

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 4:40, 4:50 and 5:00 PM Monday, September 15, 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.

**Open Hearing**-4:40 p.m. Roll call-Ahrens: Present, Kelley: Present, Page: Present, Priefert: Present, Stone: Present, Weisz: Present. **Budget Information Presentation.** No public comment given. **Close Hearing**- 4:44 p.m. **Review 2025-2026 Tax Request Hearing**-4:50 p.m. No public comment given. **Close Hearing**-4:52 p.m.

### **Opening Procedures**

Pledge of Allegiance. Statement of Open Meetings Law. Roll call-Ahrens: Present, Kelley: Present, Page: Present, Priefert: Present, Stone: Present, Weisz: Present.

### **Comments from the Audience**

No public comment was given.

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes/Claims. 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.

### **Discussion Items-Admin Reports**

#### **Eric Dennis-Elementary Principal**

Start of the year assessments were completed with students this week, and thanks to those staff involved for doing a great job. Staff evaluations begin next week through March. Mrs. Glazebrook and I will continue to meet with each teacher team regarding UDL goals to meet one of our district initiatives. To participate in the ESU Community of Practice Consortium, which helps principal roles in the school improvement process. The Early Childhood Center Teacher has held family meetings and plans to have monthly engagement nights. A meeting will occur to discuss numbers and funding regarding our ECC.

#### **Rob Geise-Jr./Sr. High Principal**

Reminder that we are a school spotlight at the Nebraska MTSS Conference in October. Formal evaluations for teachers are underway. November 5th at 10 a.m. is the Nebraska Supreme Court Oral Arguments. Update provided regarding the gym sound system. Starting year two of our soft skills program, which is applicable to all professions, and informational emails will be sent home. Outlined the progress and

benefits of our dual credit courses, to include a document listing the available courses for our students.

### **Molly Stieren-Assistant Principal/Athletic Director**

Fall sports participation numbers provided. Marching band starting up and are looking at an overnight trip that they had fundraisers for. Mock trial has the largest number yet this year with three teams. Our staff has done a great job of signing up to work events and very appreciate of those stepping up when asked. FFA is much more active and attending more competitions, getting involved in more opportunities, such as Husker Harvest Days. Upcoming dates provided for conference tournaments and we are hosting district Cross Country at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Homecoming will be the last home football game on October 24th and the dance to be on the following day.

### **Lisa Bergmeyer-Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

Provided an explanation of assessments, to include a chart with percentages. State assessment results from Spring 24-25 for 3rd-8th grade were sent home, but not yet open to the public. Reminder regarding the assessment for kindergarten through 10th grade, working through glitches and helping teachers learn how to use that system. We have a goal of 80%, and you will see that we are there or nearly there. This data will allow us to identify what other supports can be put in place. Numbers will be updated this week from testing that was being completed on Friday.

### **Nick Krause-Director of Student Services**

Our district met requirements for the state this year, compared to previous years, and no further action is needed. A team was created to fulfill the federal designation of the Additional Targeted Support and Intervention Series, and this will help a specific population struggling with testing. This is a process to observe growth and resources will be provided, with our first session in November. Met with ESU 3, Adrienne Kennedy, who will be our new Transition Specialist and will assist with identifying possible needs within special education. Update provided on grants that are in process or submitted. Shared upcoming meetings such as a Community of Practice, NeMTSS, and the Tri-State SPED Law Conference.

### **Superintendent Report-Mike Apple**

The storage building is up and holding school vehicles, but is still in need of garage doors, power, fencing and cement. The Senior High has walls going up and doors for the interior have arrived and some are installed with temporary glass in place. Once that is completed, the drywall and carpet will be coming in for the classrooms. The CTE area has had footings dug and conversation has taken place about the possibility of a portable temporary classroom to allow more time for the kitchen remodel. If that is decided, a team will come in to talk to the board to clarify costs and any concerns. The Elementary has had footings going in and it appears the walls will be going up before long. Still need to repair the fire hydrant and a plan is in place. The State NASB conference is coming up in November and the invite is open to board members. Requested to speak at a State of the County Event on September 17th about our district and the process of the bond.

## **Action Items**

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the Resolution to set the Tax Request for 2025-2026. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the Resolution to set the Tax Request for 2025-2026, 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 proposed Budget for 2025-2026. Board member Stone made a motion to approve the proposed Budget for 2025-2026, 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 revisions to Policy 1002 Creation, Amendment and Distribution of Policies. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 1002 Creation, Amendment and Distribution of Policies, seconded by Kelley. 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 revisions to Policy 3047 Data Breach Response. Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 3047 Data Breach Response, 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 revisions to Policy 4057 Superintendent Evaluation. Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 4057 Superintendent Evaluation, seconded by Kelley. 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 revisions to Policy 5016 Student Records. Board member Stone made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 5016 Student Records, seconded by Kelley. 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 Sixpence Grant. Board member Kelley made a motion to approve the Sixpence Grant, 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 review and accept investigation of complaint filed by patron against the Superintendent (possible executive session). Board member Priefert made a motion to enter a closed session to discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to review and accept investigation of complaint filed by patron against the Superintendent at 5:37 p.m. The board will limit its discussion to this issue. President page believes such a motion is clearly necessary to protect the public's interest and to maintain attorney-client privilege, seconded by Weisz. Members voting

aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried. Board member Ahrens made a motion to exit the closed session at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Weisz. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried. Board member Priefert made a motion to accept the report and place into Superintendent's personnel file, seconded by Weisz. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried.

### **Upcoming Meetings-10/14/25 BOE Meeting**

**Adjourn**-Board member Weisz made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Ahrens. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried.