

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2026 7:00 PM

Public School Library

506 W. 9th Street

Dorchester, NE 68343-0007

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Matt Bolton: Present

Matthew Hansen: Present

Shelly Lehr: Present

Carol Schnell: Present

Matt Smith: Present

Steve Vyhnalek: Present

1. Call to Order and Announce Open Meetings Act Verification

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Vyhnalek. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Also present were Superintendent Nick Mumm, Principal JJ Wagner, and Jen Bond.

3. Receive Visitors and Announce Open Forum for Public Comment

None of the visitors wanted to speak during open forum.

4. Request for Change of Agenda

No request for change of agenda.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Motion to approve the reading of the last meeting minutes passed with a motion by Matt Bolton and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

6. Financial Report

Motion to approve the financial report passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Matt Smith.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

7. Reports

7.1. Athletic Director's Report

There was no Athletic Director report.

7.2. Principal's Report

The school year is nearing completion. Both the elementary and the high school had their music programs. Track is nearing the end of its season. State FBLA went well and the students did a great job representing Dorchester. The Threat Assessment Team had their first meeting. Eight students went to Criminal Justice Day at Peru State College. The students competed in a variety of events throughout the

day. Dorchester had another successful trip to State Journalism. The students brought home many awards and one state champion.

7.3. Superintendent's Report

At the end of the legislative session, there were not many bills that had a major impact on our district. The reading bill did not pass, nor did the proposed two-percent cap on school budgets. Dr. Mumm told the board that a new law has been passed that all schools need to attend the joint public hearing, even if they are not on the "pink postcard" list. The hearing will now probably take place in July instead of September, so the budgeting timeline will move up.

8. New Business

8.1. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the adjustment of the 2025-2026 school calendar to change the last student day to Tuesday, May 19th at 12 P.M.

Motion to approve the adjustment of the 2025-2026 school calendar to change the last student day to Tuesday, May 19th at 12:00pm passed with a motion by Matt Smith and a second by Matt Bolton.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnaek: Yea

8.2. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the transfer of \$110,000.00 from the Bond Fund to the Special Building Fund.

Motion to approve the transfer of \$110,000.00 from the Bond Fund to the Special Building Fund passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnaek: Yea

8.3. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the quote for the installation of the loft above the stage.

Motion to approve the quote for the installation of the loft above the stage passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Carol Schnell.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnaek: Yea

8.4. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the Elementary hallway carpet project.

Motion to approve the elementary hallway carpet passed with a motion by Matt Smith and a second by Matthew Hansen.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnaek: Yea

8.5. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the High School classroom carpet.

Motion to approve the high school classroom carpet passed with a motion by Carol Schnell and a second by Matt Bolton.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnaek: Yea

8.6. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the elementary playground and sidewalk project.

Motion to approve the elementary playground and sidewalk projects passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Matt Smith.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnaek: Yea

8.7. Discuss and take all necessary action to approve the classified work agreement for Jeremiah Sistik for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion to approve the classified work agreement for Jeremiah Sistik for the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Shelly Lehr and a second by Matt Bolton.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

9. Board Committee Report(s)

There were no committee reports.

10. Closed Session (as necessary per statute)

Closed Session not needed at this time.

11. Establish Future Board of Education Meeting Date(s) and Time(s)

The next scheduled board meeting date will be determined soon.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:51pm passed with a motion by Matthew Hansen and a second by Shelly Lehr.

Matt Bolton: Yea, Matthew Hansen: Yea, Shelly Lehr: Yea, Carol Schnell: Yea, Matt Smith: Yea, Steve Vyhnalek: Yea

Shelly Lehr, Secretary of the Board of Education