

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, April 14, 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. Vice President Ahrens 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: Absent, Priefert: Present, Stone: Present, Weisz: Present.

Comments from the Audience

Patron spoke regarding Powerlifting Nationals.

Presentations

Seal of Biliteracy - Mrs. Spangler

Mrs. Spangler shared updates on the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy.

Skills USA - Mr. Burns

Mr. Burns brought in students to discuss State/Nationals for the Skills USA Group.

Consent Agenda

Board member Stone made a motion to approve consent agenda, seconded by Weisz.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Minutes/Claims

Discussion Items

Admin Reports

Mr. Geise- Congrats to Mr. Burns on his SkillsUSA successes at State this year. We have a group who made it to Nationals in Atlanta so congratulations to those students. Graduation is coming up May 16. Seniors are having a great year and finishing strong. Math Challenge Day at Peru State College occurred and was very successful. Recognition rallies continue to finish out the year. Discussed important upcoming dates.

Mr. Dennis- Master schedule should be complete by the next board meeting. State testing is happening now. School Carnival had a huge turnout, thank you to the PTO for putting it on. Kindergarten round up is April 29th, and so far we are expecting around 38 kindergartners. DHHS had their annual visit at the Early Childhood Center and it went really well. Discussed the new candidate for Kindergarten teacher.

Mrs. Stieren- As submitted

Mr. Krause- Our ESU licensed mental health practitioner added a third day this year, and it has been really helpful. This will continue. Goodwill would like to continue our relationship, and have opened a site closer to our district. Target improvement plans are due at the end of this month. We are focusing on reading growth shown between Fall and Winter via Fastbridge.

Mrs. Bergmeyer- Annual Perkins Grant (through ESU) rotates through our CTE programs. This year it will mostly go to our Ag department. Greenhouse materials were recently delivered, which falls under the Perkins Grant. Sophomores and Juniors have received information on signing up for classes through SCC. Assessments have kicked off. Elementary had their NSCAS pep rally to motivate the students for state testing.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Apple- Construction update: HS windows are going in, brick is starting to be set, and flooring for the CTE area is finished. The Elementary new addition is almost complete. Playground is set, surface is not poured yet due to weather. Huge cracks on the basketball court will need to be resurfaced. Gathering quotes to replace current vans. The mower needs to be replaced.

Cellphone tower discussion via ZOOM with Vertical Bridge.

Action Items

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the review of the following

policies: 6035 Athletic Contest Participation by Sixth Graders, 6036 Reading Instruction and Intervention Services, 6038 Artificial Intelligence, 6039 Repeat of Grade at Parent-Guardian Request, 6041 Malcolm X Day Education, 6042 Projection Maps, 6043 Mapping Data, 6044 Participation and Assignment of Athletic Teams.

Board member Priefert made a motion to approve the review of the following policies: 6035 Athletic Contest Participation by Sixth Graders, 6036 Reading Instruction and Intervention Services, 6038 Artificial Intelligence, 6039 Repeat of Grade at Parent Guardian Request, 6041 Malcolm X Day Education, 6042 Projection Maps, 6043 Mapping Data, 6044 Participation and Assignment of Athletic Teams, seconded by Kelley.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve revisions to Policy 6033 Restraint and Seclusion of Students.

Board member Kelley made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 6033 Restraint and Seclusion of Students, seconded by Stone.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary actions to approve revisions to Policy 6034 Concussion Awareness.

Board member Kelley made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 6034 Concussion Awareness, seconded by Priefert.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary actions to approve revisions to Policy 6045 Behavioral Intervention.

Board member Kelley made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 6045 Behavioral Intervention, seconded by Stone.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Policy 6037 Selection and Review of Library Materials.

Board member Kelley made a motion to approve Policy 6037 Selection and Review of

Library Materials, seconded by Priefert.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve contract for Julie Meisinger, kindergarten teacher, for the 2026–2027 school year.

Board member Kelley made a motion approve contract for Julie Meisinger, Kindergarten teacher, for the 2026-2027 school year, seconded by Stone.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve cellphone tower lease.

Board member Kelley made a motion to table cellphone tower lease, seconded by Priefert.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Tabled

Upcoming Meetings 5/12/2026

Adjourn

6:11 Adjournment. Board member Priefert made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kelley.

Members voting aye:

Ahrens: Yea, Kelley: Yea, Priefert: Yea, Stone: Yea, Weisz: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Motion Carried