

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

Comments from the Audience

No public comment given.

Presentations

Playground proposal-Amy Macrander & Mae Clausen
Presentation given about updating Elementary playground areas.

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, Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Discussion Items

Northland Securities-Jay Spearman
Explained the bond rating process to the Board.

Insurance Settlement

Nebraska Law requires the District to include a record of all settled claims as an agenda item for informational purposes and this is intended to satisfy that requirement. A former student and his parents filed a tort claim against the District relating to an alleged fall in the gym. Although the school disputes the claim, the District's insurance company agreed to settle all claims in exchange for a release of all liability. The settlement is not an admission of liability and the District disputes any liability. The insurance company paid the full amount of the settlement and no District funds were used to satisfy the settlement.

Admin Reports

Jr/Sr High Principal, Mr. Geise-thank you to Mrs. Kreifels and Mrs. Leffler for School Counselor's week and planning for 2025-2026 classes. Another thanks to our nurses

and custodians, as illness hit both of our buildings. Very fortunate to have filled our Ag Teacher position, as there is a national shortage. Our 6th annual College career day is 2/26/25.

Director of Student Services, Mr. Krause-explained Indicator 13 and what was submitted to the state regarding transition planning for students with IEP's. Several out of district conferences attended and confident in what we are doing in school and as an administrative team. Stakeholder meeting allowed to visit/revisit buildings that can serve those with higher needs for those as young as Kindergarten through 21. At the end of the month, there is a legislative leadership conference opportunity in Lincoln.

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Mrs. Bergmeyer-planning for next year and anticipated change in the High School Science offering. Scholarship applications have been distributed to seniors. Grade-level teams along with Title and Special Education teachers met to discuss the progress of students (thanks to our substitutes for allowing this time and teachers for being flexible). Instructional coaches working to review determined priority standards and starting to have conversations with teachers to see where their incoming students should be. ELA department meets to discuss 7th-12th grade. The ELPA (English Language Proficiency) assessment is now open for our small group. Teachers to review assessment platforms to potentially replace/update our current practices.

Assistant Jr/Sr High Principal/Activities Director, Mrs. Stieren-absent, report submitted.

Elementary Principal, Mr. Dennis-absent, report submitted.

Superintendent Report, Mr. Apple-HVAC has been fixed at the Jr/Sr High and the temporary units will stay for a couple of weeks in case there happens to be a problem. Attended the NASB legislative meeting where a number of bills were brought in and senators spoke. NRCSA legislative meeting on 2/20/25. Planning to share the presentation from DLR with the teachers and post it on the website to show our building plans. We are also planning a route and time to use the new drone awarded to us to show progress on construction and get the students involved.

Action Items

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. Board member Kelley made a motion to approve the calendar for the 2025-2026 school year, seconded by Priefert. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the Negotiated Master Agreement for 2025-2026. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the Negotiated Master Agreement for 2025-2026, seconded by Stone. Members voting aye:

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

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the contract for Emily G. Carpenter for 2025-2026 to teach Agricultural Education. Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve the contract for Emily G. Carpenter for 2025-2026 to teach Agricultural Education, seconded by Kelley. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the renewal of our membership with the Nebraska Association of School Boards for 2025-2026. Board member Stone made a motion to approve the renewal of our membership with the Nebraska Association of School Boards for 2025-2026, seconded by Kelley. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Administrator contracts for 2025-2026 with a total pay increase of 3.26 to be distributed as the Superintendent sees fit. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve Administrator contracts for 2025-2026 with a total pay increase of 3.26% to be distributed as the Superintendent sees fit, seconded by Kelley. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary to appoint a School Board Member to fill the current open seat through December 2028. Board member Priefert made a motion to appoint Teri Weisz to fill the current open Board Member seat through December 2028, seconded by Page. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Upcoming Meetings

3/11/25 BOE meeting.

Adjourn

Board member Ahrens made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m, seconded by Stone. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Motion Carried.