

Dunkerton Community School

October 15, 2025

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

High School Library

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Directors: Present: President Kirby Marquart, Kim Fekkether, Dan Knebel, Kayla Bedard, 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 Fekkether, 2nd by Knebel to approve the agenda; All ayes.

New Business:

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

Community/Program presentations: None

Administrative updates and reports:

Superintendent Kelchen-Board elections will be held on November 4, 2025. There are four open seats, and currently two have no candidates. The district will check, depending on the outcome of the public measure, whether vacancies can be filled at-large or must follow existing district boundaries. The November board meeting will be scheduled late enough to serve as the organizational meeting. Certified enrollment is down by 13 students from the prior year. The track long jump runway has been completed with a rubber coating; additional rubber surfacing work will continue over the next week. Dunkerton was again named a Top Workplace for 2025; a small staff celebration was held in recognition.

Elementary Principal Foster- Teachers participated in a CVNE collaborative professional learning day at Denver High School featuring presenter Jonathan Alsheimer. Thank you to Mrs. Wurzer and Mrs. Abels for organizing the day. PK–3rd grade students visited the Dunkerton Fire Station as part of Fire Safety and Prevention Week. Appreciation was expressed to the Dunkerton Fire & Ambulance staff for hosting. Learning Walks will take place October 17, allowing mentors and mentees to observe classrooms and share best practices. The Student Solutions Team (Mrs. Tisue, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Wurzer, Mrs. McIntosh, and Mrs. Foster) will also meet on October 17 to discuss student needs. Red Ribbon Week will be held October 27–30, with activities planned by Mrs. Prehm. Teachers are nearing completion of Unit 5 of LETRS training and will participate in a Lexia Learning training on October 20 in collaboration with Glidden-Ralston and Ballard districts.

Secondary Principal Knox- Homecoming Week was a success, with strong participation from students, staff, and the community. Thanks were extended to Abby Waechter, Student Senate, RHS, FCCLA, Booster Club, parents, and custodial staff. The week concluded with a strong football performance, fireworks, and the Homecoming dance. The Junior High Fall Concert showcased outstanding student performances under new music teachers Mrs. Doepp and Ms. Menzel. The School Counselor continues supporting seniors with college applications, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities. Preparations are underway for Parent-Teacher Conferences in two weeks, with a focus on strong family participation and meaningful discussions.

Agenda

- a) Approve purchase of Football helmets out of General Fund: Moved by Fettkether 2nd by Bedard to accept as presented. All Ayes
- b) Approve purchase of track And field equipment: Tabled to November Meeting
- c) Set public hearing date for flexibility fund expenditures: Director Fettkether asked about total money in flexibility accounts the total being around \$12,000. Moved by Knebel @nd by Fettkether to set public hearing for November Meeting. All Ayes
- d) Approve Snow Removal Bid for 25-26 school Year. One bid presented from Best powerhouse Moved by Downs 2nd By Bedard to accept bid All Ayes
- e) Approve Purchase of Lift: Board members would like more information on the insurance needed and asked that it be brought back to board in November for final approval
- f) Approve change order for top soil: Moved by Knebel 2nd By Downs to accept option A using our own current soil for \$5,872. All ayes
- g) Board Policy Review: Moved by Downs 2nd by Fettkether to wave first reading on policies 505.8,505.8R1,506.1 506.1E1-E8, 506.1R1,506.2, 506.2E1,506.2R1, 506.4 and approve as second reading as there were no changes. All ayes

Raider Pride: President Marquart expressed appreciation for the district being recognized once again as a Top Workplace, noting it reflects the strong commitment and dedication of the staff. Director Fettkether shared pride in the success of Homecoming Week and the positive outcomes of Friday's activities and games.

Adjourn

Moved by Fettkether 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.**