

Board of Education Study Session

School District of Seward

410 South Street

Seward, NE 68434

Monday, March 14, 2022 5:30 PM

Attendance Taken at 5:33 PM.

Paul Duer: Present

Jill Hochstein: Present

Jana Hughes: Present

Ryne Seaman: Present

Danielle Shipley: Present

Shawn Svoboda: Present

1. Preliminary Procedures

1.1. Call meeting to order & announce Open Meetings Act is Posted

1.2. Public Notice as publicized per board policy

The public notice was publicized in the Seward County Independent and posted at city hall, library and courthouse. The public notice was dated March 9, 2022.

1.3. Roll Call

1.3.1. Action to excuse board members if necessary

2. Possible Discussion Items

2.1. Strength and Conditioning Program

Mr. Moody updated the board on the KRATOS program and recommended better communication between all parties.

2.2. Drug testing/vaping of students in activities

Dr. Fields and the high school administration discussed drug testing/vaping of students in activities with the board. The board will continue to discuss this issue.

2.3. Staff/Student Recognition

Dr. Fields discussed staff/student recognition from the board. The board was very supportive of this idea.

2.4. Agricultural Issues

Five FFA high school students gave a presentation to the board about a few agricultural-related problems as part of a project they are doing.

2.5. Committee on American Civics

Dr. Dominy and Trevor Menke presented on American Civics.

3. Public Comment on Committee on American Civics

There were no comments from the public.

4. Adjournment

President Seaman adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Please publish the following legal notice in the March 9, 2022 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, March 14, 2022 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.

Kratos and Seward High partnership recommendation

SHS athletic department supports the continued relationship between Kratos and the Seward Public Schools for implementation of the summer weight program. It is the belief of the athletic department that improved communication between the two organizations and greater planning on the front end is needed to optimize the strengths of both organizations.

Goal- develop better athletes (bigger, faster, quicker, and stronger) by improving mobility, stability, agility, strength, and power.

Biggest success- Improved movement (balance, jumping, kinesthetic awareness)

Vision- Clear expectations of summer hours and number of interns to be utilized.
Meeting between Kratos and SHS coaches to develop an overall strength and conditioning plan.

Differentiate programs for those that have demonstrated proper form and the ability to incorporate advanced lifts and heavier weight.

Training of coaches while jointly supervising the weight room to maintain consistency throughout the school year.

Strength training teachers will work with one another to develop consistent lesson plans for strength training courses.

Kratos will provide support for teachers throughout the school year as teachers continue to utilize the movement phase and individualize the programs for varsity in-season athletes and out-of-season and lower-level athletes.

Develop a plan to hire a full time strength and conditioning teacher.

Committee On American Civics Agenda
3-14-22
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. Appoint three board members to the Committee On American Civics

2. 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
 - Thanksgiving Day

3. The Civics Test- American Government- Results from Semester #1

4. Social Studies Curriculum- American Government- Mr. Menke

5. Adjourn

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

45 students took the test.

60% was a passing score.

100 question test.

45/45 students passed- 100%