

Dunkerton Community School

August 20, 2025

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

High School Library

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Directors: Present: President Kirby Marquart, Kim Fettkether, Dan Knebel, Elizabeth Downs, Kayla Bedard

Administration: Present: Superintendent Kory Kelchen,

Absent: Secondary Principal Kyle Knox, Elementary Principal Patty Foster

Board Secretary: Present Lyle McIntosh

Guest:

In Person: None

Online:

Call to Order regular Meeting: 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Moved by Knebel, 2nd by Bedard to approve the agenda; All ayes.

New Business:

Moved by Knebel, 2nd by Fettkether to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of July, 2025 board Minutes, Bill Listing, Financials, open enrollment and Personnel changes: all ayes

Community/Program presentations: None

Administrative updates and reports:

Superintendent Kelchen

The track project is progressing, with cement for the walkways scheduled to be poured soon. We are currently waiting for the curing window to be completed before asphalt work can continue. The parking lot is expected to be ready by the second week of school. In the meantime, staff will be posted to monitor pedestrian traffic. We will not be fielding a varsity football schedule this year due to our young team and safety concerns. Instead, the team will play a full junior varsity schedule. Discussed moving forward with a resolution to transition from district board seats to at-large seats. This resolution would be included on the November election ballot for district voters. Finally, the daycare has successfully moved into its new space and continues to grow in enrollment as the first day of school approaches.

Elementary Principal Foster

We are excited to begin a new school year and can't wait to welcome students back into the building! Teachers have already been hard at work preparing their classrooms, and I know this will be our best year yet. A big thank-you goes out to Mike and our custodial staff. Their efforts ensure that our building looks incredible and is fully ready for another year of learning. This summer, we had our best-attended programs yet, with 32 students participating in the two-week sessions—and all students attending every day. Thank you to our summer program teachers and paraprofessionals for their dedication to our students. Our primary professional development focus this year will continue to be LETRS (Year 2). With the additional PD days, we are also excited to deepen our work in mathematics.

Secondary Principal Knox

I am both excited and honored to serve as the new principal of Dunkerton Junior High and High School. The transition into this role has been positive, and I am grateful for the warm welcome from staff, students, families, and community members. Over the past several weeks, I have met with faculty and staff, reviewed building procedures, and begun immersing myself in the Raider culture. This week, we are

excited to welcome all staff back and to host our 6th Grade Orientation and Chromebook Checkout Night. It has been a true team effort finalizing preparations for the school year, and I am deeply thankful for the collaboration and dedication of everyone involved. The Secondary Leadership Team will meet this week to finalize our focus areas, "big rocks," and procedural details. Schedules are also being fine-tuned to ensure maximum support for every student. A huge thank-you to Jon for guiding me through this transition.

Agenda

- A. AEA contract for State Funding: Moved by Fettkether 2nd by Bedard to accepts as presented All Ayes
- B. Athletic training agreement for 25-26: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Downs to continue agreement with Athletico for \$10,000 for the year with help from boosters to pay. All Ayes
- C. IXL Quote for 25-26 school year: moved by Fettkether 2nd by Downs to accept IXL quote of \$5,156.25. All Ayes
- D. Sub Pay rates for 2025-26 school year: Moved by Fettkether 2nd by downs to add \$5 per day to teacher sub pay and .50 Per hour to support staff sub pay. All ayes
- E. Staff hand book for 2025-26 school year: Moved by Downs 2nd by Knebel to accept as presented. All Ayes
- F. Student hand book for 2025-26 school year: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Knebel to accept as presented. All Ayes
- G. Change order for parking lot: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Knebel to accept change order for \$7,231.14. Allyes
- H. Change order for Track Project: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Downs to accept change order for \$14,621.66. All Ayes
- I. 2nd reading of board policies 405-414: Moved by bedard 2nd by Downs to accept as presented. All Ayes

Raider Pride: President Marquart is excited to have people back at school. It was great news to hear we had 32 students partake in summer school and all 32 finished. Director Fettkether thanked all involved for the success of RAGBRI. Superintendent Kelchen thanked the Custodial staff for all their hard work this summer.

Adjourn

Moved by Fettkether 2nd by Downs @ 6:07 p.m. All ayes

Kirby Marquart, Board President

Lyle McIntosh, Board Secretary

****These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next board meeting.**