

**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, May 17, 2021**

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, May 17, 2021 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.

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.

Kelly Hinrichs:	Present
Luke Janke:	Present
Jamie Jorgensen:	Present
Bill Koile:	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 – “As I call the meeting to order I wish to inform everyone present that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the back wall of the Board Room for your review at any time.”

### **2. Public Communications and Correspondence**

Comments from the audience were accepted. The following community members addressed the Board about wearing masks at school: Brian Urban, Jason Steinbach, Missy Oien and Lori Asher. Mr. Urban distributed packets of information to the Board and members of the audience.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by Jamie Jorgensen and a second by Patrick McCarville.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### **4. Administrative Reports**

##### 4.1. Superintendent's Report

Casey Painter from BCDM shared a preliminary schedule for the bond proposal.

##### 4.2. Financial Report

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by Elizabeth Mayer.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

##### 5.1. Approve Minutes

Next Regular Meeting Date: June 14, 2021

##### 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

Dr. Polonic provided updates on:

- DC West MS/HS Exterior Maintenance Project (Boyd Jones)
- DC West Bleacher Project (Crouch Recreation)
- Internal Summer Project list

#### **7. New Business**

##### 7.1. DC West Youth Scoreboard Proposal

The DC West Youth Organization (Mark Listenberger and Nathan Asher) approached DC West Athletic Director, Nathan TerBeest, and Superintendent Polonic with a proposal to purchase and install scoreboards on the two youth fields at the fourplex. The Youth Organization will be asked to get bids for electrical hookup and installation.

The entire project will be paid for by the DC West Youth Organization, but overseen by DC West Administration and the Buildings and Grounds Director to ensure it is completed in accordance to DC West policies and regulations.

#### 7.2. Discussion on Drug Testing for All Employee Groups at DC West

The Board discussed drug testing for all employee groups at DC West Community Schools. Dr. Poloncic obtained the following information and shared it with the Board:

- Legal opinion on drug testing
- Sample policy on drug testing

The Board agreed to discuss this matter further at a future date.

#### 7.3. Approve Weight Room Fitness Flooring

As proposed on the Summer Projects list, the administration recommended the approval of new flooring for the weight room in its current location. This type of flooring would be able to be moved to a more permanent location in the future. Luke Janke asked Dr. Poloncic to get a price for purchasing additional flooring in anticipation of the future weight room being larger than the current weight room.

The following bids were received for flooring:

Nova (April quote) \$25,982  
Midwest Flooring \$29,999  
Galaska Flooring \$38,576

The administration recommended approval of the flooring from Nova, in the amount of \$25,982.

Motion to approve the flooring from Nova, in the amount of \$25,982 passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Luke Janke.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 7.4. Approve Administrator Salaries for the 2021-2022 School Year

The negotiations committee of the Board met on Wednesday, May 5th. The proposed salaries for the 2021-2022 school year were provided to the Board. The committee recommended the salaries to the Board of Education for their approval.

Motion to approve the administrative salaries as presented for the 2021-2022 school year passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## 7.5. Approve Classified Salaries and Positions for the 2021-2022 School Year

The negotiations committee of the board met on Wednesday, May 5th. The proposed classified salaries and positions for the 2021-2022 school year were provided to the Board. The committee recommended the salaries and positions to the Board of Education for their approval.

Proposed new positions are:

Band Assistant (General Education Paraprofessional)

Special Education Paraprofessional (Unfilled until needed)

Motion to approve the classified salaries and positions as presented for the 2021-2022 school year passed with a motion by Jamie Jorgensen and a second by Bill Koile.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## 7.6. Approve Certificated Staff Resignations

The following staff resignations were received:

Allison Ramirez, School Psychologist/ Special Education Director

Katie Stratman, Title 1 Reading

Cynthia Page, School Psychologist

Hailey Hansen, Kindergarten

Payton Guhl, 1st Grade

Motion to approve the following resignations at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; Katie Stratman, Title 1 Reading; Cynthia Page, School Psychologist; Hailey Hansen, Kindergarten; Payton Guhl, 1st Grade, passed with a motion by Patrick McCarville and a second by Luke Janke.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## 7.7. Approve Certificated Staff Request for One Year Leave

Annie Pearson, Elementary Special Education Teacher, requested a one-year family leave in order to be with her newborn child. DC West Elementary will hire a teacher in Annie's place on a one-year contract. The administration recommended approval of this one-year leave.

Motion to approve a one year leave for Annie Pearson, Elementary Special Education Teacher, passed with a motion by Bill Koile and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## 7.8. Approve New Certificated Staff for the 2021-2022 School Year

The administration recommended the following candidates for certificated positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

Sonya Lutze, 4th Grade (Jessica Seng moved to Title 1 Reading)  
Danielle Peterson, 6th Grade  
Mandi Stansberry, 1st Grade  
Ian Waterman, HS Science

Positions still unfilled:

Elementary Special Education (One-Year Contract)  
Athletic Trainer  
School Psychologist  
Special Education Director

Motion to approve the following certified personnel beginning the 2021-2022 school year; Sonya Lutze, 4th Grade (Jessica Seng moved to Title 1 Reading); Danielle Peterson, 6th Grade; Mandi Stansberry, 1st Grade; Ian Waterman, HS Science, passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## 7.9. Approve Extra Duty Positions for the 2021-2022 School Year

Athletic Director Nathan TerBeest requested the addition of the following extra duty positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

- HS Assistant Softball Coach
- HS Assistant Baseball Coach
- Scoreboard/ STRIV TV Design Director
- Mascot Sponsor

Motion to approve the presented extra duty positions for the 2021-2022 school year passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by Elizabeth Mayer.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## 7.10. Approval of GOALS Interlocal Agreement

GOALS is an organization DC West partners with as a matter of statutory obligations with intervention for excessively absent students. The GOALS partners have been organized within the Learning Community. The interlocal agreement is a two-year agreement for the years of 2021-2023. The administration recommended the Board approve the Interlocal Agreement between the DC West Community School District and GOALS.

Motion to approve the interlocal agreement between the DC West Community Schools and GOALS passed with a motion by Jamie Jorgensen and a second by Elizabeth Mayer.  
Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 7.11. Approve Audio/Visual Bid for Stadium Project

Lamp Rynearson and Morrissey Engineering designed the AV scope for the Bleacher/Pressbox project. The estimated budget for the bids was \$75,000. The scope was sent for bid and the following bids were received:

Downs Electric~ \$101,995 Base, \$4,145 Alternate #1  
Miller Electric~ \$120,775 Base, \$8,899 Alternate #1  
Fremont Electric~ \$122,239 Base, \$4,400 Alternate #1

Motion to approve Downs Electric at \$101,995 Base, \$4,145 Alternate #1 passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.  
Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### 8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:41 pm passed with a motion by Elizabeth Mayer and a second by Bill Koile.  
Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Luke Janke: **Yea**, Jamie Jorgensen: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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Sabina Safford, Board Secretary

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Dr. Melissa Polonicic, Superintendent