

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2026 7:00 PM

Public School Library

506 W. 9th Street

Dorchester, NE 68343-0007

1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification
2. Roll Call
3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment
4. Request for Change of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting(s)
6. Financial Report
7. Reports
 - 7.1. Athletic Director's Report
 - 7.2. Principal's Report
 - 7.3. Superintendent's Report
8. New Business
 - 8.1. Discussion and presentations by Ella Vyhnalek and Sierra Sherwood.
 - FBLA State Conference
 - 2026-2027 proposed study hall schedule
 - 8.2.
 - 8.3. High Ability Learners Program Presentation from Mrs. Brenda Nerud.
 - 8.4. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve 2026–2027 certified teacher contracts.
 - 8.5. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the update of board policy 6009, Grade Placement of Transfer Students.

8.6. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the First Student contract for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

9. Board Committee Report(s)

10. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

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

12. Adjourn

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2026 5:30 PM

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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.

Matt Bolton: Present

Matthew Hansen: Present

Shelly Lehr: Present

Carol Schnell: Present

Matt Smith: Present

Steve Vyhnalek: Present

1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

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

2. Roll Call

Also present were Superintendent Nick Mumm, Principal JJ Wagner, and Jen Bond.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

Visitors present were Rebecca Steuk, Matt Pracheil, Garrett Smith, Clint Zaptin, Tiffany Bergmeyer, and Jay Carlson.

Carol Schnell: Absent

Carol Schnell needed to leave at 5:55 pm.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting(s)

Motion to approve the reading of the last meeting(s) minutes, both the regular board meeting and the American Civics meeting, passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Matt Smith.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

5. Financial Report

Motion to approve the financial report passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

6. Reports

6.1. AD's Report

Mr. Zoubek submitted to the board a list of upcoming school events.

6.2. Principal's Report

Mr. Wagner told the board that all our elementary teachers, including Mrs. Ridpath and Mrs. Barlow, had the opportunity to visit Shickley and EMF to see the reading curriculum they use in action. This will help them make the decision on what is the best option for Dorchester. Mr. Bird and Mrs. Ridpath had the opportunity to see how Seward runs their ELA classes as well as some of their intervention groups.

6.3. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mumm discussed the Safety Audit for 2025-2026.

7. New Business

7.1. Approve completed spring Superintendent evaluation.

Motion to acknowledge the completion of the spring Superintendent evaluation passed with a motion by Matt Bolton and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7.2. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the 2026 - 2027 Superintendent's contract.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Superintendent's contract with the amendment to change the cell phone reimbursement to \$100 a month passed with a motion by Matt Bolton and a second by Matt Smith.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7.3. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the 2026 - 2027 Principal's contract.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Principal's contract passed with a motion by Matt Smith and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7.4. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the purchase of property from Ziemann & Sons Construction LLC.

Motion to approve the purchase of property from Ziemann & Sons Construction LLC passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Matt Smith.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7.5. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the Speech Language Pathologist contract for the 2026–2027 school year.

Motion to approve the speech language pathologist contract for the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Matt Bolton and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7.6. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the contract for the athletic trainer.

Motion to approve the contract for the athletic trainer passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7.7. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar passed with a motion by Matt Smith and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7.8. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the 2026-2027 classified staff wage increase of 4%.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 classified staff wage increase of 4% passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Matt Smith.

Matt Bolton: Abstain (With Conflict), Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7.9. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the contract for new copiers from Eakes.

Motion to approve the contract for new copiers from Eakes passed with a motion by Matt Bolton and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

8. Board Committee Report(s)

There were no committee reports.

9. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Motion to go into closed session at 6:33pm passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Matt Smith.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

Motion to come out of closed session at 7:48pm passed with a motion by Matt Bolton and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

10. Establish Future Board of Education Meeting Date and Time

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, April 13th, at 7:00pm

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

Shelly Lehr, Secretary of the Board of Education

**TREASURER'S REPORT
DORCHESTER SCHOOLS
Mar-26**

Beginning Funds Available:

Checking Account	\$	1,447,784.92	
Outstanding Checks	\$	(98,739.38)	
Certificates of Deposit	\$	-	
Total beginning funds available		\$ 1,349,045.54	\$ 1,349,045.54

Receipts for Month:

Local taxes - Saline County	\$	602,093.31	
Local taxes - Seward County	\$	42,841.90	
ESU	\$	516.72	
GMS Grants - Title/IDEA			
GMS Grant - ESSER III			
Grant			
Apportionment 3400			
Medicaid MAPPS	\$	104.37	
MIPS	\$	139.96	
Farmers Coop - Annual Refund			
HAL			
REAP			
State Aid	\$	50,832.00	
SPED SA FFR Reimbursement	\$	73,414.00	
SPED SA Transportation			
SECC - Sencap			
Other:	\$	6,517.10	
Interest Earned	\$	5,565.35	
Total Receipts		\$ 782,024.71	\$ 782,024.71

Beginning balance plus receipts and adjustments: \$ 2,131,070.25

Adjustment: \$ (1,203.39)

Less: Expenditures for the month \$ (338,429.94)

Ending fund balance \$ 1,791,436.92

Represented by:

Checking Account	\$	1,829,714.49	
(Outstanding Checks)	\$	(38,277.57)	
Certificate of Deposit/MM	\$	-	
Total District Funds:		\$ 1,791,436.92	

Bond Fund	\$	111,857.11	
Depreciation Fund	\$	250,515.21	
Activity Fund	\$	107,688.20	
Lunch Fund	\$	5,014.72	
Building Fund	\$	141,376.66	
Total Other District Funds		\$ 616,451.90	

DORCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTHLY BOARD REPORT

2025-2026

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Sept. 2025 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg	\$ 74,201.96	\$ 125,309.31
Sept. 2025 Gross Payroll	\$ 319,991.59	\$ 334,620.51
Sept. 2025 EOM Expenditures	\$ 39,320.18	\$ 327,456.33
Total Sept. 2025 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ 433,513.73	\$ 787,386.15
	9.51%	17.95%
Oct. 2025 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg	\$ 25,330.48	\$ 26,720.68
Oct. 2025 Gross Payroll	\$ 315,567.46	\$ 286,354.71
Oct. 2025 EOM Expenditures	\$ 11,304.08	\$ 20,803.46
Total Oct. 2025 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ 352,202.02	\$ 333,878.85
Year to Date Total	\$ 785,715.75	\$ 1,121,265.00
	17.23%	25.56%
Nov. 2025 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg	\$ 46,316.16	\$ 12,353.29
Nov. 2025 Gross Payroll	\$ 307,199.92	\$ 294,818.21
Nov. 2025 EOM Expenditures	\$ 19,138.88	\$ 9,831.95
Total Nov. 2025 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ 372,654.96	\$ 317,003.45
Year to Date Total	\$ 1,158,370.71	\$ 1,438,268.45
	25.40%	32.78%
Dec. 2025 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg	\$ 23,837.56	\$ 17,771.45
Dec. 2025 Gross Payroll	\$ 296,669.49	\$ 280,679.87
Dec. 2025 EOM Expenditures	\$ 22,172.89	\$ 12,540.99
Total Dec. 2025 Expenditures w/adjustment	\$ 342,679.94	\$ 310,992.31
Year to Date Total	\$ 1,501,050.65	\$ 1,749,260.76
	32.92%	39.87%
Jan. 2026 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg	\$ 78,884.85	\$ 80,769.83
Jan. 2026 Gross Payroll	\$ 291,453.53	\$ 278,966.02
Jan. 2026 EOM Expenditures	\$ 17,319.53	\$ 16,406.48
Total Jan. 2026 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ 387,657.91	\$ 376,142.33
Year to Date Total	\$ 1,888,708.56	\$ 2,125,403.09
	41.42%	48.44%
Feb. 2026 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg	\$ 40,706.63	\$ 11,864.17
Feb. 2026 Gross Payroll	\$ 304,678.21	\$ 290,425.51
Feb. 2026 EOM Expenditures	\$ 24,059.50	\$ 21,454.64
Total Feb. 2026 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ 369,444.34	\$ 323,744.32
Year to Date Total	\$ 2,258,152.90	\$ 2,449,147.41
	49.52%	55.82%

2024/2025
\$ 4,387,519

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Mar. 2026 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg	\$ 24,058.85	\$ 16,617.01
Mar. 2026 Gross Payroll	\$ 304,483.54	\$ 276,249.65
Mar. 2026 EOM Expenditures	\$ 17,344.43	\$ 21,878.37
Total Mar. 2026 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ 345,886.82	\$ 314,745.03
Year to Date Total	\$ 2,604,039.72	\$ 2,763,892.44
	57.11%	62.99%
April 2026 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg	\$ 91,072.77	\$ 57,997.33
April 2026 Gross Payroll	\$ 304,198.29	\$ 282,667.35
April 2026 EOM Expenditures		\$ 27,265.09
Total April 2026 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ 395,271.06	\$ 367,929.77
Year to Date Total	\$ 2,999,310.78	\$ 3,131,822.21
	65.77%	71.38%
May 2026 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg		\$ 55,634.58
May 2026 Gross Payroll		\$ 281,669.82
May 2026 EOM Expenditures		\$ 20,399.78
Total May 2026 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ -	\$ 357,704.18
Year to Date Total	\$ 2,999,310.78	\$ 3,489,526.39
	65.77%	79.53%
June 2026 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg		\$ 34,044.06
June 2026 Gross Payroll		\$ 281,076.63
June 2026 EOM Expenditures		\$ 17,612.91
Total June 2026 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ -	\$ 332,733.60
Year to Date Total	\$ 2,999,310.78	\$ 3,822,259.99
	65.77%	87.12%
July 2026 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg		\$ 70,065.20
July 2026 Gross Payroll		\$ 287,103.01
July 2026 EOM Expenditures		\$ 33,106.96
Total July 2026 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ -	\$ 390,275.17
Year to Date Total	\$ 2,999,310.78	\$ 4,212,535.16
	65.77%	96.01%
August 2026 Expenditures Reported @ Board Mtg		\$ 140,837.54
August 2026 Gross Payroll		\$ 266,916.57
August 2026 EOM Expenditures		\$ 157,617.20
Total August 2026 Expenditures w/adjustments	\$ -	\$ 565,371.31
Year to Date Total	\$ 2,999,310.78	\$ 4,777,906.47
	65.77%	108.90%

2025/2026
\$ 4,560,000

Vendor Name	Fund	Fund: 01	GENERAL FUND	Amount	Vendor Total:	
Checking	1					
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC		20260310-0001	SUPPLIES	499.31		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC		20260325-0001	SUPPLIES	283.10		
					Vendor Total:	782.41
BLUE BLOSSOM		1135	FLOWERS	73.00		
					Vendor Total:	73.00
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA		20260326	HANSEN/BOLTON INS	4,384.21		
					Vendor Total:	4,384.21
BRIGGS, ADAM		20260318	ROYS LOCK SHOP-PLAYGROUND GATE LOCK	36.00		
					Vendor Total:	36.00
BRYAN HEALTH		20260325	DOT PHYSICAL-CARLSON	181.00		
					Vendor Total:	181.00
CRETE NEWS		237162	MEETING NOTICE	6.82		
					Vendor Total:	6.82
DIETZE MUSIC HOUSE		FG33640	MUSIC	40.50		
					Vendor Total:	40.50
FARMERS COOPERATIVE		20260310	GASOLINE	1,543.78		
					Vendor Total:	1,543.78
GO PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC		20260310	SERVICES	1,166.82		
					Vendor Total:	1,166.82
GRAINGER		20260310	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	321.93		
GRAINGER		20260325	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	62.34		
					Vendor Total:	384.27
HOLMES SEWER & DRAIN		27333	CLEAN FLOOR DRAIN IN SHOP	600.00		
					Vendor Total:	600.00
JOSTENS		796488DC	VAL/SAL TROPHIES	311.96		
					Vendor Total:	311.96
LUTJEMEYER, STACY		20260331	GIFT CARDS FOR HS EXCELLENCE RALLY	50.00		
					Vendor Total:	50.00
MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS		20260310	JR HIGH HONOR CHOIR MEALS	100.00		
					Vendor Total:	100.00
MUSTANG INC		20667	STAFF JACKETS	5,013.38		
MUSTANG INC		20679	STAFF JACKETS	79.99		
					Vendor Total:	5,093.37
NEBRASKA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL		20260310	CRC MUSIC HONOR FESTIVAL MEALS	140.00		
					Vendor Total:	140.00

Board Report - For Board

Posted - All; Batch Description 2026 MARCH GEN FUND EOM CKS; Fund Number 01;
Processing Month 03/2026

OMNIFY BENEFITS	1609718	HSA/FSA FEES	54.00	
OMNIFY BENEFITS	20260401	FSA FEES	208.55	
		Vendor Total:		262.55
PRESTO X COMPANY	9255521	PEST CONTROL	93.91	
		Vendor Total:		93.91
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	20260319	LTD/STD INSURANCE	1,294.60	
		Vendor Total:		1,294.60
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS	14396744	BOOK	6.96	
		Vendor Total:		6.96
STATE OF NEBRASKA	1516639	DISTANCE LEARNING	317.87	
		Vendor Total:		317.87
SYSKO LINCOLN	661826120	BREAKFAST & A BOOK DONUTS	187.93	
		Vendor Total:		187.93
VESTIS	20260311	MOP HEADS/RAGS	286.42	
		Vendor Total:		286.42
WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA INC	20260325	TELEPHONE	0.05	
		Vendor Total:		0.05
		Fund Total:		17,344.43
		Checking Account Total:		17,344.43

Board Report - For Board

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Checking	1		
Checking	1	Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	1N4W-7QPC-7HLT	PENCILS	43.18
		Vendor Total:	43.18
AMERICAN FENCE CO	LIN004145	PANIC BAR ON GATE	2,597.80
		Vendor Total:	2,597.80
CRETE NEWS	237938	BOARD MINUTES	75.34
CRETE NEWS	238549	BOARD NOTICE	6.82
		Vendor Total:	82.16
CULLIGAN OF CRETE	67736	SOLAR SALT & REPAIRS	695.25
		Vendor Total:	695.25
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	20260403	SUPPLIES	922.25
		Vendor Total:	922.25
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #6	20260403	SERVICES	47,881.84
		Vendor Total:	47,881.84
EGAN SUPPLY CO.	413873	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	511.68
		Vendor Total:	511.68
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	20260403-0002	SUPPLIES	539.82
		Vendor Total:	539.82
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO	84824	FIRE ALARM INSPECTION	360.00
		Vendor Total:	360.00
EXETER-MILLIGAN-FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS	001-002	KLOOZ INSURANCE	14,174.28
		Vendor Total:	14,174.28
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	20260407	GASOLINE	3,393.20
		Vendor Total:	3,393.20
FIBER PLATFORM LLC	SI-26-023765	NETWORKING	321.24
		Vendor Total:	321.24
GO PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC	20260408	SERVICES	1,472.08
		Vendor Total:	1,472.08
GRAINGER	20260403	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	86.01
		Vendor Total:	86.01
HD SUPPLY	20260403	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	219.04
		Vendor Total:	219.04
HOMETOWN LEASING	58	COPIER LEASE	708.53
		Vendor Total:	708.53
J. W. PEPPER & SON INC	20260403	MUSIC	410.32
		Vendor Total:	410.32

Board Report - For Board

Posted - All; Fund Number 01; Processing Month 04/2026

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
J.F. AHERN CO.	804416	SPRINKLER INSPECTION	233.00	
		Vendor Total:		233.00
JourneyEd.com, Inc.	10576756	MICROSOFT OFFICE	965.34	
		Vendor Total:		965.34
KSB SCHOOL LAW	21058	LEGAL SERVICES	2,667.50	
		Vendor Total:		2,667.50
MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.	33021927	SHOP SUPPLIES	101.15	
		Vendor Total:		101.15
NE ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS	N-55639	WORKSHOP	80.00	
		Vendor Total:		80.00
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE	L-38353	SENCAP CLASSES	682.41	
		Vendor Total:		682.41
STATE OF NEBRASKA	20260407	QUARTERLY MOTOR FUELS	409.00	
		Vendor Total:		409.00
STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES	20260406	26-27 STUDENT INSURANCE	500.00	
		Vendor Total:		500.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	RA105018203- 01	24 BUS ALIGNMENT	195.16	
		Vendor Total:		195.16
VERIZON WIRELESS	20260406	HOT SPOTS	80.02	
		Vendor Total:		80.02
VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS	2171551	TELEPHONE	86.15	
		Vendor Total:		86.15
VESTIS	20260408	MOP HEADS/RAGS	300.81	
		Vendor Total:		300.81
VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER	20260406	UTILITIES	5,412.27	
		Vendor Total:		5,412.27
WAGNER, JONATHON	20260406	MILEAGE	52.40	
		Vendor Total:		52.40
WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC	492270	NATURAL GAS	4,888.88	
		Vendor Total:		4,888.88
		Fund Total:		91,072.77
		Checking Account Total:		91,072.77

Board Report April 2026

- Prom was held April 11
- HS Music Concert April 14 at 7pm
- FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney - April 16-18
- FBLA SLC - April 8-10, 2027 and will not fall on HS Track Meet
- HS Track @ Deshler Invite - April 16
- JH Track @ Osceola Invite - April 16
- HS Track @ EMF Invite - April 21
- JH Track @ Deshler Invite - April 23 - any JH students participating in District Music will go to District Music
- District Music @ Milford April 23-24 - Vocal Music - April 23, Instrumental Music - April 24
- HS Track @ McCool Invite - April 27
- JH Track @ Fairbury Invite - April 27
- State Journalism @ Norfolk - April 27
- Athletic Banquet - April 28 - 6pm - Catered meal
- JH CRC Track @ Cross County - April 30
- Elementary Music Concert - April 30 - 7pm
- HS CRC Track @ Osceola - May 2
- Rain Dates for CRC HS and JH Track Meets are May 1, May 4, May 5
- Honors Night - May 6
- HS & JH Track @ McCool Junction - May 7
- Elementary Community Clean Up - May 8
- Graduation May 9

Principal's Report

April 13th, 2026

IPG Training

I attended the IPG Training on March 20th in Beatrice. It is a new thing that will be required to provide information to the State of Nebraska when it comes to our Reading classes.

CLSD Meetings

Mr. Bird, Mrs. Ridpath, and I attended the latest CLSD Meeting. It focused a lot on what our Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III should look like moving forward. It will require a change in mindset from the way things are currently done.

Sports

Track Season is off and running, jumping, and throwing. From what I've heard we have had some success in both the JH and High School ranks.

Spring Play

The Spring Play was a success. It was very entertaining and our students did a great job.

Threat Assessment Team

Many members of the Threat Assessment Team attended a training via Zoom on March 19th. It focused on how to decide if a threat is credible and what steps to take if a threat is made. The Threat Assessment Team will be having their monthly meeting shortly.

Mike Donahue Presentation

Mike Donahue came and talked to K-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-12, staff, and the public. It was a great message about valuing yourself and others. Each presentation was done at an age appropriate level.

Upcoming Events

- 4/14 - JH/HS Spring Program 7 P.M.
- 4/16 - 4/18 - State FBLA in Kearney
- 4/16 - JH Track @ Osceola 9 A.M.
- 4/16 - HS Track @ Deshler 10 A.M.
- 4/20 - CLSD @ Norris
- 4/21 - HS Track @ EMF
- 4/23 & 4/24 - District Music in Milford
- 4/23 - Criminal Justice Day @ Peru State
- 4/23 - Illustrator - Melissa Iawi - 1 P.M.
- 4/23 - JH Track @ Deshler
- 4/27 - State Journalism @ Norfolk
- 4/27 - HS Track @ McCool Junction 9 A.M.
- 4/27 - JH Track @ Fairbury
- 4/29 - Middle School Quiz Bowl @ Seward
- 4/30 - JH Track @ CRC Invite @ Cross County 9 A.M.
- 4/30 - Elementary Spring Concert 7 P.M.
- 5/2 - HS Track @ CRC Invite @ Osceola 9 A.M.
- 5/5 - Honors Night
- 5/6 - HS Quiz Bowl @ Seward 9 A.M.
- 5/7 - JH Track @ McCool Junction 9:30 A.M.
- 5/7 - HS Track @ McCool Junction 9:30 A.M.
- 5/8 - Elementary Community Clean Up
- 5/9 - Graduation 3:30 P.M.

Superintendent Report

Maintenance/Transportation: We have several facilities projects on our radar and want to share a quick update. One area we've been discussing is putting our hallways and classrooms on a schedule for carpet replacement. We are currently gathering bids for flooring in two high school classrooms, an elementary hallway, and a few remaining elementary rooms. While these won't all happen at once, we're looking at spreading the work out over the next three summers.

We are also talking about the possibility of replacing the concrete in front of the school, including the sidewalk and curb, along with the sidewalk on the west side of the building, possibly as early as this summer. There are some drainage issues under the current concrete, as well as a few areas that have become tripping hazards, so we want to address those concerns.

The playground is another place we're excited to improve. Our goal is to make it an even safer and more enjoyable place for students. Fixing the current drainage issues will be an important first step in that process.

We are also considering adding a loft in the back gym above the stage to help with storage. This would give us some much-needed space and help keep the stage area clean and organized.

All of these projects will be prioritized over the next few years based on what fits within the budget. Once the district finalizes the purchase of additional property, we're also exploring the option of adding a temporary storage container to help with current storage needs.

Lastly, we have posted a bus driver position for next school year. If you know someone who might be a great fit, we would love your help spreading the word!

Finance: Over the past seven months, district spending has increased by an average of 2.9% per month compared to last year. This includes all district expenses, and we are right where we want to be, as our goal is to stay between 3% and 4%.

In the coming months, the board will also consider transferring any remaining funds from the bond account—now that the bond has been paid off—into the general fund. This would allow those funds to earn a better interest rate and be used more effectively.

Spring Testing: Our junior class completed the ACT this past week—great job to those students! Students in K-8th grades are currently working through NSCAS state assessments or MAP Growth testing. High school freshmen and sophomores have completed MAP Growth testing. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for

supporting this important work. We look forward to reviewing the results and celebrating student growth once testing is complete.

We also want to give a big thank you to the staff who helped organize Prom. Their time and effort made it a special and memorable night for our students. We truly appreciate the continued support from our families and community who contributed to making it a special event.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable spring season! As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or feedback—we're always happy to connect.

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Grade Placement of Transfer Students

Subject to a determination on grade placement based on the criteria set forth below, a student transferring from an accredited school will generally be placed at the grade level that is comparable to the placement in the school from which the student is transferring. Temporary placement may be made until a student's records are received to verify the placement.

Elementary Level Students

The appropriate level of placement for elementary level students may be determined by, but not limited to, consideration of the following information:

- Chronological age.
- Previous public school or private school experience.
- Diagnostic test data.
- Achievement test data.
- Criterion referenced test data.

Secondary Level Students

The appropriate level of placement for secondary students may be determined by, but not limited to, consideration of the following information:

- Chronological age.
- Previous public school or private school experience.
- Standardized achievement test data.
- Criterion referenced test data.
- Final examination test data.
- Diagnostic test data.

A student transferring into the school district in grades 9-12 will be responsible for meeting all graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma. Credits earned in grades 9-12 at an accredited school will be counted toward high school graduation requirements. Credits from a home school and/or a non-accredited school will not be counted toward high school graduation requirements.

The district administration, in conjunction with the building principal, will determine the appropriate grade level/credit status of a student transferring from a foreign country.

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6009**Grade Placement and Academic Credits of Transfer Students**

Subject to a determination on grade placement based on the criteria set forth below, a student transferring from an accredited school generally will be placed at the grade level that is comparable to the placement in the school from which the student is transferring. Temporary placement may be made until a student's records are received to verify the placement.

Elementary Level Students

The appropriate level of placement for elementary level students may be determined by, but not limited to, consideration of the following information:

- Chronological age
- Previous public school or private school experience
- Diagnostic test data
- Achievement test data
- Criterion-referenced test data

Secondary Level Students

The appropriate level of placement for secondary students may be determined by, but not limited to, consideration of the following information:

- Chronological age
- Previous public school or private school experience and transcript
- Standardized achievement test data
- Criterion-referenced test data
- Final examination test data
- Diagnostic test data

The district will accept credits toward graduation that were awarded by an accredited school district and which, in the professional judgment of the administrative team, are sufficiently rigorous and comparable to the district's offered courses of study. A student transferring into the school district in grades 9-12 will be responsible for meeting all graduation requirement in order to be awarded a diploma from the district.

Students who transfer from an exempt (home) school and/or a non-accredited school may be awarded credits to be counted toward high school graduation requirements at the discretion of the building principal in consultation with the superintendent of schools. The principal will consider all of the factors listed above and will also consider the student's performance on the district's internal benchmark tests.

The district administration, in conjunction with the building principal, will determine the appropriate grade level/credit status of a student transferring from a foreign country.

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