

**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 15, 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, March 15, 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 Hinrichs – “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 wall of the Board Room for your review at any time.”

2. Public Communications and Correspondence

Dr. Polonic shared correspondence from community member, Jim Boucher.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs 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

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.

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: April 12, 2021

5.2. Approve Claims for Payment

5.3. Approve Financial Report

5.4. Approve Classified Staff

6. New Business

6.1. Valley Mayor Presentation

Valley Mayor, Cindy Grove, attended the meeting and shared in-process and upcoming developments in Valley, Nebraska.

6.2. DC West Schools Foundation Report

Kelly Hinrichs gave a report of activities by the DC West Schools Foundation.

6.3. Approve the 2021-2022 School Year District Calendar

The 2021-22 District Calendar was presented via email to 34 individuals who offered to give input on the calendar creation from the survey done in 2020. The individuals were staff, parents, board members, and administration. Most responded with input and the district calendar was recommended to the Board for their approval.

Motion to approve the 2021-22 school year calendar as presented 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

6.4. NASB Presentation Approval, Accreditation, and Accountability Rule Development

From NASB:

Background: The Nebraska Department of Education is required to accredit and/or approve all schools in the state, guided by current Rules 10 and 14. In Fall 2018, the State Board of Education directed the NDE to begin a process for revision and reinterpretation of these rules. In response, the NDE is creating three separate, but interrelated rules of Approval, Accreditation, and Accountability of public and non-public schools to replace Rules 10 and 14.

Purpose: NDE is partnering with NASB to gather feedback. A coordinated 15-minute presentation during the March Regular Board Meetings with all school districts and ESUs was conducted.

Following the presentation, every board member, superintendent and ESU administrator will receive a link to an online survey. This process has been designed to ensure that Nebraska's Boards of Education and administrators are engaged in the key changes and afforded the opportunity to provide your valued feedback.

6.5. Approve Resolution Calling for a Special Election

Motion to approve a resolution calling for a special election to be held in Douglas County School District 0015 (Douglas County West Community Schools) in the state of Nebraska regarding a proposition to issue general obligation bonds of the district and approving related matters passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs 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

6.6. Building and Grounds Committee of the Whole Discussion

Items discussed:

- 3 year snow removal presentation
- Summer projects 2021
- Stadium project update

6.7. Approve Certified Staff Resignation

Clint Lewis, 6th grade teacher, resigned his position at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Motion to approve resignation from Clint Lewis, 6th grade teacher 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

6.8. Approve New Certified Staff Positions for the 2021-22 School Year

The administration recommended the following individuals for approval for certificated staff positions beginning the 2021-22 school year:

Dawna Daily, Middle School Special Education
Bekah Hutchinson, Speech Language Pathologist
Cyndi Thomas, Family Consumer Science/Health
Kelsey Nabity, Elementary Math Interventionist
Adam Loftis, HS/MS Strength and Conditioning (Physical Education)
Lindsey Boardman, High School Science

Motion to approve Dawna Daily, Middle School Special Education; Bekah Hutchinson, Speech Language Pathologist; Cyndi Thomas, Family Consumer Science/Health; Kelsey Nabity, Elementary Math Interventionist; Adam Loftis, HS/MS Strength and Conditioning (Physical Education); and Lindsey Boardman, High School Science as certificated staff beginning the 2021-22 school year passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs 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. Executive Session

The Board may enter into closed session at any time to discuss any matter for which a closed session is lawful and appropriate.

There was a personnel matter that needed to be handled in closed session.

Before the Board can enter closed session, a motion must be made in agreement with Statute 84-1410 by the Board to discuss topics such as personnel, negotiations, and legal matters.

Motion to enter in Executive Session at 7:39 pm 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

7.1. Reconvene to Regular Session and Adjourn

Motion to reconvene to regular session and adjourn at 7:50 pm passed with a motion by Patrick McCarville and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Sabina Safford, Board Secretary

Dr. Melissa Poloncic, Superintendent