

**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, June 14, 2021**

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, June 14, 2021 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 7:01 PM.

Kelly Hinrichs:	Present
Luke Janke:	Absent
Jamie Jorgensen:	Absent
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

Community member and parent, Andy Sass, addressed the board about wearing masks at school.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**
Yea: 4, 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 Patrick McCarville.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

5.1. Approve Minutes

Next Regular Meeting Date: July 12, 2021

5.2. Approve Claims for Payment

5.3. Approve Financial Report

5.4. Approve Classified Staff

6. Old Business

6.1. Projects Update

The Board received updates on internal summer projects, the exterior roof maintenance project, the stadium maintenance project, and bond project planning.

7. New Business

7.1. Approve Director of Special Education

The administration recommended Nicole Pechous to the Board for hire as Director of Special Education.

An interview team of nine staff members interviewed four candidates for the position on Monday, May 24th, and felt Nicole will be a great fit for the district.

Motion to approve Nicole Pechous as our Director of Special Education beginning August 1, 2021 passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Bill Koile. Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

7.2. Assessment and Curriculum Update

Dr. Dawn Marten, Director of Learning, presented student achievement assessment data from the 2020-21 school year as well as several curriculum updates.

7.3. Discuss, Consider, and Take All Necessary Action on the Selection of the Construction Management at Risk (CM@R) Firm

In order to move forward with DC West's new bond project, a new RFP process must be executed for each new scope of work.

Therefore, the Board will take all necessary action with regard to (1) the selection of the Construction Management at Risk (CM@R) method of construction delivery for the proposed construction of additions and renovations to the existing buildings owned and operated by the School District in located in Valley Nebraska under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-2901, (the "Act"); (2) the appointment of a CM@R Selection Committee as required by, and in conformance with, the Act; and, (3) determine percentage weight to be given to CM@R selection criteria.

The RFP has been advertised and the Board was asked to ratify this process in this agenda item. Tetrad Property Group, Owner's Rep; BCDM, Architect; and our legal firm will assist in the selection process.

Motion to approve Douglas County West Community Schools –New Additions/Construction and Remodeling of Existing school Facilities consisting of 72,000 square feet and includes, (1) 38,000 square feet of new construction including a middle school addition; a 500-seat auditorium with fine arts classrooms; and restrooms and concessions for the softball complex; and (2)34,000 square feet of renovation including classrooms, weight room, locker rooms, wrestling/cardio room, and multi-purpose space passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Bill Koile. Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

7.4. Approve Contract Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with BCDM Architects

The Board received amendment documents for the architect services agreed upon for the 2021 Bond Project proposed by BCDM. The administration recommended the approval of this amendment. The fee is the same as when DC West first engaged with BCDM on projects in 2015.

Motion to approve the amendment to the professional services agreement with BCDM Architects as proposed passed with a motion by Patrick McCarville and a second by Elizabeth Mayer.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

7.5. Approve Contract Amendment to the Owner's Representative Agreement with Tetrad Property Group

The Board received amendment documents for the Owner's Representative Services agreed upon for the 2021 Bond Project proposed by Tetrad Property Group. The administration recommended the approval of this amendment.

Motion to approve the Tetrad Property Group's Amendment to the Owner's Representative Services for the 2021 Bond Project as presented passed with a motion by Bill Koile and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

7.6. Approve Certificated Staff for the 2021-22 School Year

Kim Bottorff was recommended for hire to the Board for a one-year contract in Annie Pearson's Elementary Special Education Teaching position. Ms. Pearson is on leave for the 2021-22 school year.

Motion to approve Kim Bottorff for a one-year elementary special education teaching position for the 2021-22 school year passed with a motion by Elizabeth Mayer and a second by Kelly Hinrichs.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

7.7. Authorize Issuance and Sale of General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2021 Board to consider a Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds to be issued in one or more series and in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,800,000; canvassing the returns of the Special Election held in connection with such Bonds, and related matters.

Motion to approve the special election results as canvassed and the issuance of bonds not to exceed sixteen million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$16,800,000) passed with a motion by Bill Koile and a second by Elizabeth Mayer.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:52 pm passed with a motion by Kelly Hinrichs and a second by Elizabeth Mayer.

Kelly Hinrichs: **Yea**, Bill Koile: **Yea**, Elizabeth Mayer: **Yea**, Patrick McCarville: **Yea**
Yea: 4, Nay: 0

Sabina Safford, Board Secretary

Dr. Melissa Poloncic, Superintendent