

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, 7:00 AM Monday, October 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 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. 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 given.

Presentations

Miss Carpenter-National FFA Conference: Three students shared their excitement and how grateful they would be to attend this conference. There will be tours, career fairs, secondary schools, resources, keynote speakers, and opportunities to build relationships with FFA members across the country. A request was made for students and supervisor expenses to be matched for this trip.

Consent Agenda

Minutes/Claims. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 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

Provided a recap on the MTSS Summit and praise given to the Jr./Sr. High team for their presentation. SABERS screener to be completed this week and data to be shared. Paraprofessional interviews are still under way. Shared opportunity to connect with surrounding areas for Community of Practice. SPEDFRS in process. Mentioned assessment and grant submissions, in addition to some upcoming meetings.

Molly Stieren-Assistant Principal/Activity Director

Provided numbers regarding attendance, tardies, and what the process is for addressing this. Our records reflect less chronic tardies and students are doing a good job. Update shared regarding fall sports, band, e-sports, and opportunities to host. Preparing for homecoming week and more details to come, with the community pep rally to be on the 19th. Thanks to those who have taken time to organize this. Gym floor and bleacher check is to be done at the end of November.

Rob Geise-Jr./Sr. High Principal

The MTSS Conference was well attended and very proud of our team. Preparing for the

Nebraska Supreme Court Oral Arguments on November 5th at 10 a.m. The Soft Skills Program information is going out to families, and will go out to teachers and coaches as well. Shared details on the Veteran's day program, Homecoming, Parent-Teacher Conferences, the student leadership team, and the annual 6th grade annual college/career fair. Additional report submitted on behalf of our Counselor. Information shared regarding attendance at the Science Olympiad event and dates for upcoming events.

Eric Dennis-Elementary Principal

Current class size numbers provided. Monthly activities discussed, such as teacher evaluations, grade level teams, reading teams, and how they will gather data to effectively reflect the whole school. Parent-Teacher conferences were great and well attended. Invited all to the Glow Run and Cougar Hollow-ween event. Daycare events and updates provided. The State visit came this month and approved the playground area and all licensing has been obtained. Now utilizing a lending library for families to take or share a book.

Lisa Bergmeyer-Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

American Civics Committee to be appointed and meetings to begin. The science team is completing their curriculum review to align with standards. A table was created to reflect our programs, the years they expire, and when standards were released/adopted. The administration team met with the ESU 3 team to discuss next steps, in result with some legislative changes and training to come for teachers. The Jr.'s will take the PreACT on October 29th and will test in the Spring, with State data to be available in November. The ASVAB to be taken online this year.

Superintendent Report-Mike Apple

Construction continues and they are preparing to connect the new addition to the building without disrupting school. November of 2026 is the anticipated completion date, and work will continue on the weekends and Monday's to get it done. Boyd Jones plans to come in to speak in November to discuss the need for portable classrooms. They plan to use the summer time to focus on the Kitchen and Life Skills areas. Our Negotiations committee is to meet by the end of the month, and the Transportation committee should also meet to discuss the vans to make a plan to possibly replace them. Building and Grounds will be having a discussion about the suppression tank and its status. The State NASB Conference is coming up and attendance is encouraged.

Action Items

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the school district entering into a lease purchase with Daktronics to purchase a videoboard, on behalf of the Conestoga Booster Club. The purchase would be made by the school with the Booster Club providing the funds to cover the cost. Board member Weisz made a motion to approve the school district entering into a lease purchase with Daktronics to secure the purchase of a videoboard, on behalf of the Conestoga Booster Club, who is providing the funds, 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 expenses related to playground construction at the elementary school. Playground Proposal with a reference document was provided by the early childhood team that included different layouts and quotes. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve expenses related to equipment provided by Cunningham Recreation at the elementary school, 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 attendance at the National FFA Conference. Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve attendance at the National FFA Conference, 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 5002 Admission of Students. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 5002 Admission of Students, 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 maximum capacity within Policy 5004 Option Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve maximum capacity within Policy 5004 Option Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year, 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 5012 Testing and Assessment Program. Board member Stone made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 5012 Testing and Assessment Program, 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 5036 Lockers. Board member Priefert made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 5036 Lockers, 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 a review of Policies 5010 Immunizations, 5011 Physical Examination and Visual Evaluation, 5019 Process of Communicating with Parents, 5022 Investigations, Arrests & Student Contact by Law Enforcement, 5028 Initiations and Hazing, 5030 Dating Violence and 5037 Student Internet and Computer Access. Board member Stone made a motion to approve a review of Policies 5010 Immunizations, 5011 Physical Examination and Visual Evaluation, 5019 Process of Communicating with Parents, 5022 Investigations, Arrests & Student Contact by Law Enforcement, 5028 Initiations and Hazing, 5030 Dating

Violence and 5037 Student Internet and Computer Access, seconded by Weisz. 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 playing 8-man football for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. Board member Stone made a motion to approve playing 8-man football for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, seconded by Kelley. Members voting aye: Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion Carried.

Upcoming Meetings-11/11/25.

Adjourn-Board member Priefert made a motion to adjourn at 6:19 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.