

**DOUGLAS COUNTY WEST COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

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 December 14, 2015, at the Douglas County West Community School Central Office Board Room, 401 South Pine St., Valley, Nebraska.

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, Waterloo Post Office, and Foundation First 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.

**I. Call to Order**

Vice-President Sue McKie called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Mrs. McKie noted that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the back wall of the Board Room for public review.

Present Board Members:

Kelly Hinrichs  
Luke Janke  
Sue McKie  
John Walvoord

Others Present:

Melissa Poloncic, Dori Kuspa, Kristie Johnson, Paula Grinvalds, Jeremy Travis, Duane Krusemark, Troy Glock, Jim Knott, John Brockhaus, Mark Pfister, Sabina Wiekhorst

Absent Board Members:

Jeff Clauson  
Pat McCarville

**II. Public Communications and Correspondence**

Comments from the audience will be accepted at this time. Correspondence addressed to the Board will be presented.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by John Walvoord and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Jeff Clauson	Absent
Kelly Hinrichs	Yes
Luke Janke	Yes
Pat McCarville	Absent
Sue McKie	Yes
John Walvoord	Yes

#### **IV. Administrative Reports**

##### **IV.A. Superintendent's Report**

##### **IV.B. Financial Report**

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by John Walvoord.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Jeff Clauson	Absent
Kelly Hinrichs	Yes
Luke Janke	Yes
Pat McCarville	Absent
Sue McKie	Yes
John Walvoord	Yes

##### **V.A. Approve Minutes**

##### **V.B. Approve Claims for Payment**

##### **V.C. Approve Financial Report**

##### **V.D. Approve Classified Staff**

#### **VI. Old Business**

##### **VI.A. Legislative Update**

The Board received a summary of the most recent concepts that were worked on by the Learning Community Superintendents and a few Senators.

#### **VII. New Business**

##### **VII.A. Tech Ten**

Dori Kuspa shared examples of iMovie made by her high school geography students.

##### **VII.B. Instructional Leadership**

The administrative team has been focusing on developing instructional leadership this year. Principals Duane Krusemark, Jim Knott and Jeremy Travis each shared a strategy they have implemented with their staff this year to develop instruction. Middle school teachers, Paula Grinvalds and Kristie Johnson, also shared their experiences with Peer Walk-Throughs.

##### **VII.C. Construction Management Class Project**

High school teacher, John Brockhaus, gave a short presentation on his proposal for a cabin-building project with his high school construction management class in collaboration with "Build Omaha" and Ted Grace Homes.

**VII.D. Approve the 2016-17 Contract with the Douglas County West Education Association (DCWEA) for Certificated Staff**

The Board was asked to approve the negotiated agreement with the DCWEA for the 2016-17 school year.

The Proposal:

1. Increase the base by \$600 to \$34,300.
2. Increase the flat salary by \$365 to \$9,065.
3. Change to \$900/\$2000 dual choice deductible.
4. Add Robotics to the High School Activities Extra Curricular Pay Schedule at 9% for Years 1-3, 10% for Years 4-6, and 11% for 7+ Years.
5. Change Article I -General Provisions- Recognition.
6. Add clarifying sentence to Section V,A,2,a.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the negotiated agreement with the DCWEA for the 2016-17 school year passed with a motion by Sue McKie and a second by Luke Janke.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Jeff Clauson	Absent
Kelly Hinrichs	Yes
Luke Janke	Yes
Pat McCarville	Absent
Sue McKie	Yes
John Walvoord	Yes

**VII.E. Approve Summer of 2016 Classroom Relocation and Code Compliance Projects Scope of Work**

The Board reviewed several documents outlining the Classroom Relocation and Code Compliance Projects for 2016. The Board discussed the approval of the scope of work which would allow the bidding process to begin with Boyd Jones as the construction manager.

The scope of work includes budget costs for:

- 1) Relocation of the 5th and 6th grade classrooms, restrooms, and preschool classrooms from the wing at DC West Middle School into portable units.
- 2) Fire sprinkler installation at the Valley Campus.
- 3) Restroom remodel(s) to meet ADA compliance on the Valley Campus.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the Summer of 2016 Classroom Relocation and Code Compliance Projects Scope of Work with Boyd Jones as construction manager passed with a motion by Sue McKie and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Jeff Clauson	Absent
Kelly Hinrichs	Yes
Luke Janke	Yes
Pat McCarville	Absent
Sue McKie	Yes
John Walvoord	Yes

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:35 pm passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by John Walvoord.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Jeff Clauson	Absent
Kelly Hinrichs	Yes
Luke Janke	Yes
Pat McCarville	Absent
Sue McKie	Yes
John Walvoord	Yes

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Sabina Wiekhorst, Board Secretary

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Melissa Poloncic, Superintendent