

**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
September 14, 2015**

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 September 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 7:15 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
Pat McCarville
Sue McKie
John Walvoord

Also Present:

Melissa Poloncic, Sabina Wiekhorst,
Dori Kuspa, Duane Krusemark, Jeremy
Travis, Jim Knott, Dennis Roy, Emily
Heinzen, Troy Glock

Absent Board Members:

Jeff Clauson

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.

II. Public Communications and Correspondence

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

Superintendent Poloncic shared an email from Mary Caffey commending the Board and the Superintendent on their work on the bond issue.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by John Walvoord and a second by Pat McCarville.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

IV. Administrative Reports

Sue McKie shared information she received from a recent conference on the Open Meetings Act.

IV.A. Superintendent's Report

IV.B. Financial Report

V. Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Jeff Clauson	Absent
Kelly Hinrichs	Yes
Luke Janke	Yes
Pat McCarville	Yes
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. Building and Grounds Update

The Buildings & Grounds Project List will be updated by the next board meeting. Another round of testing at the middle school for mold was performed and results should be back in the next week.

VI.B. Bond Oversight Committee Approval

The Board was asked to approve the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. The selection process would begin after a school bond approval on September 15, 2015.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee passed with a motion by Sue McKie and a second by Luke Janke.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VII. New Business

VII.A. Tech Ten

Dori Kuspa shared DC West’s comprehensive professional development plans for technology for the 2015-16 school year.

VII.B. Approve the Budgets for the 2015-16 School Year

The Board was asked to consider the information from the discussion and public comments during the public hearing.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the 2015-16 budget as follows: General Fund Budget at \$13,059,077.00 Cash Reserve at \$73,821.79 Depreciation fund budget at \$2,433,018.10 Employee Benefit fund budget at \$41,540.00 Activities budget at \$309,111.88 School Lunch budget at \$394,000.00 Bond fund budget at \$0 Special Building fund budget at \$52,478.44 Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund budget at \$297,563.54 Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund cash reserve at \$146,523.70 Student Fee budget at \$2,168.21, as recommended by the administration passed with a motion by Sue McKie and a second by John Walvoord.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VII.C. Approve the Final Tax Request for the 2015-16 School Year

After consideration of the budget presentation and hearing to set the tax request, the Board took action to set the Tax Request for the General Funds and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund.

Motion Passed: Motion to set the Tax Request for the 2015-16 School Year at \$929,716.15 for the General Fund and \$266,077.53 for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund passed with a motion by Pat McCarville and a second by Luke Janke.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VII.D. Achievement Results

Student learning and achievement are the heart of DC West’s district mission. Superintendent Poloncic shared the results of the NESAs Reading, Math and Science testing with the Board. DC West had 100% participation for the 2015 NESAs testing. The individual student NESAs state assessment reports will be mailed home on September 16th.

The average DC West ACT composite score for the 2015 Senior Class was 23.2. Superintendent Poloncic stated the District was proud of these accomplishments.

VII.E. Strategic Plan Action Plans

Superintendent Poloncic shared the action plans from the District’s Strategic Plan. These action plans serve as a guide to the desired steps that will need to take place to accomplish the specific results of each of the three strategies defined in the Strategic Plan.

VII.F. Annual Review of the DC West Crisis Intervention Plan and Procedures

The DC West Crisis Intervention Plan and Procedures was provided to the Board for their review. According to Rule 10, each school system has a safety and security plan in place which is approved by the Board. In addition, an annual meeting of the school safety and security committee will be held. Lastly, the school system's safety and security plan is reviewed annually by one or more persons not on the local school system safety committee and not an employee of the school system.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the 2015-16 DC West Crisis Intervention Plan and Procedures passed with a motion by Sue McKie and a second by John Walvoord.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VIII. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by John Walvoord.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

Board Secretary

Superintendent