

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 7:00 PM

Public School Library

506 W. 9th Street

Dorchester, NE 68343-0007

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Matt Bolton: Present

Matthew Hansen: Present

Shelly Lehr: Present

Carol Schnell: Present

Matt Smith: Present

Steve Vyhnalek: Present

1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

The board meeting was called to order by President Steve Vyhnalek. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were Superintendent, Curt Cogswell, Principal Jake Wiese, and in coming Superintendent, Nick Mumm.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

No visitors 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 minutes Passed with a motion by Matt Smith and a second by Carol Schnell.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

6. Financial Report

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

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7. Reports

7.1. Principal's Report

Mr. Wiese shared with the board that the last day of school included elementary and high school excellence rallies and a luncheon to honor staff. Since school is out, staff have had a Reading Data Retreat, an EI Program Review, a Continuous Improvement Day, and a SIP Steering Committee Meetings. High school schedules are complete. The school summer meals program is going well.

7.2. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cogswell shared his Superintendent's Report with the board.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. Maroon Mini Van

Dr. Cogswell let the board know that the maroon minivan is rusted at the frame and is no longer safe to transport students.

8.2. Policy Updates 2025-2026

Dr. Cogswell discussed with the board policies that need to be adopted for the upcoming school year.

8.3. Insurance:

Dr. Cogswell brought the proposal from ALICAP to the meeting for board members to review.

9. Action Items

9.1. Approve Dr. Nick Mumm as official district representative for all State and Federal Programs.

Motion to approve Dr. Nick Mumm as the official district representative for all State and Federal Programs Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

9.2. Approve Dr. Mumm for School Representative on all First State Bank Accounts

Motion to approve Dr. Nick Mumm for School Representative on all First State Bank accounts Passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

9.3. Approve Resignations and Hiring

Motion to approve hiring Sarah Vyhnalek for the first grade teacher position Passed with a motion by Matt Bolton and a second by Matt Smith.

Steve Vyhnalek: Abstain (With Conflict), Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea

9.4. Dr. Mumm's Housing Stipend

Motion to approve a \$2,000 housing stipend for Dr. Nick Mumm Passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Matt Bolton.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

9.5. Approve Breakfast and Lunch Prices for 2025-2026

Motion to approve breakfast and lunch prices for the 2025-2026 school year with all prices increasing by \$0.05 Passed with a motion by Matt Smith and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

10. Board Committee Report(s)

No reports this month.

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 Wednesday, July 9th at 7:00 pm

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Matt Bolton and a second by Carol Schnell.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

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