

A meeting of the Board of Education of Conestoga Public School in the County of Cass, in the State of Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at, 5:00 PM Tuesday, August 13, 2024 located at the Jr./Sr. High Media Center/Library, 8404 42nd Street, Murray, NE 60409.

Notice of the meeting, agenda and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting were given in advance to all members of the Board of Education and thereof by posting at the Elementary and HighSchool offices and . Statue 84-1407 to 84-1414 requires that the Open Meetings Act be posted in the meeting room. President Welch informed the board and the public that the Open Meetings Act is located in the meeting room.

Opening Procedures

Pledge of Allegiance

Statement of Open Meetings Law

Roll Call

Ahrens: Present, Kelley: Present, Page: Present, Priefert: Present, Stone: Absent, Welch: Present.

Comments from the Audience

The board received public comment on the school calendar.

The board received public comment on new board Policy 3060.

Presentations

Consent Agenda

Minutes/Claims

Board member Priefert made a motion of approval of the agenda for this meeting, approval of the minutes from the July 2024 regular board meeting and approval of claims for the General Fund in the amount of \$237,843.73, Payroll in the amount of \$529,389.98 (including all NPERS & taxes), Lunch Fund in the amount of \$6,283.22, and Special Building Fund in the amount of \$1,193,596.77., seconded by Kelley.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discussion Items

Admin Reports

Athletic Director, Molly Stieren

A huge thank you to the staff here who have been welcoming and helpful, making it feel like I have been here a long time. Another thank you to our coaches and sponsors for their flexibility and willingness to share space during the summer. Fall sports started, and we are already discussing the online registration process for next year. Upcoming dates, activities and updates were shared, to include that the track is going to be resurfaced in September.

Jr/Sr HS Principal August Board Report

Jr/Sr HS Principal, Rob Geise

Enrollment numbers, trends over the years and large class sizes were discussed. Thanks to the staff, students who stepped up, and maintenance for getting the building back together. Troubleshooting through the transition to SchoolMessenger continues for communication with our families. Orientation and open house has always been a big event and it was very well attended this year.

Elementary Board Report August

Elementary Principal, Eric Dennis

Enrollments continue and we will have a firm number next month. The total number of students is more than last year already and class lists are being worked on to align with PowerSchool. The leadership team and staff met to discuss school procedures. About 90% of the school showed up for Open House, which was great. We found an Early Childhood Director on staff and are in the process of getting her in that role and finalizing her position.

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Lisa Bergmeyer Shared updates in the areas of resources, compliance checks under rule 10, the FAFSA and ACT. Parents are notified that all graduating seniors in Nebraska have to complete the FAFSA and this is not completed by the school, but we will support the process. We are exploring the ability to be flexible with how we share curriculum with students and how they want to engage with content. Assessments will start at the end of August.

Director of Student Services Report

Superintendent Report

Superintendent, Michael Apple

The building project is not complete, but it took a lot of people working a lot of hours to get to this point, and I am very proud of where we are and for everyone pulling

together. Teachers were offered a second tour of a facility and there will be another visioning process for teachers about what they would like to see for next year. The windstorm caused about 50 holes in the roof and damaged the skylight, which is temporarily patched. There is a NASB membership meeting next month and they will recognize a few of our Board members for their achievements.

Action Items

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Conestoga's ALICAP Proposal.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve entering resolution Conestoga's ALICAP Proposal., seconded by Kelley. Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve joining the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) for the 24-25 school year.

Board member Page made a motion to join the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) for the 24-25 school year., seconded by Kelley.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to add Molly Stieren and Holly Taylor to the Cornerstone Bank High School Activity Account and to remove Cole Wills from the same account.

Board member Priefert made a motion to remove and add staff to the High School Activity Account., seconded by Page. Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Policy 2008 Meetings.

Board member Kelley made a motion to approve the required changes to Policy 2008 Meetings., seconded by Ahrens.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Policy 3053 Nondiscrimination.

Board member Kelley made a motion to approve the required changes to Policy 3053

Nondiscrimination., seconded by Priefert.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Policy 3060 Firearms and Weapons for Non-Students.

Board member Kelley made a motion to approve the new required Policy 3060 Firearms and Weapons for Non-Students., seconded by Priefert.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Policy 4053 Conflict of Interest.

Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve the required changes for Policy 4053., seconded by Page.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Policy 5005 Option Transportation.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve required changes to Policy 5005., seconded by Kelley.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Policy 5052 School Wellness.

Board member Kelley made a motion to approve required changes to Policy 5052., seconded by Priefert.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Policy 6039 Repeat of Grade at Parent-Guardian Request.

Board member Page made a motion to approve the new required Policy 6039., seconded by Ahrens.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Policy 6042 Projection Maps.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the required changes to Policy 6042., seconded by Page. Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Nay Yea: 4, Nay: 1 Welch: Nay Motion Carried

Upcoming Meetings

September 10, 2024

Adjourn

Board member Kelley made a motion 6:19 p.m., seconded by Ahrens.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Welch: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried