomanek: **Yea**

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. Community Engagement Meeting on Outdoor Facilities Updates

Mike Troy, DC West HS Football coach, welcomed the community to the Community Engagement Forum. Superintendent Poloncic, along with Joe Zadina, from Lamp Rynearson presented a slideshow to the community members. Those in attendance were informed about the current plan for the outdoor facilities and how the land will be used. They were also asked to write down what they would like to see at opening day of the outdoor facility. Those in attendance were asked to fill out a survey so the board could receive additional feedback from the community. The survey was posted to DC West's website and online social media accounts as well, so those not in attendance could leave feedback.

4. Adjournment

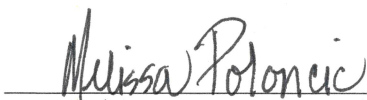
Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:19pm passed with a motion by Jamie Jorgensen and a second by Luke Janke.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Jim Tomanek: **Yea**

Yea: 6, Nay: 0



Kristi Trost, Board Secretary



Dr. Melissa Poloncic, Superintendent

Here is an executive summary of the key survey data responses from the survey conducted in coordination with the Future Athletic Facilities Community Engagement Session offered by the Board of Education on October 30, 2023:

Overview

The DC West Athletic Facility survey received 43 responses. Some respondents attended the informational presentation at the session while others filled out the survey as it was accessible by Facebook or the school website until Friday, November 3rd.

Overall, respondents expressed mixed opinions on the proposed concept. While many liked the idea of updated, dedicated facilities, especially having all sports consolidated in one location, concerns were raised about cost, safety of student accessibility, and the need for more planning and community engagement in the process.

Key Takeaways

- **Facilities and amenities:** Many like the updated, high-quality facilities proposed, including turf fields, concessions, bathrooms, bleachers, etc. Having all sports together is seen as a benefit.
- **Costs and funding:** Numerous respondents questioned the \$14 million price tag and how it would be funded without raising taxes. Some suggested phasing construction to spread out costs.
- **Access and safety:** Getting students, especially younger ones, to the site safely was a common concern given the distance from school. Traffic management, parking, and sidewalks were emphasized.
- **Youth sports:** Collaboration with city and youth sports organizations was advised to ensure facilities for youth and avoid duplication. Respondents also want to see current sports facilities used by the youth programs maintained.
- **Planning process:** Many felt more research, planning, and cost/benefit analysis is needed on the project scope, location, phasing, etc. Community engagement and transparency about decision-making were lacking per respondents and encouraged more for the future.
- **Priorities:** Some questioned athletic facilities as a priority over other district needs like educational programming, teachers' wages, and existing maintenance.
- **Timing and use of current facilities:** Respondents wondered about the timeline to take down current facilities and the ability to maintain them while new ones are built. Also whether new facilities will truly meet capacity needs long-term.

In addition, 10 community members, 1 board member, and 3 staff members offered to attend a series of meetings in order to contribute to the design and development process.



DC WEST Community Schools

Engage, Prepare, and Empower

Fall 2023 Enrollment
Presented to DC West BOE, November 13, 2023

Current Enrollment Status as of NDE October 1, 2023 Reporting

Grade Level	Total Students
PK	97
K	76
1	68
2	57
3	91
4	71
5	80
6	82
7	69
8	94
9	91
10	68
11	82
12	90
Totals	1116

Membership Comparison with Previous Year

School	2022-23	2023-24	Difference	% Difference
High School (9-12)	300	331	+31	+10%
Middle School (6-8)	240	245	+5	+2%
PK-Elem (PK-5)	513	540	+27	+5%
District	1053	1116	+63	+6%

Historical Data on Total Enrollment for DC West Community Schools

2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
1116	1053	1039	989	975	970	958	918	876	836

Option Enrollment In/Out District Status as of NDE October 1, 2023 Reporting

Grade Level	Option Enrolled In Students	Option Enrolled Out Students	Net
K	12	-1	+11
1	3	-2	+1
2	10	-4	+6
3	12	-3	+9
4	11	-4	+7
5	13	-13	0
6	10	-6	+4
7	15	-8	+7
8	18	-7	+11
9	21	-13	+8
10	18	-8	+10
11	16	-15	+1
12	23	-25	-2
Totals	182	-109	+73

Home District of Option Enrollment In Students

37= Omaha Public Schools	71= Elkhorn	9= Millard
18= Yutan	14= Fremont	9= Arlington
11= Gretna	4= Bennington	6= Mead
1= Cedar Bluffs	2= Ashland	

Option District of Enrollment Out Students

5= Bennington	47= Elkhorn	33= Millard
11= Yutan	6= Fremont	1= Ashland/Greenwood
1= Gretna	2= Westside	1= Ralston
1= Arlington	1= OPS	

Historical Data on Number of Option In, Percentage of Option Enrollment, Net Number and Net Option Funding Received

2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
182	174	172	198	176	164	169	187	180	189
16%	18%	18%	21%	20%	19%	20%	22%	23%	24%
+73	+73	+55	+99	+86	+43	+70	+86	-29	-40
\$704,159	\$584,381	\$904,557	\$587,541	\$450,671	\$638,245	\$723,955			

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0015, IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Board of Education (the “Board”) of Douglas County School District 0015, in the State of Nebraska (Douglas County West Community Schools) (the “District”) previously approved formation of the Nebraska Educational Building Association (NEBA) the meeting of the Board held on May 15, 2023, took actions related to acquisition of real estate for new sports facilities for use by the District, authorized a site lease to NEBA for such real estate and other real estate as described in a resolution adopted by the Board on October 16, 2023, authorized a Lease of facilities from NEBA in a resolution adopted by the Board on October 16, 2023, and took other actions at meetings of the Board over the past year (the “Prior Meetings”). The financing transaction by NEBA has been completed, and the obligations of the Douglas County West Community Schools Leasing Corporation (the “Leasing Corporation”) have been refinanced and satisfied. For the foregoing purposes, and for other purposes of the District, it is necessary and appropriate to ratify actions taken by the Board at Prior Meetings, and because the Leasing Corporation has no other obligations outstanding and that it is necessary and appropriate for the District to authorize the dissolution of the Leasing Corporation.

Section 2. The Board President, Secretary, and the Superintendent of the District, and any other officer of the District (each, an “Authorized Officer”) are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the District any documents or instruments related to the dissolution of the Leasing Corporation, and do all other things, necessary or appropriate to carry out the transactions entered into with NEBA. All actions taken by the Board at the Prior Meetings, including but not limited to those with respect to NEBA, are hereby ratified, affirmed and approved in all respects. The execution and delivery by any Authorized Officer shall indicate such officer’s approval of any and all changes, modifications, amendments, revisions, and alterations made therein, and shall conclusively establish such officer’s absolute, unconditional, and irrevocable authority with respect thereto from the District and the authorization, approval, and ratification by the District of the documents, instruments, certifications, and opinions so executed and the action so taken.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT this 13th day of November, 2023.

Board President

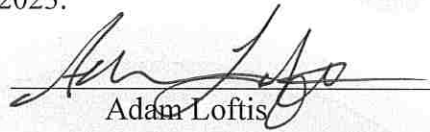
ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Resignation

I hereby voluntarily resign from my employment contract and all contractual relations with DC West Community Schools, effective immediately.

Dated this 15 day of November, 2023.


Adam Loftis