

Board of Education Special Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 5:30 PM

Discovery Center (Greenhouse Classroom)
Gothenburg Public Schools
1322 Avenue I
Gothenburg, NE 69138

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Rationale:

The mission of Gothenburg Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, is to prepare all students within a positive, innovative, learning environment to become lifelong learners in the 21st century.

A copy of the open meetings law is posted on the wall of the Board Room and is available to the public.

2. Approve the Agenda

Rationale: The Board reserves the right to rearrange the order of items as needed.

3. Recognition of Visitors

4. Business Item

4.1. Discussion and Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding between Gothenburg Public Schools, Gothenburg Memorial Hospital, and the City of Gothenburg.

5. Discussion Items

6. Upcoming Meetings

Rationale:

Budget Hearing: Sept. 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Discovery Center.

Tax Request Hearing: Sept. 14, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. in the Discovery Center.

Regular September Meeting: Sept. 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Discovery Center.

7. Adjournment

Memorandum of Understanding

The Gothenburg community and area residents will be presented an incredible opportunity through philanthropic efforts of residents and a partnership involving its three primary public entities: Gothenburg Memorial Hospital, the City of Gothenburg, and Gothenburg Public Schools. An intermediary organization governed by a combined board with two representatives from each public entity, will be established to focus on health, recreation, education and overall wellness of our community.

Critical components of the partnership have been brought to the forefront of various conversations held during the past few months. The community wellness concept being proposed includes, but is not limited to:

- operation of a _____ square foot Health, Wellness and Education Activity Center on hospital property with space for fitness, swimming, gymnasium activities, healthy lifestyles, dietary consultation, on-site and distance learning education, dual credit and college credit health science courses, meeting rooms and conferencing.
- operation of renovated existing wellness center space into an early childhood center coordinating public and private childcare and early childhood education within our community.
- establishment and definition of an overall concept of wellness involving utilization of physical space in a new facility and the development of an overall culture of family and well-being.

The vision of overall health, wellness and activity within our community as established through the partnership would include, but not be limited to:

- programming within a wellness center and coordination of recreational opportunities for youth, adults and senior citizens throughout our community.
- opportunities to engage students within Gothenburg Public Schools in educational opportunities in health sciences and in human sciences through the allocation of educational space which includes access to health care professionals and to experts in early childhood education.
- opportunities in recreation and wellness for all residents regardless, age, gender or economic status.

Gothenburg Memorial Hospital

The Gothenburg Memorial Hospital and its Board of Directors has committed to this vision approving the memorandum of understanding at a public meeting held on _____ at _____. We fully support the tenants of this partnership as described in the memorandum.

Signed _____ Position _____ Date _____

City of Gothenburg

The City of Gothenburg and the City Council has committed to this vision approving the memorandum of understanding at a public meeting held on _____ at _____. We fully support the tenants of this partnership as described in the memorandum.

Gothenburg Public Schools

Dawson County School District #20, Gothenburg Public Schools and the Board of Education has committed to this vision approving the memorandum of understanding at a public meeting held on _____ at _____. We fully support the tenants of this partnership as described in the memorandum.