

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2020 8:00 PM

Public School Library

506 W. 9th Street

Dorchester, NE 68343-0007

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Matthew Hansen: Present

Mike Hatfield: Present

Neal Pavlish: Present

Carol Schnell: Absent

Kelli Schweitzer: Present

Steve Vyhnalek: Present

1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Vyhnalek at 8:00 pm. Superintendent Schrunk led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Carol Schnell was excused due to illness. Also present are Superintendent Daryl Schrunk, Principal Jake Wiese and Linda Woolsey.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

Visitors present are Craig and Tiffany Bergmeyer, Travis and Rebecca Fuller, Matt Smith and Vanessa Willison.

4. Request for Change of Agenda

Due to visitors, the agenda was changed to move 8.4 - Review "Return to School" plan as the first agenda item.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting(s)

Motion to approve the reading of the last meeting minutes Passed with a motion by Neal Pavlish and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Neal Pavlish: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

6. Financial Report

Motion to approve the financial report Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Mike Hatfield.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Neal Pavlish: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7. Reports

7.1. Principal's Report

Mr. Wiese presented information on 12th grade ACT testing done on September 22nd, IEP meetings Sept. 23-25, first Principal/Mentee meeting on September 23rd and Homecoming events and dance. A Professional Development Day was held on October 1st with Megan Hammer from ESU6. Formal evaluations started September 28th. Parent Teacher Conferences were held in September with 73% attendance. Upcoming events include ESU6 Reading Coaching with Heidi Farmer October 15th, CRC Volleyball Tournament Oct. 17-20, End of Quarter 1 on October 23rd, Volleyball Sub-District October 26-27, Excellence Rally and 7-12 Recognition on October 30 and first round of football playoffs October 30th.

7.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Schrunk reminded the board the negotiations committee will meet before November 1st. ESU6 will host a Senators' Panel. NASB Fall Conference will be held November 18-20. Daryl, Kelli Schweitzer and Shelly Lehr will be attending. Future facility plans may include Kindergarten and 1st grade carpet tile replacement, scupper inspection and possible runway for the long jump pit. Mr. Schrunk informed the board of the distribution of the Chromebooks purchased from the grant from the Nebraska Community Foundation with the Dorchester Foundation.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. Discuss Evaluation of Superintendent.

Mr. Schrunk distributed evaluation forms to board members.

8.2. Discuss Superintendent Vacation Leave (in accordance with Contract of Superintendent Employment = Saline County School District 76-0044 a.k.a. Dorchester Public School.)

Mr. Schrunk reviewed his vacation time for 2020-2021.

8.3. Review Board of Education Policies #5048-5051.

Mr. Schrunk reviewed policy #5048 - Self-Management of Diabetes or Asthma or Anaphylaxis, #5048 - Firearms and Weapons, #5050 - Home Schools and #5051 - Eye Exams. No changes were necessary.

8.4. Review "Return to School" plan (protocols in place, risk dial, fall activities), current status of cases, and future plans to continue in-person learning as well as winter extra-curricular activities and beyond.

Return to School Plan:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dGh-O-CyF-LOsuX7THweKi6wDuag45P0l_DNbp7KMDs/edit#gid=775515114

Public Health Solutions Risk Dial:

<http://phsneb.org/covid-19-risk-dial-guidance/>

Review attached documents:

> COVID Investigation - School Settings Phase IV 9-22-2020

> Updated Screening/Exclusion/Readmittance Form

> DHS Fall Activity Guidelines

Guidance will change when knowledge is gained (UNMC document):

<https://www.nebraskamed.com/COVID/guidance-will-change-as-knowledge-is-gained>

Mr. Schrunk presented the DPS protocols for "return to school" and the Public Health Solutions risk dial. DPS has not had any COVID exposure within the school. To combat the spread of the coronavirus, we have purchased additional tables for lunch, assigned seating in classrooms and lunch, etc. On

Monday, October 12th all students, staff and teachers are required to wear face masks due to the new mandates to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Mr. Schrunk and Mr. Wiese talked with all classes on Friday, October 9th about the change. There are changes to activities attendance (ie: volleyball, football, speech). Winter sports activities may look different. Visitors shared comments on how youth basketball and wrestling may be affected. They shared agreement with the direction Mr. Schrunk has gone with the plan.

9. Action Items

9.1. Recognize the Dorchester Education Association as the Exclusive Bargaining Agent for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Motion to recognize the Dorchester Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the 2022-2023 school year Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Neal Pavlish: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

10. Board Committee Report(s)

No board committee reports at this time.

11. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Closed session not required.

12. Establish Future Board of Education Meeting Date(s) and Time(s)

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm Passed with a motion by Kelli Schweitzer and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matthew Hansen: Yea, Mike Hatfield: Yea, Neal Pavlish: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

Carol Schnell?(s) Carol Schnell, Secretary of the Board of Education