

Dunkerton Community School

September 17, 2025

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

High School Library

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

Administration: Present: Superintendent Kory Kelchen,
Absent: Secondary Principal Kyle Knox, Elementary Principal Patty Foster

Board Secretary: Present Lyle McIntosh

Guest:

In Person: None

Online: Sara McIntosh

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

Public Comment: None.

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

New Business:

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

Community/Program presentations: None

Administrative updates and reports:

Superintendent Kelchen- The school will go ahead with wild flower patches in the area next to the track and behind the baseball field. Track is at a little bit of a stand still as they work to refine some grading. The parking lot is complete and working well.

Elementary Principal Foster- Our year is off to a great start! Our students have adjusted well to being back in the classroom and teachers have been hard at work teaching expectations, conducting beginning of the year assessments and digging into curriculum. Our elementary committees have been established and facilitators have been having their first meetings over the last few days. The 2025-26 committees are: Community Involvement, Sunshine, Student Leadership, and Student Solutions. A huge thank you to all teachers who go the extra mile to make our school the amazing place it is! We are almost finished with Fall FAST (reading and math) and Benchmark Assessments. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Wurzer for all their help with screeners and assessments. With the addition of math screening and progress monitoring, teachers' plates are overflowing, so they appreciated the additional help getting this important work finished. Mrs. Wurzer and I are in the process of creating the mandatory Personalized Reading and Math Plans for students who are below proficiency on reading and math screeners. These reports will be sent home in early October. Our primary focus will be continuing our work with LETRS training. We'll get started with Unit 5; sessions 1 & 2. In the afternoon, Mrs. Wurzer will facilitate learning around the revised ELA and Math Iowa Core Standards. The Building Leadership Team (TLC) will meet to discuss PoG competencies scope and sequence. We'll share this information at our Oct. PD day.

Secondary Principal Knox- The 2025–2026 school year is off to a fantastic start! Students have transitioned smoothly back into their routines, and teachers have done an excellent job clearly communicating expectations from day one. Our new parking lot has been running efficiently as well. While we've needed to remind a few students about assigned parking areas, everything has been going very smoothly overall. On September 15, our staff came together for a highly productive professional

development day focused on weaving the Portrait of a Graduate (POG) competencies into both curriculum and assessment practices. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of our Instructional Coach and teaching staff, key competencies are now built directly into Infinite Campus gradebooks. Teachers worked together to identify which competencies align with their semester plans and explored strategies for teaching them explicitly within their units. This work will continue throughout the year as we refine and strengthen this process. Homecoming is right around the corner, and both students and staff have been putting in a great deal of effort to make it special. Monday, October 6 – Teacher professional development day. High school students will take advantage of the day to decorate the halls. Wednesday, October 8 – Coronation will take place in the high school gym immediately following the parade. Friday, October 10 – Join us for the Junior High and High School football games as well as the community tailgate. Come out and show your Raider pride! Planning is underway for our Career Fair, which will take place at Dunkerton on November 12. Dunkerton students in grades 9–12, along with Wapsie Valley and Jesup 11th graders, will have the opportunity to connect with local businesses, colleges, and corporations as they consider their future pathways. In addition, we will host a human resources panel to help prepare students for job interviews and real-world experiences.

Agenda

- a) Approve additional custodial position beginning December 2025: : Moved by Bedard 2nd by Knebel to accepts as presented All Ayes
- b) Approve hire of Full time sub for 1st semester: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Fettkether All Ayes
- c) Approve Radon testing: Tabled
- d) Approve board policy revisions: Moved by Fettkether 2nd by Bedard All ayes
 - a. 211: Open Meetings
 - b. 402.2: Child Abuse Reporting
 - c. 402.3: Abuse of Students by School District Employees
 - d. 405.2: Licensed Employee Qualification, Recruitment, Selection
 - e. 501.3: Compulsory Attendance
 - f. 505.5: Graduation Requirements
 - g. 507.1: Student Health and Information Certificates
 - h. 603.1: Basic Instruction Program
 - i. 603.5: Health Education
- e) Approve Request for Allowable Growth: Moved by Knebel 2nd Bedard to approve allowable growth amount of \$66,423.11. All Ayes
- f) Approve Printer Ink Order: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Fettkether to accept HP quote for 25/26 printer ink of \$12,597.13. All ayes
- g) Approve Change Order #2 for Parking Lot Project: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Bedard to accept change order of \$1,924.83. All ayes
- h) Approve Pay Estimates for Parking Lot Project: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Fettkether to approve final estimate of \$346,146.17. All Ayes
- i) Approve Bid from Best's Powerhouse for work near new shot/discus area: Moved by Bedard 2nd By Knebel to accept bid of \$8,000. All ayes
- j) Approve Resolution for Change in Method of Board Election: Resolution pursuant to Iowa Code Section 275.35 calling an election on the proposal to change the method of election of the five (5) directors of the Dunkerton Community School District, from all five (5) directors elected as residents, respectively, of five (5) single-member director districts with the directors elected by the vote of the electors of the entire school district pursuant to Iowa Code Section 275.12(2)(b), to all five (5) directors elected at large from the entire district elected by the vote of the electors of the entire school district pursuant to Iowa Code Section 275.12(2)(a). Moved by Knebel 2nd by Bedard. All ayes

Raider Pride: Thank you to the custodial staff for putting down all the new mulch Donated by PTO in the playground braving the heat and bugs. Director Bedard thanked the admin and staff for getting the

students excited for school so many kids have talked about being happy and excited to go to school. Mr. Knox wanted to congratulate senior Hailey Kipp signing a letter of intent to play basketball at Quincy in Illinois next year.

Adjourn

Moved by Fekkether 2nd by Downs @ 6:015 p.m. All ayes

Kirby Marquart, Board President

Lyle McIntosh, Board Secretary

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