

Board of Education Study Session  
Monday, October 12, 2020 5:30 PM

School District Office 410 South St., Seward,  
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410 South St  
Seward, NE 68434

## **Agenda**

1. Preliminary Procedures
  1. Call meeting to order & announce Open Meetings Act is Posted
  2. Public Notice as publicized per board policy
  3. Roll Call
    1. Action to excuse board members if necessary
2. Possible Discussion Items
  1. COVID-19- Update
  2. Grant Money
  3. TIF
  4. Technology
  5. Civics Committee Meeting
3. Adjournment

Please publish the following legal notice in the October 7, 2020 edition of the Seward County Independent. Thank you.

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The board of education of the School District of Seward will meet in regular session on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for a board study session to be followed by the 7:00 p.m. regular business meeting. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Offices located at 410 South St., Seward, Nebraska. An agenda for the meeting which shall be kept continually current is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours.

To view the agenda go to <http://SewardPublicSchools.org/> and find the eMeeting link.

Committee On American Civics Agenda  
6:30 PM  
10-12-2020  
Seward Public Schools District Office

*The school district of Seward --where every student, every day is a success -- affirms that all students will have the skills to become productive and contributing members of a global community. In cooperation with family and community members, the district is committed to the development of each student academically, emotionally, socially, and physically.*

1. Reaffirm three board members to the Committee On American Civics- Rumery, Shipley, Hughes
2. Classroom Feature and Connection to US Standards- US History- Mr. Rich Eber
3. Celebrations of Holidays identified in LB 399  
(George Washington's Birthday, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving Day)
4. The Civics Test- 8th and American Government students  
Semester #2 Results
5. Adjourn

## Standards Comparison

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| 2012 Standards   | 2019 Standards  |
| Content Focused  | Process Focused   |
| Direct Instruction Based- Identify, use  | Inquiry Based- Investigate, Analyze   |
| Limited Perspectives   | Multiple Perspectives   |
| 6th-8th grade standards were banded together allowing for district discretion on when standards were taught. | 6th-8th grade standards are unbanded resulting in commonality across the state on when standards are taught.<br><br>5th- US History- Pre-Columbian to US Constitution<br>6th- World Studies I- Ancient<br>7th- World Studies II- Modern<br>8th- US History- US Constitution to Gilded Age- Early 1900's |

### Holidays Recognized in Civics Law:

Appropriate patriotic exercises suitable to the occasion shall be held under the direction of the superintendent in every public, private, denominational, and parochial school on 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, and Thanksgiving Day**, or on the day or week preceding or following such holiday, if the school is in session.

### Civics Test/Paper/Meeting Requirement

(i) Administration of a written test that is identical to the entire civics portion of the naturalization test used by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services prior to the completion of eighth grade and again prior to the completion of twelfth grade with the individual score from each test for each student made available to a parent or guardian of such student.

#### *Semester 1- American Government*

70 students took the test.  
60% was a passing score.  
100 question test.  
6 earned a perfect score.  
4 failed to earn a 60%

66/70 students passed- 94%  
Results were sent home to parents.