

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, March 10, 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 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

Several patrons came in to make public comment regarding extra curricular activities.

Presentations

Consent Agenda

Minutes/Claims

Board member Ahrens made a motion Approve minutes, seconded by Priefert.

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. Geise- FFA week was a success so thank you to Ms. Carpenter and our FFA

Chapter for organizing. Formal evaluations are complete. College and career fair featured 20 booths representing career fields, colleges, and military. Junior High students visited Ignite Pathways where they explored different career options as well. Thanks to Mrs. Kreifels and Mr. Brokaw for setting this up.

Mrs. Stieren- Winter sports finished up, speech is wrapping up. Cheer and Dance competed at State and Cheer brought home first place in Game Day and Runners Up in Non-Tumbling. Cyber Patriot finished 40th in the Nation, huge accomplishment! The end-of-season surveys have been distributed and were overall very positive. Spring activities start next week.

Mrs. Bergmeyer- Course handbook has been updated. The elementary instructional rounds are coming up. ACT is scheduled for March 24th. Pre ACT given to sophomores. Next school year we will be transitioning to DIBELS assessment platform for grades K-3.

Mr. Krause- Visited with Senator Clements to talk about special education funding, visited ATSI support series and reviewed the data plan. The state required review of special education policies has been submitted.

Mr. Dennis- Kindergarten Roundup will be April 29th for registration. The elementary musical was a huge success and the students and staff put in ton of work. Teacher evaluations are complete. Daycare staff is filling out, hoping to expand. Guest speaker Foster Huggins will be visiting the school and will be speaking to grades 2-6 about bullying and kindness.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Apple- Construction is moving along, elementary is really progressing, at the point where we are going to start ordering furniture. High school kitchen has been emptied, full demolition will start this week, The cooks have been amazingly flexible. Starting to hang drywall in the high school new addition. Mr. Apple will be presented with the FFA Cornerstone Award, nominated by our FFA students. This award is given to an administrator as a thanks for their continued support of FFA.

Conestoga Headstart for 2026-2027

Mr. Dennis shared some Headstart options with the board.

Action Items

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve 2026-2027 School Calendar

Board member Stone made a motion to approve 2026-2027 School Calendar, 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 resignation of Mr. Mark Skiles at the end of his contract year.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve resignation of Mr. Mark Skiles at the end of his contract year, 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 resignation of Deanna Haverty at the end of the contract year.

Board member Weisz made a motion to approve the resignation of Deanna Haverty, 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 contract for high school science teacher.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve contract for high school science teacher Elli Marker, 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 contract for social studies teacher.

Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve contract for social studies teacher Karley Zoucha, 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 contract for school psychologist.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve contract for school psychologist Megan Douglass, 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 6020- Multicultural Education.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 6020-Multicultural Education, 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 revision to Policy 6021, District Criteria for Selecting Evaluators to be Used for Special Education Evaluation.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve revision to Policy 6021, District Criteria for Selecting Evaluators to be Used for Special Education Evaluation, 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 6025- Student Cellphones and Other Electronic Devices.

Board member Ahrens made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 6025- Student Cellphones and Other Electronic Devices, 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 review of Policy 6026- Emergency Dismissal, 6027-Field Trips, 6028-The Extracurricular Activities Program, 6029-Activity Trips, 6030-Public Appearances of School Groups, 6031-Emergency Exclusion, 6032-Constitution Day Education.

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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 2024-2025 Annual Report.

Board member Stone made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Annual Report, seconded by Ahrens.

Members voting aye:

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

Upcoming Meetings 4/14/2026

Adjourn

Board member Ahrens made a motion adjourn at 6:38 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