Education Committee Meeting on American Civics Work Session
Monday, April 14, 2025 5:30 PM
Boardroom at Central Office
1700 14th Ave
Nebraska City, NE 68410

1. Call to Order
   1.1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment
3. Review Checklist

4. Adjournment

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK: This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started**: When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.

- **Time Limit**: The board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.

- **Personnel or Student Topic**: If you are planning to speak about a personnel or a student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such complaints and concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing these matters with the Board. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments about individual staff members or students.

- **General Rules**: This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening and hostile conduct or statements and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.

- **No Action by the Board**: The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.

Public Participation at Board Meetings Form

Nebraska City Public Schools Board of Education

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The purpose of "Public Participation" is for the Board of Education to hear comments from the public. Since comments are not on the published agenda the Board will not discuss and/or answer questions during "Public Comments."

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PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Date_____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Subject of Public Comment: _____

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Nebraska City Public Schools
Americanism - LB 399
2024-2025 School Year

American Civics Checklist

For the school year 2024-2025, the Board appointed the following four members to serve on the Committee on American Civics: Lisa Chaney, Stacie Higgins, and Pattie Lant.

The Committee on American Civics met on the following dates: October 14, 2024 at 5:30 PM and April 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM. The committee accepted public testimony on both dates.

The committee completed the following tasks:

_____ Minutes of the Committee on American Civics' meetings have been kept and show the time and place of the meeting, which members were present or absent, and the substance and details of all matters discussed.

_____ Confirmed the District's social studies curriculum is aligned with NDE standards.

_____ Confirmed that the District's social studies curriculum stresses the required patriotic themes.

_____ Confirmed that the District's social studies curriculum includes a requirement, in accordance with state law, that high school students (i) complete a written test; (ii) attend a public meeting; or (iii) present or write a paper on an appropriate topic.

_____ Confirmed that the social studies curriculum approved by the Committee is available for public inspection.

_____ Confirmed that the District's social studies curriculum includes all required components, in accordance with state law and NDE standards, including (a) one hour per week of patriotic instruction for grade levels below sixth grade; (b) a set amount of time to teach American history for grade levels from fifth grade to eighth grade; and (c) at least two courses in high school that teach American civics.

_____ Confirmed that the District will conduct appropriate patriotic exercises for the following holidays: George Washington's birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Malcolm X Day if in session.

Committee Signatures

_____, Board Member - President, Lisa Chaney

_____, Board Member - Vice President, Brent Shanholtz

_____, Board Member - Stacie Higgins

_____, Board Member - Pattie Lant

_____, Superintendent - Mark Fritch