

**DOUGLAS COUNTY WEST COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 16, 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 November 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

President Jeff Clauson called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Clauson noted that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the back wall of the Board Room for public review.

Present Board Members:

Jeff Clauson
Kelly Hinrichs
Luke Janke
Sue McKie
John Walvoord

Others Present:

Melissa Poloncic, Jim Knott, Duane Krusemark, Jeremy Travis, Troy Glock, Chelsi Pinegar, Mary Clare Liescheski, Emily Heinzen, Sabina Wiekhorst

Absent Board Members:

Pat McCarville

II. Public Communications and Correspondence

Superintendent Poloncic shared a note from the elementary staff who went to Washington DC to accept the Blue Ribbon Award thanking the Board for their support.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by Sue McKie.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

IV. Administrative Reports

School Board President Jeff Clauson congratulated Elementary Principal Duane Krusemark on the Blue Ribbon celebration ceremony hosted by the elementary on November 12th.

IV.A. Superintendent's Report

IV.B. Financial Report

V. Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: Motion to approve Consent Agenda passed with a motion by John Walvoord and a second by Jeff Clauson.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

V.A. Approve Minutes

Kim Jensen has been hired as a paraprofessional to support the middle school and elementary school. Meagan Wilkins is resigning her position as Guidance Secretary at the High School after December. Amy Gillespie has been hired to replace Meagan. Meagan is student teaching at DC West in the spring semester to complete her teaching degree.

VI. Old Business

VI.A. Building and Grounds Update

Jeff Clauson provided a summary to the Board of his community conversations that have taken place regarding facility planning.

VI.B. Legislative Report

Superintendent Poloncic provided an update of legislative activity in the recent weeks.

VI.C. DC West Strategic Plan

DC West's finalized Strategic Plan has been formalized into Action Plans with Champions and an Implementation Schedule and was shared with the Board.

VII. New Business

VII.A. Classroom Relocation and Code Compliance Projects Discussion

The summer classroom relocation and code compliance projects were discussed. Superintendent Poloncic provided preliminary plans for relocation of the 5th and 6th grade classrooms, restrooms, and preschool classrooms from the wing at DC West Middle School into portable units; fire sprinkler installation at the

Valley Campus; and restroom remodel(s) to meet ADA compliance on the Valley Campus.

VII.B. Recognition of DCWEA as the bargaining agent

The DC West Education Association has submitted a letter requesting to be recognized as the formal representative of the district's teachers for the purpose of collective bargaining

Motion Passed: Motion to approve DCWEA as the recognized exclusive bargaining agent for said employees returning to Douglas County West Community Schools for the school year 2017-18 passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by Sue McKie.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

VII.C. DC West State of the Schools Report 2014-15

A summary was provided by Mrs. Sandy Perry of DC West's Nebraska Department of Education State of the Schools Report released at the end of October.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:35 pm passed with a motion by John Walvoord and a second by Luke Janke.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

Sabina Wiekhorst, Board Secretary

Melissa Poloncic, Superintendent