

Isanti Community School  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 17, 2023

{{Name: Agenda Item}}

- I. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
  
- II. **Nebraska Open Meetings Law**
  
- III. **Roll Call**
  
- IV. **Public Comment & Recognition of Guests**
  
- V. **Approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.**
  
- VI. **Treasurer Report**
  
- VII. **Approve Outstanding Payables**
  
- VIII. **Discussion Items**
  - VIII.A. Nurse - Chelsey Chohon
  
- IX. **Action Items**
  - IX.A. Authorized signers for Isanti Community School accounts for Farmers and Merchants State Bank:
  
  - IX.B. Resignations - Taylor Hamilton
  
  - IX.C. New Hires
    - IX.C.1. Social Emotional Learning - Work Agreement
  
    - IX.C.2. Dean of Students - Contract

IX.C.3. Early Childhood 3 year old Classroom - Contract

IX.C.4. Art & Music - Contract

IX.D. Sponsors & Coaches for 2023-24

IX.E. Carpet replacement for South Building - Mozaks

IX.F. Student Fee Policy 5045

IX.G. Student Discipline Policy 5035

**X. Reports**

X.A. Superintendent and Progress Plan Update

X.B. Elementary Principal and Secondary Principal

X.C. Committee Reports

X.C.1. Policy Committee - handing out policies, starting with all of 2000-Review and Report to the Board

XI. **\*Closed Session:** If, during the course of the meeting discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

XII. **Adjourn**

## Isanti Community School

Stacy Johnson: Present

Waylon LaPlante: Present

Anita LaPointe: Absent

Susan Pike: Present

LindaRae Starlin: Present

Dewayne Wabasha: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

Anita LaPointe: Present

Present: 6.

Stacy Johnson: Absent

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

### I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

**Absent:** Anita LaPointe, **Present:** Stacy Johnson, Waylon LaPlante, Susan Pike, LindaRae Starlin, Dewayne Wabasha.

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

### II. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

### III. Roll Call

### IV. Public Comment & Recognition of Guests

Public Attendance

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**V. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting May 15, 2023, Board Work Session on May 16, 2023, Board Retreat -Work Session June 9, 2023,**

It was moved by Waylon LaPlante and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to approve minutes with changes of Waylon LaPlante and LindaRae Starlin absent at the June 9th meeting.

Roll call vote: Passed

Anita LaPointe: Absent, Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**VI. Treasurer Report**

**VII. Approve Outstanding Payables**

**Present:** Anita LaPointe. Present: 6.

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to approve payables and treasurer report.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## VIII. Discussion Items

New fencing playground - early childhood requirements of 6 ft fence - vehicle gate so ambulance can get in and out

New decks for teacherages - will be put on hold until the receipt of bids from the community.- decks are being stained and reinforced.

## IX. Action Items

### IX.A. Creation of Dakota Cultural Committee

It was moved by Anita LaPointe and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to develop a Dakota Cultural Committee for our school system.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### IX.B. Teacherages - Front Porch Project

Tabled to next meeting

It was moved by Waylon LaPlante and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to to table until next meeting.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea,  
Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### IX.C. Playground Fencing Project

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Susan  
Pike to to approve the quote for playground fence project.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea,  
Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### IX.D. Contract - Payment for TNTP Consultants

payments for TNTP services  
contract was in your packet  
NDE did approve TNTP as our consultants

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by LindaRae Starlin  
to motion to approve to accept TNTP contract.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea,  
Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### IX.E. Board Policies -

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to approve Board Policies 1,000's; 2,000's; 3,000's; 4,000's; 5,000's; 6,000's; additional adjustments to 4033-Drug Testing Zero Tolerance; 625 Student/Staff Cell Phones; 4015 Prohibition against Employment of Board Members; 3044 Public Resources.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to approve Policy 4015 Prohibition Against Employment of Board Members.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Absent, Anita LaPointe: Abstain (With Conflict), Waylon LaPlante: Nay, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 1, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1  
Waylon LaPlante: Nay

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to approve Policy 4033 Drug Testing Procedures.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by LindaRae Starlin and seconded by Susan Pike to approve Policy 6025 Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.F. Student Handbook 2023-24

It was moved by Dewayne Wabasha and seconded by Anita LaPointe to approve new student handbook.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IX.G. Staff Handbook 2023-24

It was moved by LindaRae Starlin and seconded by Waylon LaPlante to approve staff handbook.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea,  
Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## IX.H. New Hires & Contract Adjustments

### IX.H.1. Teacher Positions: Special Education, Physical Education

It was moved by LindaRae Starlin and seconded by Anita  
LaPointe to motion for new hires.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe:  
Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne  
Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### IX.H.2. Superintendent Contract

It was moved by LindaRae Starlin and seconded by Anita  
LaPointe to approve contract.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe:  
Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne  
Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IX.H.3. Business Manager Contract

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by LindaRae Starlin to approve contract.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Yea, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IX.H.4. Business Manager- transfer within

IX.H.5. Bookkeeper

IX.I. Dean of Students - Job Description

**Absent:** Stacy Johnson. Present: 5, Absent: 1.

TNTP came looked into the growing of our school. k-8 and 9-12

It was moved by Waylon LaPlante and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to to hire a Dean of Students.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Nay, Susan Pike: Nay, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 2Stacy Johnson: Nay, Susan Pike: Nay

## X. Reports

X.A. Superintendent and Progress Plan Update - NDE update

X.B. Elementary Principal and Secondary Principal

X.C. Committee Reports

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## XII. Adjourn

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It was moved by LindaRae Starlin and seconded by Waylon LaPlante to adjourn at 6:50p.m.

Roll call vote: Passed

Stacy Johnson: Absent, Waylon LaPlante: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, LindaRae Starlin: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Friday, June 9, 2023 @ 10:00 AM Central

## Isanti Community School

Stacy Johnson: Present

Waylon LaPlante: Absent

Anita LaPointe: Present

Susan Pike: Present

LindaRae Starlin: Absent

Dewayne Wabasha: Present

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

### I. Roll Call

**Absent:** Waylon LaPlante, LindaRae Starlin, **Present:** Stacy Johnson, Anita LaPointe, Susan Pike, Dewayne Wabasha.

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Anita LaPointe to  
Called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Roll call vote: Passed

Waylon LaPlante: Absent, LindaRae Starlin: Absent, Stacy  
Johnson: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne  
Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

### II. Policy and Handbook Review

Discussion of the policies requested from the KSB's office was reviewed along with the Staff and Student Handbooks.

### III. Adjournment

It was moved by Susan Pike and seconded by Dewayne Wabasha to meeting was adjourned at 11:45a.m.

Roll call vote: Passed

Waylon LaPlante: Absent, LindaRae Starlin: Absent, Stacy Johnson: Yea, Anita LaPointe: Yea, Susan Pike: Yea, Dewayne Wabasha: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Payment Vendor	Invoice(s)	Invoice Description	Invoice Total
Appera	0874845 & 0874844	uniforms, rugs, and supplies	\$505.78
Arts Garbage Service	3034624T952	Large Dumpster	\$456.00
B & E Services	Door Closures	Door Closures 6/14/23	\$1,624.25
Bazile Creek Power Sports	Inv. 4959	Mower Repairs	\$285.97
Bomgaars	02550831, 2559838, and	misc. maintenance items	\$335.79
Cash-Wa Distributing	June food charges	food	\$13,960.22
Century Business Products Inc	681036	copies	\$587.21
Chesterman Co	Inv. 3365461, 3231288,	water	\$965.00
CHS2	IB0487	Closure of May 30-June 2nd Change out Vaporizer & Oil Separator	\$16,470.00
Dakota Computing	Inv. 108	Tech Support	\$2,880.08
Eakes Office Plus	June 2023 Statement	June 2023 Statement	\$2,313.80
Embassy Suites	35488	Board Retreat 6/8/23-6/11/23	\$4,859.85
ESU Coordinating Council	Coop002487	Swank Movie Licensing	\$880.00
Feather Hill Express	5961 & 3758	Gas for mowers & Summer School trip.	\$318.70
Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co.	Web-24633	6/5/23 Inv. Web-24633	\$81.63
Follett School Solutions, LLC	1513255	Service/Support Renewal	\$1,275.42
Great Plains Communications	July 2023 Statement	July 2023 Statement	\$548.17
Hagge Glass	5842	Inv. 5842	\$130.00
Hefner Hardware	June 2023 Statement	June 2023 Statement	\$608.65
Johnson Controls Fire Protection	89909581	Inv. 89909581	\$1,816.77
Kopetskys Ace Hardware	June 2023 Statement	Inv. 383630	\$149.96
KSB School Law	14336	June 2023 Statement	\$650.00
Kuchar Electric	May 10-July 5, 2023 Invoices	May 10 and July 5 2023 Invoices	\$13,859.92
Lakeview Resort	June 2023 Statement	June 2023 Statement	\$351.89
Lindsay Water Conditioning	May 2023 Statement	May 2023 Statements	\$8,621.00
Mastercard Service Center	Commons area tables		\$3,671.41
Menards-Yankton	6/14, 6/20, 6/28 ,6/29/23	6/14/23, 6/20/23, 6/28, 6/29/23	\$1,763.16
Mozak's Floors and More	CG300478	Floors in South Building	\$25,989.05
Mroczek, David J	Mileage 7/6/23 and July 2023	Mileage for 7/6/23 and phone allowance for July 2023	\$375.10
NAFIS_2	32937	Membership Dues 2023-2024	\$5,110.56
NE Department of Health and Human Services	2023 Licensing Fee	2023 Licensing Fee	\$50.00
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association	Mem 164 2023-2024	2023-2024 Membership Dues	\$850.00
Northeast Community College	CRN 70507	CPR Certification	\$42.00
Quill Corporation	33219031	Business Office Toner - 2 planners	\$799.63
Quill Corporation	6/14/23 Order	6/14/23 Order Supplies	\$1,729.48

Rasmussen Mechanical Services	Invoices dated for 7/3/23	Inv. #SRV103411 and #SRV103365	\$3,050.19
SANTANDER LEASING LLC	6139061	Blue bus lease	\$4,896.78
Santee Grocery	June-July 2023 Statement	statement dated 6/12/23 for May charges and statement dated 7/10/23 for June charges	\$772.25
Shane Avery	21st Boot Reimbursement		\$71.88
Sioux City Journal	Order #58833-1	Hiring Ad 5/7/23	\$1,379.00
Sweeney, Breeann	Summer School Supply Reimburseme	Summer School Supply Reimbursement	\$722.02
Tangeman Plumbing	1041	Inv. 1041 dated 6/21/23	\$198.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Fin Serv	5025769485	2 Copier Leases	\$399.87
Zearn - Math	Inv9848	K-8 Zearn Account through June 30, 2024	\$2,500.00
Zearn - Math	INV9337	Student Materials Grades 1-8	\$2,228.16

\$131,134.60

**79-2,134. Student fee policy; hearing; procedure; contents.**

On or before August 1, 2002, and annually each year thereafter, each school board shall hold a public hearing at a regular or special meeting of the board on a proposed student fee policy, following a review of the amount of money collected from students pursuant to, and the use of waivers provided in, the student fee policy for the prior school year. The student fee policy shall be adopted by a majority vote of the school board and shall be published in the student handbook. The board shall provide a copy of the student handbook to every student, or to every household in which at least one student resides, at no cost to the student or household. The student fee policy shall include specific details regarding:

(1) The general written guidelines for any nonspecialized attire required for specified courses and activities;

(2) Any personal or consumable items a student will be required to furnish for participation in extracurricular activities;

(3) Any specialized equipment or attire which a student will be required to provide for any extracurricular activity;

(4) Any fees required from a student for participation in any extracurricular activity;

(5) Any fees required for postsecondary education costs;

(6) Any fees required for transportation costs pursuant to sections 79-241, 79-605, and 79-611;

(7) Any fees required for copies of student files or records pursuant to section 79-2,104;

(8) Any fees required for participation in before-and-after-school or prekindergarten services offered pursuant to section 79-1104;

(9) Any fees required for participation in summer school or night school;

(10) Any fees for breakfast and lunch programs; and

(11) The waiver policy pursuant to section 79-2,133.

No fee, specialized equipment or attire, or nonspecialized attire may be required pursuant to the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act unless the maximum dollar amount of the fee, the specifications for the specialized equipment or attire, or the specifications for the nonspecialized attire are specified in the student fee policy approved by the board. Reimbursement pursuant to subdivision (6) of section 79-2,127 for property lost or damaged by a student may be required without specification in the student fee policy.

**Source:** Laws 2002, LB 1172, § 10; Laws 2003, LB 249, § 10.

## **5045 Student Fees**

The school district shall provide free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution and the Nebraska statutes. The district also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the district is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

### **A. Definitions.**

1. "Students" means students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.
2. "Extracurricular activities" means student activities or organizations that (1) are supervised or administered by the district; (2) do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades; and (3) are not otherwise required by the district.
3. "Post-secondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

### **B. Listing of Fees Charged by this District.**

1. **Guidelines for Clothing Required for Specified Courses and Activities.**

Students are responsible for complying with the district's grooming and attire guidelines and for furnishing all clothing required for any special programs, courses or activities in which they participate. The teacher, coach, or sponsor of the activity will provide students with written guidelines that detail any special clothing requirements and explain why the special clothing is required for the specific program, course or activity.

- 3) Exclusion from extracurricular activities
- 4) In-school suspension
- 5) Short term or long term suspension from school
- 6) Expulsion

These consequences are not progressive, and school officials have discretion to impose any listed punishment they deem appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law and board policy.

c) **Records**

Records of vehicle misconduct will be forwarded to the appropriate building principal and will be maintained in the same manner as other student discipline records. Reports of serious misconduct may be forwarded to law enforcement.

Adopted on: 9-9-19  
Revised on: 6/13/23  
Reviewed on: 6/13/23

## **2. Safety Equipment and Attire.**

The district will provide students with all safety equipment and attire that is required by law. Building administrators will assure that (a) such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, (b) teachers are directed to instruct students in the use of such devices, and (c) students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for using the devices safely and as instructed.

## **3. Personal or Consumable Items.**

The district does provide students with personal or consumable items for participation in courses and activities including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers and notebooks. Students who wish to supply their own personal or consumable items may do so, as long as those items comply with the requirements of the district. The district will provide students with facilities, equipment, materials and supplies, including books. Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students will be charged for damage to school property caused by the student and will be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of any school property that they lose.

## **4. Materials Required for Course Projects.**

The district will provide students with the materials necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. In courses where students choose to produce a project that requires materials beyond the basic materials provided by the district, the students will furnish the materials, purchase the materials from the school, or purchase the materials from an outside vendor with an order form provided by the school.

## **5. Technological Devices**

The district will provide students with the technological devices necessary to complete all basic curricular projects.

## **6. Extracurricular Activities.**

The district may charge students a fee to participate in extracurricular activities to cover the district's reasonable costs in offering such activities. The district may require students to furnish specialized equipment and clothing that is required for participation in extracurricular activities, or may

charge a reasonable fee for the use of district-owned equipment or attire. Attached to this policy is a list of the fees charged for particular activities. The coach or sponsor will provide students with additional written guidelines detailing the fees charged, the equipment and/or clothing required, or the usage fee charged. The guidelines will explain the reasons that fees, equipment and/or clothing are required for the activity.

The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all extracurricular activities fees and the specifications for any equipment or attire required for participation in extracurricular activities:

- Student Activity Card: \$\_\_\_\_
  - Covers admission to all extracurricular events
- Student Participation Fee: \$\_\_\_\_
  - Required of all students who participate in athletics and/or other extracurricular activities
- Future Business Leaders of America: \$\_\_\_\_
- DECA: \$\_\_\_\_
- National Honor Society: \$\_\_\_\_
- Cheerleading, Drill Team, Flag Corps: \$\_\_\_\_
  - Students must purchase uniforms and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group. The maximum dollar amount charged by the school district for these items will be: \$\_\_\_\_
- Football: \$ \_\_\_\_
  - Students must provide their own football shoes, undergarments, and mouthguards
- Golf: \$\_\_\_\_
  - Students must provide their own golf shoes, undergarments, and clubs
- Softball and Baseball: \$\_\_\_\_
  - Students must provide their own shoes, gloves, and undergarments
- Track, Volleyball, and Wrestling: \$\_\_\_\_
  - Students must provide their own shoes and undergarments
- Future Farmers of America: \$\_\_\_\_
  - Students must purchase their own jackets and pay dues
- Rifle and Trap Teams: \$\_\_\_\_
  - Students must provide their own weapons and ammunition
- Science Club: \$\_\_\_\_
- FCCLA: \$\_\_\_\_
- Spanish Club: \$\_\_\_\_

## **7. Post-Secondary Education Costs.**

Some students enroll in postsecondary courses while still enrolled in the district's high school. As a general rule, students must pay all costs associated with such post-secondary courses. However, for a course in which students receive high school credit or a course being taken as part of an approved accelerated or differentiated curriculum program, the district shall offer the course without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees. Students who chose to apply for post-secondary education credit for these courses must pay tuition and all other fees associated with obtaining credits from a post-secondary educational institution.

**8. Transportation Costs.**

The district will charge students reasonable fees for transportation services provided by the district to the extent permitted by federal and state statutes and regulations.

The maximum dollar amount of the transportation fee charged by this district shall be \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**9. Copies of Student Files or Records.**

The district will charge a fee for making copies of a student's files or records for the parents or guardians of such student. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of student record fees. Parents of students have the right to inspect and review the students' files or records without the payment of a fee, and the district shall not charge a fee to search for or retrieve any student's files or records.

The district will charge a fee of \$.25 per page for reproduction of student records.

**10. Participation in Before-and-After-School or Pre-Kindergarten Services.**

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in before-and-after school or pre-kindergarten services offered by the district pursuant to statute.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these services shall be \$3.00/hour

**11. Participation in Summer School or Night School.**

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in summer school or night school and may charge reasonable fees for correspondence courses.

## **12. Charges for Food Consumed by Students.**

The district will charge for items that students purchase from the district's breakfast and lunch programs. The fees charged for these items will be set according to applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The district will charge students for the cost of food, beverages, and the like that students purchase from a school store, vending machine, booster club or from similar sources. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for the breakfast and lunch programs is as follows:

- Breakfast Program – Grades K-8
  - Regular Price     \$2.00
  - Reduced Price     \$.50
- Breakfast Program – Grades 9-12
  - Regular Price     \$2.00
  - Reduced Price     \$.50
- Lunch Program – Grades K-8
  - Regular Price     \$3.25
  - Reduced Price     \$1.65
- Lunch Program – Grades 9-12
  - Regular Price     \$3.25
  - Reduced Price     \$1.65

## **13. Charges for Musical Extracurricular Activities.**

All students will under this policy will be provided, at no charge, the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities.

## **14. Contributions for Junior and Senior Class Extracurricular Activities.**

Students are eligible to participate in a number of unique extracurricular activities during their last two years in high school, including prom, various senior recognitions, and graduation. In order to fund these extracurricular

activities, the school district will ask each student to make a contribution to their class's fund. This contribution is completely voluntary. Students who chose not to contribute to the class fund are still eligible to participate in the extra activities.

**C. Waiver Policy.**

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) materials for course projects, and (3) the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Actual participation in the free or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for the waivers provided in this section. The district is not obligated to provide any particular type or quality of equipment or other material to eligible students. Students who wish to be considered for waiver of a particular fee must submit a completed fee waiver application to their building principal.

**D. Distribution of Policy.**

This policy will be published in the Student Handbook or its equivalent that will be provided to students at no cost.

**E. Voluntary Contributions to Defray Costs.**

The district will, when appropriate, request donations of money, materials, equipment or attire from parents, guardians and other members of the community to defray the costs of providing certain services and activities to students. These requests are not requirements and staff members of the district are directed to clearly communicate that fact to students, parents and patrons.

**F. Fund-Raising Activities**

Students may be permitted or required to engage in fund-raising activities to support various curricular and extracurricular activities in which they participate. Students who decline to participate in fund-raising activities are not eligible under this policy for waiver of the costs or fees which the fund-raising activity was meant to defray.

**G. Student Fee Fund.**

The school board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund that will not be funded by tax revenue, and that will serve a depository for all monies collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school courses. Monies in the Student Fee Fund shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected from students.

Adopted on: 9-9-19  
Revised on: 6/13/23  
Reviewed on: 6/13/23

**79-262. School board or board of education; rules and standards; establish; distribute and post; review with county attorney.**

(1) The school board or board of education shall establish and promulgate rules and standards concerning student conduct which are reasonably necessary to carry out or to prevent interference with carrying out any educational function, if such rules and standards are clear and definite so as to provide clear notice to the student and his or her parent or guardian as to the conduct prescribed, prohibited, or required under the rules and standards. Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in the Student Discipline Act, the school board or board of education may by rule specify a particular action as a sanction for particular conduct. Any such action must be otherwise authorized by section 79-258, 79-265, or 79-267. Any such rule shall be binding on all students, school officials, board members, and hearing examiners. Expulsion may be specified as a sanction for particular conduct only if the school board or board of education finds that the type of conduct for which expulsion is specified has the potential to seriously affect the health, safety, or welfare of the student, other students, staff members, or any other person or to otherwise seriously interfere with the educational process. On or before August 1 of each year, all school boards shall annually review in collaboration with the county attorney of the county in which the principal office of the school district is located the rules and standards concerning student conduct adopted by the school board and the provisions of section 79-267 to define conduct which the principal or designee is required to report to law enforcement under section 79-293.

(2) All rules and standards established by school officials, other than the board, applicable to students shall not conflict with rules and standards adopted by the board. The board may change any rule or standard in accordance with policies which it may from time to time adopt.

(3) Rules or standards which form the basis for discipline, including the conduct required to be reported to law enforcement, shall be distributed to each student and his or her parent or guardian at the beginning of each school year, or at the time of enrollment if during the school year, and shall be posted in conspicuous places in each school during the school year. Changes in rules and standards shall not take effect until reasonable effort has been made to distribute such changes to each student and his or her parent or guardian.

**Source:** Laws 1976, LB 503, § 7; Laws 1983, LB 209, § 1; Laws 1994, LB 1250,

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**Student Discipline**

Administrative and teaching personnel may take actions regarding student behavior, other than those specifically provided in this policy and the Student Discipline Act, which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such actions may include, but need not be limited to, counseling of students, parent conferences, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive counseling, psychological evaluation, or psychiatric evaluation upon the written consent of a parent or guardian to such counseling or evaluation. Disciplinary consequences may also include in-school suspension, Saturday School, and any other consequence authorized by law. District administrators may develop building-specific protocols for the imposition of student discipline.

In this policy, references to "Principal" shall include building principals, the principal's designee, or other appropriate school district administrators.

Any statement, notice, recommendation, determination, or similar action specified in this policy shall be effectively given at the time written evidence thereof is delivered personally to or upon receipt of certified or registered mail or upon actual knowledge by a student or his or her parent or guardian.

Any student who is suspended or expelled from school pursuant to this policy may not participate in any school activity during the duration of that exclusion including adjacent school holidays and weekends. The student activity eligibility of a student who is mandatorily reassigned shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the principal of the building to which the student is reassigned.

**Short-Term Suspension**

The Principal may exclude students from school or any school function for a period of up to five school days (short-term suspension) on the following grounds:

1. Conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth; or,
2. Other violations of rules and standards of behavior adopted by the Board of Education or the administrative or teaching staff of the school, that occur on or off school grounds, if such conduct interferes with school purposes or there is a connection between such conduct and school.

The following process applies to short-term suspension:

1. The Principal shall make a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances. Short-term suspension shall be imposed only after a determination that the suspension is necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference with school purposes.
2. Prior to commencement of the short-term suspension, the student will be given oral or written notice of the charges against the student. The student will be advised of what he or she is accused of having done, be given an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and be given an opportunity to explain the student's version of the facts.
3. Within 24 hours or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the Principal will send a written statement to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, describing the student's conduct, misconduct or violation of the rule or standard and the reasons for the action taken. An opportunity will be given to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, to have a conference with the Principal ordering the short-term suspension before or at the time the student returns to school. The Principal shall determine who, in addition to the parent or guardian, is to attend the conference.
4. Students who are short-term suspended will be given the opportunity to complete classwork, including but not limited to examinations, under the following conditions: student or parent/guardian request work to be completed.

### **Emergency Exclusion**

Students may be emergency excluded from school pursuant to the board's separate policy on emergency exclusion or state law.

### **Weapons and/or Firearms**

Students may be disciplined for the possession of weapons and/or firearms pursuant to the board's separate policy on weapons and firearms or state law.

### **Long-Term Suspension**

Students may be excluded by the Principal from school or any school function for a period of more than five school days but less than twenty school days

4. **Alternative School or Pre-expulsion Procedures.** The school shall either provide an alternative school, class or educational program for expelled students or shall follow the pre-expulsion procedures outlined in NEB. REV. STAT. 79-266.

#### **Grounds for Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment:**

The following conduct constitutes grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, subject to the procedural provisions of the Student Discipline Act, NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-254 through 79-296, when such activity occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event:

1. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes;
2. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property of substantial value, or repeated damage or theft involving property;
3. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, to a school volunteer, or to any student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision;
4. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of or with the intent of obtaining money or anything of value from such student;
5. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (*see also board policy on weapons and firearms*);
6. Engaging in the unlawful possession, selling, dispensing, or use of a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance, as defined in section 28-401, a substance represented to be a controlled substance, or alcoholic liquor as defined in section 53-103.02 or being under the influence of a controlled substance or alcoholic liquor (*note: the term "under the influence" for school purposes has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant*);

- f. Possession of pornography;
- g. Sexting or the possession of sexting images (a combination of sex and texting - the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically);
- h. Engaging in hazing, defined as any activity expected of someone joining a group, team, or activity that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. Hazing activities are generally considered to be: physically abusive, hazardous, and/or sexually violating and include but are not limited to the following: personal servitude; sleep deprivation and restrictions on personal hygiene; yelling, swearing and insulting new members/newcomers; being forced to wear embarrassing or humiliating attire in public; consumption of vile substances or smearing of such on one's skin; branding; physical beatings; binge drinking and drinking games; sexual simulation and sexual assault;
- i. Bullying which shall include cyber-bullying, defined as the use of the internet, including but not limited to social networking sites such as Facebook, cell phones or other devices to send, post or text message images and material intended to hurt or embarrass another person. This may include, but is not limited to; continuing to send e-mail to someone who has said they want no further contact with the sender; sending or posting threats, sexual remarks or pejorative labels (i.e., hate speech); ganging up on victims by making them the subject of ridicule in forums, and posting false statements as fact intended to humiliate the victim; disclosure of personal data, such as the victim's real name, address, or school at websites or forums; posing as the identity of the victim for the purpose of publishing material in their name that defames or ridicules them; sending threatening and harassing text, instant messages or emails to the victims; and posting or sending rumors or gossip to instigate others to dislike and gang up on the target;
- j. Violation of the district's computer acceptable computer use policy are subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion;
- k. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a simulated or "look-a-like" weapon;
- l. Using any object to simulate possession of a weapon; and
- m. Any other violation of a rule or regulation established by a school district staff member pursuant to authority delegated by the board.

delivered to the principal or superintendent in person or by registered or certified mail.

3. When a notice of intent to discipline a student by long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment is filed with the superintendent, the student may be suspended by the principal until the date the long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment takes effect if no hearing is requested or, if a hearing is requested, the date the hearing examiner makes the report of his or her findings and a recommendation of the action to be taken to the superintendent, if the principal determines that the student must be suspended immediately to prevent or substantially reduce the risk of (a) interference with an educational function or school purpose or (b) a personal injury to the student himself or herself, other students, school employees, or school volunteers.
4. Nothing in this policy shall preclude the student, student's parents, guardian or representative from discussing and settling the matter with appropriate school personnel prior to the hearing stage.
5. If a hearing is requested within five days after receipt of the notice, the Superintendent shall appoint a hearing officer who shall follow the "hearing procedures" outlined below.
6. If a hearing is requested more than five school days following the receipt of the written notice, but not more than thirty calendar days after receipt, the Superintendent shall appoint a hearing officer who shall follow the "hearing procedures" outlined below, except that the time constraints set forth may differ as provided by law and this policy. The student shall be entitled to a hearing but the consequence imposed may continue in effect pending final determination.
7. If a request for hearing is not received within thirty calendar days following the mailing or delivery of the written notice, the student shall not be entitled to a hearing.

In the event a hearing is requested, the hearing, hearing procedures, the student's rights and any appeals or judicial review permitted by law shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Nebraska Student Discipline Act (NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-254 to 79-294). The school district will provide parents with copies of the relevant statutes upon request.

### **Reporting Requirement to Law Enforcement**