

**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 9, 2022**

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 9, 2022 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

No comments or correspondence.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented 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

4. Administrative Reports

Dr. Dawn Marten presented to the Board in lieu of her Board Report this month.

4.1. Superintendent's Report

4.2. Financial Report

5. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda 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

5.1. Approve Minutes

Next Regular Meeting Date: June 13, 2022

5.2. Approve Claims for Payment

5.3. Approve Financial Report

5.4. Approve Classified Staff

Emily Nolan, Band Para, resigned her position.

6. Old Business

6.1. Building and Grounds Update

Superintendent Poloncic reviewed the following topics with the Board:

Summer Project List

Summer Moving

Bond Project Update

7. New Business

Motion to approve the purchase of ELA curriculum materials from ESSER funds 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. English Language Arts Curriculum Presentation and Approval of New Materials

Dr. Dawn Marten gave a presentation to the Board on the process of reviewing and piloting materials that were recommended to the Board for their approval.

The following teachers were part of the ELA Curriculum Adoption Committee and joined Dr. Martin in the presentation: Jami Herchenbach, Danie Peterson, and Tracy Larsen.

Motion to approve the purchase of ELA curriculum materials from ESSER funds 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

7.2. Approve Technology Needs Purchase for the 2022-2023 School Year

Sandi Kerkhoff, Director of Technology, recommended the following purchases for the 2022-2023 school year:

- 10 MacBook Air computers are teacher machines and will replace a few needed machines and accommodate new staff coming into the district. The 10 Apple Pencils will also be used for this reason.
- 50 MacBook Airs to replace the computer labs in the Middle/High School that are aged. Both of these labs will transition to mobile carts to be used in the middle/high school classrooms for multiple courses. The two lab classrooms will transition to middle/high school classrooms for the coming year.

These purchases are within the general technology budget for fiscal year 2022.

Motion to approve Apple Education Proposal in the amount of 48,630.00 for new teacher computers and the replacement of two middle/high school computer labs 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

7.3. Approve Recommended Classified and Administrative Salaries for the 2022-2023 School Year

The Negotiations Committee of the Board met on the evening of May 2, 2022, to review salary arrays and determine recommended pay increases for classified and administrative staff. The total compensation increase for classified staff is an average of 3.7%. The total compensation increase for administrative staff is an average of 3.8%.

Motion to approve the recommended salaries for classified and administrative staff for the 2022-2023 school year as recommended and presented passed with a motion by Jamie Jorgensen 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

7.4. Approve Increase in Pay for Substitute Teachers for the 2022-2023 School Year

Due to the extreme substitute shortage and a review of metropolitan area substitute pay wages, the administration and Negotiations Committee of the Board recommend an increase of the substitute wages at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year as the following:

Daily Sub Pay increase from \$145/day to \$170/day
 Long Term Sub Pay increase from \$155/day to \$180/day

Motion to approve the daily sub pay to \$170 per day and long term sub pay to \$180 per day at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year 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

7.5. Approve New Certificated Staff Hires for the 2022-2023 School Year

The administration recommended the following individuals for hire beginning the 2022-2023 school year:

Diane Sweetman, Kindergarten
 Sherry Dill, Middle School Language Arts
 Lindsey Bellinger, Speech Language Pathologist

Motion to approve Diane Sweetman, Kindergarten; Sherry Dill, Middle School Language Arts; and Lindsey Bellinger, Speech Language Pathologist 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

7.6. Approve the Addition of Classified Staff for the 2022-2023 School Year

Nicki Pechous, Director of Special Education, has been reviewing projected special education student needs for the 2022-2023 school year. She presented the addition of paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school year:

Based on projected special education student needs for next year, she requested the following changes to special education para staffing:

	2021-22 Total Allocated SPED Para Hours/Week	2022-23 Total Allocated SPED Para Hours/Week
Elementary	60.75	74.25
Middle	27.25	22.75
High School	16	19.75
TOTAL	104	116.75

The Administration recommended hiring two additional elementary paras, reduce middle

school paras by .5 (paid by ARP funding), and add one additional para for high school. These positions will also help support special education transportation needs.

Motion to approve the addition of three special education paras to be assigned at the elementary and high school 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

7.7. Second Reading of Policies 4000 Series

Second reading of Board policies in series 4000; discuss, consider, and take action to adopt said policies.

Motion to approve Series 4000 policies as presented and to repeal and rescind all existing 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

7.8. First Reading Board Policies 6000

First Reading Board Policies 6000 Series.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:34 pm passed with a motion by Elizabeth Mayer 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

Sabina Safford, Board Secretary

Dr. Melissa Poloncic, Superintendent