

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, August 12, 2024 8:10 PM

Public School Library

506 W. 9th Street

Dorchester, NE 68343-0007

Notice of the time and place of the Dorchester Board of Education meeting was published in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. Newspapers of general circulation in the district include, but are not necessarily limited to, the Crete News, the Lincoln Journal Star, or the Omaha World-Herald. Notice is also posted in at least three prominent places within the school district which may include the following: Dorchester Public Schools, Farmers Coop, First State Bank, and the Village Office. Individual board members received in advance the meeting agenda and meeting materials. Pursuant to Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Statutes, the public is hereby informed that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the Board meeting boardroom.

Matthew Hansen: Absent

Mike Hatfield: Present

Shelly Lehr: Present

Carol Schnell: Present

Kelli Schweitzer: Present

Steve Vyhnalek: Present

1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

The regular board meeting was called to order by President Steve Vyhnalek at 8:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Vyhnalek confirmed the advance notice to the public of the meeting and agenda.

2. Roll Call

School personnel present were Superintendent Curtis Cogswell, Principal Jake Wiese, and Jen Feeken

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

Matt Smith was also present

4. Request for Change of Agenda

No request for change of agenda.

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

Motion to approve the reading of the last meeting(s) minutes Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Mike Hatfield.

Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

The minutes from the July Board Meeting were reviewed.

6. Financial Report

Motion to approve the financial report Passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7. Reports

7.1. Principal's Report

Summer Reading and Math Camps served 50 students. The summer meals program served 40-50 children daily on average. New Teacher Orientation was Aug. 9th. Professional Development plans include Hope Science Training, MTSS, and training on the new science curriculum.

7.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cogswell attended Administrator Days, in Kearney and EL Training in Lincoln. He talked about all the painting, organizing, and cleaning that took place over the summer. Open Sky Policy Institute asked Dorchester to come and present on September 18th regarding what we are doing with our EL education.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. School Wellness Committee/Policy

Policy #5052 - School Wellness Policy was reviewed.

8.2. Student Bullying Policy

Policy #5054 - Student Bullying was reviewed.

8.3. Review the 2024-2025 Budget

Mr. Cogswell shared with the Board projections for the 2024-2025 budget.

8.4. Donations

Mr. Cogswell shared with the board some donations that were given to the school to help cover the costs of the wall mats and shot clock.

8.5. Property Insurance

Mr. Cogswell discussed the increase in cost of the school's insurance with the board.

8.6. Special Session

Mr. Cogswell briefly talked about the current legislative special session, LB9, the Governor's plan for property tax relief.

8.7. Personnel

Mr. Cogswell shared with the board that we had a late resignation, but were able to hire a qualified individual.

9. Action Items

9.1. Property Tax Request Authority

Motion to increase the School District's overall property tax request authority by an additional seven percent above the base growth percentage. Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Kelli Schweitzer.

Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnaek: Yea

9.2. Athletic Fund

Motion to transfer \$45,000 from the General Fund to the Activities Athletic account Passed with a motion by Mike Hatfield and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnaek: Yea

10. Board Committee Report(s)

No Committee Reports

11. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Closed session not needed

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

The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, September 9, 2024 at 8:00 pm.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Mike Hatfield.
Mike Hatfield: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Kelli Schweitzer: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

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