

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, March 11, 2025 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 High School offices and Statue 84-1407 to 84-1414 requires that the Open Meetings Act be posted in the meeting room. President Page informed the board and the public that the Open Meetings Act is located in the meeting room.

Opening Procedures

Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in of Teri Weisz, new board member.

Roll Call-Ahrens: Present, Kelley: Present, Page: Present, Priefert: Present, Stone: Present, Weisz: Present.

Comments from the Audience

No public comment given.

Presentations

National Power lifting-Mason Serkiz and Lydia Turner-Hickey: Shared facts about powerlifting, the benefits, and their opportunity to attend Nationals through qualification on March 15-22nd in Wisconsin.

Consent Agenda

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Kelley. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried. Minutes/Claims.

Discussion Items

Board Retreat: Board members will meet to discuss roles, policy reviews, building changes/additions, programming and other necessary topics.

Admin Reports

Mr. Geise-Jr/Sr High Principal

FFA week was outstanding despite the weather, thanks to Mrs. Kennenback and our students. Sixth grade move-up day is scheduled for 4/29 (the activity fair will also be held on that day). The College/Career Fair brought speakers and over 30 booths from a variety of different fields to speak with our students, thanks to Mrs. Kreifels and Mr. Brokaw. Our students were amazing as always. Shout out to Coaches/Sponsors, participants, and Mrs. Stieren for a successful winter season.

Mrs. Bergmeyer-Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

Adding Earth Science and Meteorology courses; students will start picking out classes with Mrs. Kriefels. Attended an ESU training with Mr. Dennis and Instructional Coaches to outline a plan for professional development and coaching sessions. The ELP assessments were completed and ASVAB results were delayed due to weather. Juniors will take the ACT on 3/25, while Sophomores will take the PreACT. The assessment team met to align with the state and the teachers are excited to have consistent and common data from year to year by using Fastbridge. Preschool will be offered additional time to come in, due to snow days.

Mr. Dennis-Elementary Principal

Kindergarten round up to occur on 4/24. Author visited on 3/7, hosted by Mrs. Zahn, with positive comments from both students and staff. Our whole school project was designed by our Involvement and Reading SIP teams and is funded by the PTO. This project allows for engaging activities to occur throughout the school themed around the sequel from last year called, "Squirrel in the House." The Willy Wonka elementary musical was on 3/6 and the students did such a fantastic job. Preparing the budget and for the annual CQI visit for Daycare on 3/31.

Mrs. Stieren-Jr/Sr High Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Boys had 2 State qualifiers (Cole and James K.), and girls had 7 State qualifiers (Morgan H., Allie Jo I., Jazy E., Alex P., Ava F., Kyler Z., to include State champion Maggie F). Boys basketball finished 9-14 and girls 4-19; Andy L., Grant T., and Grace R. for Honorable Mention. Dance and Cheer are both State champions and there are several State qualifiers through FFA! There were so many great competitors and fans. Big shout out to Ms. Harveson for hosting the Capitol Conference Honor Band, it was incredible to see the students come together and play. Conestoga to host District Speech on 3/17. First Soccer game on 3/20, Track meet on 3/21, State FFA convention on 4/2-4, and State FBLA on 4/10-12.

Mr. Krause-Director of Student Services

Absent, report submitted.

Mr. Apple-Superintendent Report

Shared efforts to obtain shelter during construction and repairs for the ongoing issues with the HVAC system and Skylight. DLR and Boyd Jones started sharing more about the bond project with staff and what will happen this summer. Still in the planning stages for the temporary play area and new playground at the Elementary, including equipment.

Action Items

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Northland Securities Inc. to serve as Underwriter and/or Placement Agent regarding the Series 2025 General

Obligation Bonds. A Resolution of the Board of Education of Cass County School District 0056 (Conestoga Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska amending certain provisions of a prior resolution relating to the District's General Obligation Bonds. Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve Northland Securities Inc. to serve as Underwriter and/or Placement Agent regarding the Series 2025 General Obligation Bonds, seconded by Priefert. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried.

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Report. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Report, seconded by Ahrens. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried.

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the updated Policy # 4043. Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve the updated Policy # 4043, seconded by Stone. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried.

Upcoming Meetings

4/8/2025 BOE meeting

BOE Retreat was scheduled for 4/2/25 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Board member Stone made a motion 6:01 p.m., seconded by Kelley. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried.