

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
GORDON-RUSHVILLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT NO. 81-0010  
Monday, January 10, 2022  
Conference Room, 810 N Oak Street, Gordon, NE 69343**

The meeting agenda is available online on the district's website under the school board link and will be finalized 24 hours before the meeting.

- I. Open the Meeting
- II. Call to Order/Nebraska Open Meetings Law
- III. Excuse Absent Members Zach Kearns
- IV. Publication of Meeting
- V. Acceptance of the agenda
- VI. Election of Officers
  - VI.A. President
  - VI.B. Vice President
  - VI.C. Treasurer
  - VI.D. Secretary
  - VI.E. Appointment to Committees: Civics/Americanism, Facility/Transportation, Negotiations/Budget, Policy
- VII. Public Forum
- VIII. Celebration of Excellence Thank you to Kami Krebs and those who assisted her in Gordon and Deb Kearns and all who assisted her in Rushville with the elementary Christmas stores.
- IX. Reports
  - IX.A. Building Principals, Activity Director and SPED Director
  - IX.B. Superintendent
  - IX.C. Board Committees - Update on Supt. Search Process
  - IX.D. Other School Personnel
- X. Consent Agenda
  - X.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Dist. 81-0010 of December 13, 2021, and Special Meeting on January 4, 2022. Finances: General Fund Bills \$797,784.01, Building Fund Bills \$0, Depreciation Fund Bills \$0, Qualified Capital Fund Bills \$0, Cooperative Fund Bills \$0, Lunch Fund Bills \$33,552.94, Bond Fund Bills \$0, Transfers to Investment Fund from General Fund \$404,700.00 to Investment Fund from Building Fund \$10,300, accept resignations from Casey Slama, Ward Wacker, Trish Schumacher, Beth Reeves, Shauna Beguin and Jaime Tellechea with appreciation.
- XI. Discussion Items Review Board of Code of Ethics policy.
- XII. Action Items
  - XII.A. Discuss, Consider, and Take All Necessary Action with Regard to: Designation of bank accounts.
    - 1st National Bank-Gordon
    - General Fund- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Vice President
    - Lunch Fund - President, Superintendent, Alt.- HS Principal
    - Investment- President, Business Office Manager, Alt. - Vice President
    - Scholarship Fund - Guidance Counselor, Superintendent, High School Principal
    - Turner Fund - Superintendent, High School Principal, Business Manager
    - WageWorks Flex Spending, President, Treasurer, Business Manager Bank of the West - Gordon
    - Activity Fund - Superintendent, High School Principal, Business Manager
    - Petty Cash Fund - Superintendent, Business Manager

Safety Deposit Boxes #44, #71 - President, Superintendent, Business Manager, Alt. Vice President

XII.B. Security First Bank -Rushville

Payroll Fund - President, Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Vice President

Special Funds- President, Treasurer, Alt. Vice President, Secretary

Scholarship Funds - Guidance Counselor, Superintendent, High School Principal

XII.C. Discuss, Consider, and Take All Necessary Action with Regard to Policy Conflict Resolution.

XII.D. Discuss, Consider, and Take All Necessary Action with Regard to:

XIII. Executive Session

XIV. Dates to Remember Tentative January 19, 2022 4:00 pm Interview

XIV.A. Date of Next Regular Board Meeting - February 14, 2022 5:30 pm

XV. Adjournment

# Open Meetings Act

## **Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1407. Act, how cited.**

Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

## **Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public.**

It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret.

Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

## **Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1409. Terms, defined.**

For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, and (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.

## **Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.**

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such

individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as:

(a) Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body;

(b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices;

(c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct;

(d) Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting;

(e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or

(f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length.

Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the

members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

**Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; virtual meetings authorized; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.**

(1)(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

(b)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's web site.

(ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published by:

(A) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's web site; or

(B) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city or village. Such notice shall be posted in the same three places for each meeting.

(iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public body.

(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory committee.

(d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes.

(e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the

meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) of this section are met:

(i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity;

(ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act;

(iii) The governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

(iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

(v) An educational service unit;

(vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council;

(vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act;

(viii) A community college board of governors;

(ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee;

(x) A local public health department;

(xi) A metropolitan utilities district;

(xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority;

(xiii) A natural resources district; and

(xiv) The Judicial Resources Commission.

(b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual conferencing are as follows:

(i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsection (1) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference;

(ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the same extent as

would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used;

(iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; and

(iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision or subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. In the case of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, the organization may hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing. The governing body of a risk management pool that meets at least quarterly and the advisory committees of the governing body may each hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by virtual conferencing.

(3) Virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(4) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(5) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(6) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (5) of this section, if an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable advance publicized notice as described in subsection (1) of this section. The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action by the public body.

(b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in  
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number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings.

(c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for inspection as provided in subsections (5) and (6) of section 84-1413.

**Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.**

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if:

(a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction;

(b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience;

(c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making virtual conferencing available at an in-state location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance;

(d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state;

(e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; and

(f) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the in-state location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of this section, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting, either in paper or electronic form. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

**Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when.**

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written, except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, and available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Minutes of the meetings of the board of a school district or educational service unit may be kept as an electronic record.

(7) Beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan class, the city council of a city of the primary class, the city council of a city of the first class, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the school board of a school district shall make available on such entity's public web site the agenda and minutes of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda shall be placed on the web site at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of

the governing body. Minutes shall be placed on the web site at such time as the minutes are available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of this section. This information shall be available on the public web site for at least six months.

**Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.**

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

(4) Any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of the Open Meetings Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

**Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1415. Open Meetings Act; requirements; waiver; validity of action.**

No motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting as defined in section 84-1409 of a public body as defined in such section shall be invalidated because such motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action was made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting or meetings on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before April 30, 2021, pursuant to a Governor's Executive Order which waived certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

**SPECIAL MEETING SUPT. SEARCH  
GORDON-RUSHVILLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT NO. 81-0010  
Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

**I. Call Meeting to Order/Notice of Open Meetings Act**

This meeting will follow the guidelines of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as stated in the document posted on the west wall.

**II. Publication of Meeting**

It was moved by Kathleen Willnerd seconded by Dave Johnson to declare this meeting properly publicized and open to the public as per policy #2008, method of publication Sheridan County Journal Star. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Yes  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 6, No: 0

**III. Acceptance of Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs Candie Johnson seconded by Mr Zach Kearns to approve the agenda for this meeting, all items of which were placed on it at least 24 hours prior to the meeting time, as provided by statute. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Yes  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 6, No: 0

**IV. Discussion item Shari Becker-NASB Superintendent Search**

**V. Executive Session**

It was moved by Kathleen Willnerd seconded by Dave Johnson to go into executive session 5:37 pm for the purpose of protection of the public's interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Yes  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 6, No: 0

It was moved by Kathleen Willnerd seconded by Mr Ross Janssen to come out of executive session at 6:28 pm. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes

Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes

Dave Johnson: Yes

Mr Zach Kearns: Yes

Sherry Retzlaff: Yes

Kathleen Willnerd: Yes

Yes: 6, No: 0

VI. It was moved by Dave Johnson seconded by Mrs Candie Johnson to contact possible interim candidates for interviews on Jan 19, 2022. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes

Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes

Dave Johnson: Yes

Mr Zach Kearns: Yes

Sherry Retzlaff: Yes

Kathleen Willnerd: Yes

Yes: 6, No: 0

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Kathleen Willnerd seconded by Mr Ross Janssen to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes

Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes

Dave Johnson: Yes

Mr Zach Kearns: Yes

Sherry Retzlaff: Yes

Kathleen Willnerd: Yes

Yes: 6, No: 0

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Sherry Retzlaff, President

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Candie Johnson, Secretary

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
GORDON-RUSHVILLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT NO. 81-0010  
Monday, December 13, 2021**

I. Open the Meeting

Roll Call: Janssen, C. Johnson, Kearns, Retzlaff, Willnerd

II. Call to Order/Nebraska Open Meetings Law

III. Excuse Absent Members Dave Johnson

It was moved by Kathleen Willnerd seconded by Mr Zach Kearns to excuse absent member Dave Johnson. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Absent  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

IV. Publication of Meeting

It was moved by Mrs Candie Johnson seconded by Mr Ross Janssen to declare this meeting properly publicized and open to the public as per policies #8340 and #8342, method of publication Sheridan County Journal Star -. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Absent  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

V. Acceptance of the agenda

It was moved by Kathleen Willnerd seconded by Mr Zach Kearns to that the agenda for this meeting, all items of which were placed on it at least 24 hours prior to the meeting time, as provided by statute, be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Absent  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

VI. Audit Report presented by Michael Scow Dana Cole and Co.

VII. Public Forum - No Public Forum in December

VIII. Celebration of Excellence Mr. Slama received The Nebraska Association of Elementary School Principals Association Distinguished Elementary Principal Award and will represent Nebraska in the National Distinguished Principal recognition sponsored by NAESP.

Tessa Hurlburt spoke on Unified Bowling

IX. Reports

IX.A. Mrs. Curtis, Mr. Slama, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mills, and Miss Liggett

IX.B. Board Committees - Negotiations Committee, Policy Committee, and Americanism Committee

IX.C. Tessa Hurlburt, Student Representative – spoke on the Unified Bowling season.

X. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs Candie Johnson seconded by Mr Zach Kearns to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Dist. 81-0010 of November 8, 2021, and BOE Work Session of Nov. 8, 2021, Finances: General Fund Bills \$792,707.10, Building Fund Bills \$0, Depreciation Fund Bills, \$7,204.25 Qualified Capital Fund Bills \$0, Cooperative Fund Bills \$0, Lunch Fund Bills \$47,728.82, Bond Fund Bills \$0, Transfers From Investment fund to General Fund \$450,000.00, From Bldg Fund to Investment Fund \$3,250.00, From Investment fund to Depreciation Fund \$7,000.00 and the resignation of Misty Curtis effective the end of this contract, with appreciation for service. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Absent  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

XI. Discussion Items Recognition and appreciation of scholarship donations from the family of Louis Schmidt and the family of Michael Ferguson.

XI.A. Discuss future bus needs

XII. Action Items

XII.A. It was moved by Mr Ross Janssen seconded by Mrs Candie Johnson to Approve negotiated agreement with certified teaching staff, a base salary increase of \$500 to \$37,200, a flat salary increase of \$500 to \$16,150, and 150 additional minutes of personal leave. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Absent  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes

Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

XII.B It was moved by Kathleen Willnerd seconded by Mr Zach Kearns to Approve 2020-21 audit as presented. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Absent  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

XII.C. It was moved by Kathleen Willnerd seconded by Mr Ross Janssen to approve the following KSB policies as presented. 1001, 1002, 1003, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3003.1, 3004, 3004.1, 3005, 3008, 3009, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3019, 3020, 3021, 3022, 3024, 3025, 3026, 3027, 3028, 3029, 3031, 3032, 3033, 3035, 3036, 3037, 3039, 3040, 3041, 3044, 3045, 3046, 3047, 3048, 3049, 3050, 3051, 3053, 3054, 3055, 3056, 3057, 3058, 4002, 4003, 4004, 4005, 4006, 4007, 4008, 4009, 4011.1, 4011, 4012, 4013, 4015, 4016, 4017, 4018, 4019, 4010, 4022, 4023, 4024, 4025, 4027, 4028, 4029, 4030, 4032, 4034, 4037, 4038, 4039, 4041, 4042, 4043, 4044, 4045, 4046, 4048, 4051, 4052, 4053, 4054, 4055, 4057, 4058, 4059, 4060, 4061, 4062, 4063, 5006, 5007, 5008, 5009, 5010, 5011, 5012, 5014, 5017, 5018, 5024, 5025, 5028, 5030, 5031, 5032, 5033, 5034, 5036, 5037, 5039, 5040, 5041, 5042, 5043, 5044, 5046, 5048, 5049, 5053, 5054, 5056, 5059, 5063, 5064, 5067, 6001, 6002, 6003, 6004, 6005, 6006, 6010, 6011, 6012, 6014, 6016, 6018, 6020, 6026, 6027, 6029, 6030, 6031, 6032, and 6034, and discontinuation of previous policies that address the same. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Absent  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

XII.D. It was moved by Mr Ross Janssen seconded by Mr Zach Kearns to Declare the 2006 Taurus surplus. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Absent  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

XII.E. It was moved by Kathleen Willnerd seconded by Mrs Candie Johnson to Adjust daily substitute teacher salary to \$115 per day. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Absent  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

XIII. Dates to Remember Board work session Supt. Search January 4, 2022 4:00 pm  
Superintendent Interviews January 18 and 19, 2022

XIII. A. Date of Next Regular Board Meeting - January 10, 2022 5:30 pm

XV. Adjournment

It was moved by Kathleen Willnerd seconded by Mr Zach Kearns to adjourn the District No. 10 meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion Carried.

Mr Ross Janssen: Yes  
Mrs Candie Johnson: Yes  
Dave Johnson: Absent  
Mr Zach Kearns: Yes  
Sherry Retzlaff: Yes  
Kathleen Willnerd: Yes  
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

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Sherry Retzlaff, President

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Candie Johnson, Secretary

## **2012 Board Code of Ethics**

The board recognizes that collectively and individually, all members of the board must adhere to an accepted code of ethics in order to improve public education. Board members must conduct themselves professionally and in a manner fitting of their position.

Each board member shall:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
2. Endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board meetings;
3. Render all decisions based on the available facts and his or her independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
4. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members, and seek systematic communication between the board and students, staff and all elements of the community;
5. Work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority to the superintendent to administer the school district;
6. Communicate expressions of public reaction to the board policies and school program to other board members and the superintendent;
7. Learn about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in seminars and programs, such as those sponsored by the state and national school board associations;
8. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
9. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using the board member's position on the board for personal or political gain;

10. Refrain from discussing the confidential business of the board in any setting except a board meeting;
11. Refrain from micro-managing the affairs of the school district;
12. Recognize the superintendent as the executive officer of the board;
13. Work constructively and collegially with the other members of the board, students, staff and patrons.
14. Refer complaints to the superintendent or building principal, as appropriate;
15. Always be mindful of his/her fiduciary obligation to the school district, including duties of loyalty and care, by placing the interests of the district above the board member's personal interests.
16. Remember that a board member's first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending this district's schools.

Adopted on: December 13, 2021

Revised on: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed on: \_\_\_\_\_

## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the general organization, management, and control of the school district is vested in its Board of Education through adopted board policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the school district's best interest to adopt a new and updated set of policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to update its policies systematically by considering proposed new policies from KSB School Law; and,

WHEREAS, there may be conflicting policies regarding the organization, management, or control of the school district while the Board is in the process of systematically updating its policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that newly adopted policies shall supercede any prior conflicting policies.

Approved by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Board President