

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, May 13, 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 Statute 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. Roll Call-Ahrens: Present, Kelley: Present, Page: Present, Priefert: Present, Stone: Present, Weisz: Present.

Comments from the Audience

Public comment on our strong culture that is provided by Mrs. Stieren and Mr. Geise, who received statewide recognition. Mr. Geise was presented with the Administrator of Excellence Award by the Nebraska State Education Association.

Presentations

Instruction Coach-Mrs. Conant: Data was shared to reflect student growth in the last year, such as grades and attendance. Discussion was had around Universal Design for Learning, Student-led conferences, the Professional Learning Community, and how they all support students and teachers.

FBLA Nationals-Mr. Brokaw & KK Jensen: Recap provided on State FBLA. KK placed 3rd and has the opportunity to travel to Nationals in June. KK shared her project and excitement to represent Conestoga.

Teacher Group-Mrs. Spangler: The leadership team will be working on a policy to make Conestoga a smartphone-free learning environment. LB140 advanced with a 44-0 vote. If this passes, we will not need further action or will need to revise.

Consent Agenda

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

Discussion Items

Admin Reports

Mr. Krause-Director of Student Services

Title 1 services declined by St. John's. Students provided transition opportunities and got to tour the Munroe Meyer Institute's Practical Assessment Exploration System Lab. Pilot Program Offering called Dyslexico, which information will be gathered and shared with teachers as a resource.

Mr. Geise-Jr./Sr. High Principal

Highlights on Graduation, Summer School, Activities Fair, 6th grade Move Up Day, Athletics, Building Leadership Team, Science Expo Night, MS Students/Teachers, Academic Awards Night, and Prom. There is planning for transitioning to a 4.0 scale from a percentage scale, in addition to tightening up cell phone usage.

Mr. Dennis-Elementary Principal

A heartfelt thank you and appreciation shared to the PTO for all of their support. Planning for summer school and the schedule for next year.

Mrs. Stieren-Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Provided an activities update, to include hosting the conference track meet on 5/3, which was a huge event and a big thanks to all who helped. NSAA Spring Academic All-State announced and results provided for State Journalism, FBLA, and Skills USA. Announced hiring of a new head volleyball coach and the Booster Club Golf Outing will be on July 19th.

Mrs. Bergmeyer-Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

ESU provided a review of our usage and support this year, to outline next year. It was recommended that student devices move to a 4-year cycle for Chromebooks, and a chart was provided. The recommendation for teacher devices is more of a 3-year cycle; updating to a Chromebook tablet. Work continues with vendors to pilot Interactive Boards to get these updated.

Superintendent Report-Mike Apple

To avoid price increases, Chromebooks were purchased. Waiting for one more HVAC unit. The IT position will be advertised again after the first round of interviews. Preparing to move some of the classrooms for the summer and others for the year at the high school, due to construction.

Action Items

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve attendance for a student who qualified at FBLA Nationals. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve attendance for a student who qualified at FBLA Nationals, 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 resignation of Emily Johnson, 2nd grade teacher. Board member Kelley made a motion to approve the

resignation of Emily Johnson, 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 hire of Michael Anderson, 2nd grade teacher. Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve the hire of Michael Anderson, 2nd grade teacher, seconded by Stone. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Nay, Page: Yea, Priefert: Abstain, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 4, Nay: 1, Abstain: 1 Kelley: Nay Motion Carried.

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the new pole shed and maintenance building remodel. Board member Stone made a motion to approve the new pole shed and maintenance building remodel, seconded by Page. 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 review of the following Policies: 4020 Copyright Policy, 4029 Salary Schedule for Certificated Employees, and 4031 Evaluation of Probationary Certificated Employees. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the review of the following Policies: 4020, 4029, and 4031, seconded by Stone. 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 revision of Policy 4039 Employment of Classified Staff. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the revision of Policy 4039, seconded by Stone. 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 bids for new electrical services from OPPD and Thompson for the maintenance building and football field. Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve the bids for new electrical services from OPPD and Thompson for the maintenance building and football field, 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

6/10/25 BOE meeting

Adjourn

Board member Priefert made a motion adjourn at 6:04 p.m., seconded by Stone. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried.