

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, January 13, 2026 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

Statement of Open Meetings Law

Roll Call

Ahrens: Present, Kelley: Present, Page: Present, Priefert: Present, Stone: Present, Weisz: Present.

Comments from the Audience

Presentations

School Auditor, Dana Cole

Ryan Bruns from Dana Cole gave an update on the School Audit for the 24-25 school year.

Consent Agenda

Board member Priefert made a motion approve, seconded by Stone.

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

Admin Reports

Mrs. Stieren- Winter sports in full swing, speech has also started. FFA results presented. Shout out to coaches for their flexibility due to construction. New software, Bound, is fully operable now. Discussed upcoming important dates.

Mr. Geise- Finished strong first semester, formal evaluations are ongoing. Principal interviews/process update. Goal is to have a candidate to approve at the February meeting. Updated on curriculum requirement changes. College Career fair February 25th. 6th grade move up day options are being discussed. Communication will be going out about the temporary portable classrooms.

Mr. Krause- Paraprofessional handbook has been updated/edited, as the old one was outdated. Substitute paraprofessional update. Indicator 13 transition update, assessment passed. NDE run workshop at ESU3 was attended by Mr. Krause, Mrs. Bergmeyer, and Mrs. Stieren. Focus monitoring is finishing up.

Mr. Dennis- Update on PD day, going to focus on reading groups. Teacher evaluations are ongoing. Working on developing a weekly walk-through schedule for every classroom. Early childhood center has hired a full time and a part time staff member. Another candidate is going through the interview process for full time employment.

Mrs. Bergmeyer- Provided update on PD day, Bill Pulte from ESU was there and gave some updates on our technology. KSB did a Zoom to complete training on special education laws. Cougar Connection time will be used for some Science ACT Prep during the month of February. High school has added WIN time. "What I need" time and it will be used as well for Math ACT Prep. Winter benchmarks are finishing up, Juniors taking ASVAB.

Superintendent Report

Construction update. Lockers will be replaced. Playground equipment has been delivered. The Legislature is now in session, so we are keeping an eye on the changes made or anticipated changes made.

Cellphone Tower

Update on progress with cellphone tower. Showed a diagram of where the proposed cellphone tower would be. Will forward to KSB to look over lease.

25-26 School Calendar

Update on changes to school calendar proposed this March. Changes need to be made due to construction constraints. Will bring to a vote next month.

Committee assignments for Board members for the 2026 calendar year.

- Budget and Finance
- Negotiations
- Americanism/Instruction Policy
- Transportation
- Building and Grounds
- Legislative Liason Alternate
- Foundation
- Building Project Committee

Keep committees the same.

Action Items

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the nomination for President.

Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve the nomination for President, seconded by Priefert. Nomination is Greg Page.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Abstain (With Conflict), Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary actions to approve the nomination for Vice President.

Board member Stone made a motion to approve the nomination for Vice President, seconded by Page. Nomination is Seth Ahrens.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Abstain (With Conflict), Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the nomination for Treasurer.

Board member Stone made a motion to approve the nomination for Treasurer, seconded by Priefert. Nomination is Teri Weisz.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Abstain (With Conflict) Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the nomination for Secretary.

Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve the nomination for Secretary, seconded by Page. Nomination is Jeremy Stone.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Abstain (With Conflict), Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the Board Committee assignments discussed for 2026.

Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve the Board Committee assignments discussed for 2026., 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 Federal Program representative, Michael Apple/Rob Geise; Legal Counsel, KSB; Auditor, Dana Cole; Newspaper of Record, Nebraska City Newspress or OWH; Bank Depository, Cornerstone Bank and First State Bank.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the Federal Program representative, Michael Apple/Rob Geise; Legal Counsel, KSB; Auditor, Dana Cole; Newspaper of Record, Nebraska City Newspress or OWH; Bank Depository, Cornerstone Bank and First State Bank., 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 accept the 2024-2025 school audit.

Board member Priefert made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 school audit, 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 the following policies: 5066 Early Graduation, 5067 Student Assistance Team Process, 6001 School Organization, 6002 School Calendar, 6003 Instructional Program, 6005 Academic Credits and Graduation, 6006 Commencement Ceremony, 6007 Senior Recognition, 6008 Class Rank.

Board member Kelley made a motion to approve a review of the following policies: 5066 Early Graduation, 5067 Student Assistance Team Process, 6001 School Organization, 6002 School Calendar, 6003 Instructional Program, 6005 Academic Credits and Graduation, 6006 Commencement Ceremony, 6007 Senior Recognition, 6008 Class Rank, 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 6005A, Graduation Requirements.

Board member Stone made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 6005A, Graduation Requirements, 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 the Superintendent at the end of contract, or June 30th, 2026.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the resignation of the Superintendent at the end of contract, or June 30th, 2026, 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 2/10/2026

Adjourn

Board member Ahrens made a motion to adjourn at 6:06, seconded by Stone.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Page: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 6,
Nay: 0 Motion Carried