

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 28-0015,
a/k/a, DOUGLAS COUNTY WEST COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, March 16, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, District #15, in the County of Douglas, in the State of Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 16, 2020 at the Central Office Board Room, 401 South Pine Street Valley, NE 68064-0378.

Following public notification procedures approved by the Board of Education, February 14, 2011, in adherence to 84-1411, notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting such Notice on the exterior front door of the high school, elementary school, middle school, Valley City Hall, First Nebraska Bank, and Foundation One Bank. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the Board of Education of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Jeff Clauson: Present
Kelly Hinrichs: Present
Luke Janke: Present
Jamie Jorgensen: Present
Elizabeth Mayer: Present
Patrick McCarville: Present

1. Call to Order

The agenda, listing items for consideration by the Board, is on file in the Superintendent's office. Other matters may come before the Board and the Board has the right to modify the agenda before the meeting.

President Jeff Clauson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Clauson noted the Open Meetings Act was posted in the Board Room for public review.

2. Public Communications and Correspondence

CeLora McGuire addressed the Board regarding online eLearning for families with no internet. She was assured that the school was working on a solution to this matter.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Elizabeth Mayer.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4. Administrative Reports

4.1. Superintendent's Report

4.2. Financial Report

5. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Patrick McCarville and a second by Luke Janke.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.1. Approve Minutes

Regular Meeting Date: April 13, 2020

5.2. Approve Claims for Payment

5.3. Approve Financial Report

5.4. Approve Classified Staff

6. Old Business

6.1. Building and Grounds Update

The following items were discussed:

- Roof replacement on the South Gym
- Long Term Facility Planning Committee

7. New Business

7.1. Approve Classified Staff Positions and Salary for the 2020-2021 School Year

Wage levels and benefits for classified staff were recommended for the 2020-2021 school year after review of the negotiations committee. It was recommended the plans for salary advancement and benefits be approved.

Motion to approve classified staff positions and wages as recommended for the 2020-2021 school year passed with a motion by Patrick McCarville and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7.2. Approve Certificated Staff Additions for the 2020-2021 School year

As scheduling for the 2020-2021 school year has been in the works, there are needs with shared staff in the arts and music departments that are necessary in order to serve all students. The administration recommended:

- **.25 FTE Elementary Music** ~ Kaitlin Beck, Part-time Elementary Music Teacher, would move to Full-time at the Elementary.
- **.125 FTE Middle School Art**~ Sean Pralle, High School Art Teacher, would add 8th grade Art to his schedule.

Staff have also reviewed the upcoming student caseloads for Special Education. Using a weighted formula, staff ratios needed have been determined. In order to serve students, it was recommended to add **1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher** in the Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year.

The budget need for these additions is approximately \$70,000.

Motion to approve .25 FTE Elementary Music, .125 FTE Middle School Art, and 1.0 FTE Elementary Special Education passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Jeff Clauson.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7.3. Approve the 2020-2021 School Year District Calendar

A committee of 20+ individuals, who volunteered via the calendar survey that was conducted, participated in drafting the presented calendar on Thursday, February 27th. The committee was made up of almost half teachers and half parents. The committee recommended the calendar for Board approval.

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 School Year District Calendar as presented passed with a motion by Patrick McCarville and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7.4. Approve the Purchase and Installation of Fire Doors at DC West High School

One of the remaining projects on DC West's fire code recommendations was the replacement of the corridor fire doors and hardware in DC West High School.

Two bids were received to replace six doorways. The work would be completed this summer.

The administration recommended the Board approve the bid from Metal Doors & Hardware in the amount of \$27,981.00

Motion to approve the bid from Metal Doors & Hardware in the amount of \$27,981.00 passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Jeff Clauson.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth

Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:11 pm passed with a motion by Jamie Jorgensen and a second by Luke Janke.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth

Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Sabina Safford, Board Secretary

Dr. Melissa Polonicic, Superintendent