

**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, August 17, 2020**

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, August 17, 2020 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.

Jeff Clauson:	Present
Kelly Hinrichs:	Present
Luke Janke:	Present
Jamie Jorgensen:	Present
Elizabeth Mayer:	Present
Patrick McCarville:	Absent
Patrick McCarville:	Present – Arrived at 7:02 pm

### **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 Jeff Clauson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Clauson noted the Open Meetings Act was posted in the Board Room for public review.

### **2. Public Communications and Correspondence**

Comments from the audience were accepted. The following community members addressed the Board about students returning to school: Jim Boucher, James Wurtz, Beth Royuk, Lori Asher, Nate Asher, Jen Klawitter.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by Elizabeth Mayer.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: 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 Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### **5.1. Approve Minutes**

Next Regular Meeting Date: September 14, 2020

Next Special Meeting Date: September 14, 2020 (Budget Hearing and Hearing to Set Final Tax Request)

### **5.2. Approve Claims for Payment**

### **5.3. Approve Financial Report**

### **5.4. Approve Classified Staff**

## **6. Old Business**

### **6.1. DC West Return to Learning Plan and Update**

Dr. Poloncic shared the most recent version of DC West's Return to Learning Plan for the 2020-21 school year with some refinement to the health and safety protocols and the addition of defined learning models.

The plan as a collaborative effort between administration, board, parents, teachers and other staff. Multiple groups received draft versions and gave input via surveys to form the revisions and additions.

This plan will be shared with staff and professional development will take place August 14-19 in order to implement it well. The district will also distribute the Return to Learning Plan to families on August 18th after the Board meeting.

DC West reported 71 students, or approximately 7% of the total student body, have enrolled in the all-remote, Alternate Virtual Option, for learning. The remainder of the students will begin the year with staff members in the Yellow Learning Model.

Motion to approve the Return to Learning Plan as presented and allowing Superintendent Poloncic the authority to revise as needed during the operational year and notifying the Board of any revisions passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Luke Janke.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1. DC West Field Project Draft Presentation by Lamp Rynearson**

The team from Lamp Rynearson who has been creating the long term master plan for the outdoor field project presented their progress to the Board.

### **7.2. Approve Bleacher Replacement in the South Gymnasium of the Middle/High School**

One of the items included on DC West's Maintenance Project list was to replace the original bleachers in the south gymnasium of the middle/high school wing.

The school received three bids for replacement bleachers:

- BSN Sports \$46,730 (6 rows of bleachers, Warranty 5 years, no demo or removal of old bleachers included)
- Heartland Seating Inc \$41,709 (5 rows of bleachers, Warranty 5 years, removal of old bleachers included)
- Mid States School Equipment Co Inc \$41,987 (6 rows of bleachers, Warranty 10 year, demo and removal of old bleachers included)

The administration recommended purchasing the replacement bleachers from Mid States School Equipment Co Inc in the amount of \$41,987.

Motion to approve replacement bleachers in the south gymnasium from Mid States School Equipment Co Inc in the amount of \$41,987 passed with a motion by Jeff Clauson and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth

Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### **7.3. Building and Grounds Discussion**

The Board discussed the following items:

- BCDM Exterior Maintenance Design
- Capital Improvement Facility Committee (Fall 2020)

### **7.4. Budget Update Fiscal Year 2021**

Dr. Poloncic presented her preliminary budget update to the Board. DC West's valuation certification will not occur until August 20th, therefore all information is still preliminary based upon estimates until that time.

### **7.5. Approve Auditor Proposal**

The request for proposals was sent to five recommended auditing firms. There was one firm response to the RFP for auditing services. The administration recommended the Board accept the proposal from Ric Ortmeier.

Motion to approve auditing services from Ric Ortmeier, Certified Public Accountant passed with a motion by Jamie Jorgensen and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### **7.6. Approve Revised 2020-2021 School Year District Calendar**

The administration requested the Board approve the revision of the district calendar to include a staff workday for training on August 19th and the first day of school for students to be August 20th.

Motion to approve the revised calendar for the 2020-2021 school year passed with a motion by Luke Janke and a second by Jeff Clauson.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### **8. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Jamie Jorgensen.

Jeff Clauson: Yea, Kelly Hinrichs: Yea, Luke Janke: Yea, Jamie Jorgensen: Yea, Elizabeth Mayer: Yea, Patrick McCarville: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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Sabina Safford, Board Secretary

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Dr. Melissa Poloncic, Superintendent