

**Dunkerton Community School**  
**November 19, 2025**  
**Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.**  
**High School Library**  
<https://meet.google.com/wfp-hwnv-yvj?hs=122&authuser=0>

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

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

**Board Secretary:** Present Lyle McIntosh

**Guest:**

In Person: Taylor Kipp, Sara McIntosh

Online: none

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

**Community/Program Presentations:** Raider Honor Society member Taylor Kipp presented her leadership project to the board, outlining the establishment of a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) chapter for Dunkerton students in grades 7-12. Taylor detailed the planning process, which included consulting Area Director Karen Morlan and forming a seven-member student leadership team. Mrs. McIntosh clarified that the program adheres to strict national guidelines and is entirely student-led, with two advisors serving in a supportive capacity. The board thanked Taylor for the presentation and for bringing this new opportunity to the student body.

Moved by Knebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fettkether to approve the agenda; All ayes.

**New Business:**

Moved by Fettkether, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of November, 2025 board Minutes, Bill Listing, Financials, open enrollment and Personnel changes: all ayes

**Agenda:**

1. Rescind Lift/Trailer Purchase Approval from November Meeting: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> By Knebel to rescind All Ayes
2. Approve New Lift/Trailer Purchase: Moved by Fettkether 2<sup>nd</sup> by Downs to allow for purchase up to \$15,000. All ayes
3. Examine and Settle FY25 Financial Reports: Moved by Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fettkether to accept as presented. All ayes
4. Official Canvass of Election Results: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knebel to accept as presented. All ayes
5. Appreciation of Outgoing Board Members: Thank you to Kirby Marquart for 14 years of service on the board and Elizabeth Downs 11 years of service
6. Appointment of Board Secretary as President Pro-Tem: Moved by Fettkether 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to appoint Board Secretary McIntosh president Pro-tem all Ayes

**Adjournment of Retiring Board**

Moved by Knebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Downs to Adjourn 5:44 p.m. All ayes

**Call to order of the Organizational meeting:**

Called to order By President Pro-tem McIntosh 5:45 p.m.

- a. Oath of Office to New Members: New Members Brett Delagardelle, Dan Knebel and Kayla Bedard took the oath of office from President Pro-Tem McIntosh all accepted
- b. Election of President: Moved by Knebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to appoint Director Fettkether as Board President. All ayes

- c. Election of Vice-President: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Delagardelle to Appoint Director Knebel Vice President. All ayes
- d. Appoint Board Secretary: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knebel to appoint Lyle McIntosh board secretary. All Ayes
- e. Appoint Board Treasurer: Moved by Delagardelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to appoint Lyle McIntosh board treasurer
- f. Appoint Legal Counsel: Moved by Knebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Delegardell to appoint Ahlers and Cooney legal counsel. All ayes
- g. Approve Official Depositories; Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knebel to appoint Farmers state Bank official depository. All ayes
- h. Name Official Publication; Moved by Knebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Delagardelle to name Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier official publication. All ayes
- i. Establish Dates and Times of Regular Meetings of the Board: moved by Delagardelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to hold meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 5:30 p.m. All Ayes
- j. Appoint two Board Members to Negotiations Committee; Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> By Delagardelle to appoint Director Fettkether and Knebel on the Negotiations committee. All ayes
- k. Appoint one Board Member to Black Hawk County Conference Board: Moved by Knebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Delagardelle to appoint Director Bedard to the Black Hawk County Conference board. All ayes

#### **Administrative updates and reports:**

**Superintendent Kelchen** reported that the district will sell the current tractor via sealed bid, with the Board set to open and vote on those bids at the January meeting. He also requested Board input on an agenda item to allow Mike Timmer to use the Dunkerton Maintenance truck for travel between districts for the sharing agreement; the Directors reached a consensus to not place this item on the agenda. Finally, he noted that facility work has been limited due to the early onset of winter weather.

**Elementary Principal Foster** shared that staff completed another day of Lexia LETRS training, with only two sessions remaining in the two-year program. She highlighted successful turnouts for the PK-2nd Winter Concert and the Angel Tree project, which provided gifts for local families. Additionally, the Student Leadership Team will host an assembly on December 12 to recognize student kindness, and mid-year reading and math assessments are scheduled to begin in mid-January.

**Secondary Principal Knox** updated the Board on professional development focused on "Portrait of a Graduate" integration and noted a strong turnout for the JH/HS Winter Concert despite weather impacts. He reported that staff are currently implementing intervention plans to support students near the failing line as the semester concludes and are finalizing schedules for next semester. The week will conclude with a Winter Break celebration featuring activities to foster school community.

#### **Agenda**

- a. Board Policy 501.10 - Chronic Absenteeism: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> By Delagardelle to accept as presented. All Ayes
- b. Board Policies 104.E1-E3, 104.R1 - Complaint Forms: Moved by Knebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to accept as presentd all Ayes
- c. Approve addition of HS Trip Coordinator Position; Moved by Delagardelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knebel to add position. All ayes
- d. Approve Purchase of Newline Displays: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knebel to purchase at a cost of \$15,888. All ayes
- e. Approve SBRC Application: Moved by Delagardelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to accept SBRC application for authority for \$68,282. All ayes

January meeting date will be January 21st at 5:30 in high school library

**Raider Pride:** Director Bedard thanked all involved in the little kid's concert packed house very well done. Board President Fettkether again thanked Taylor Kipp for presenting and bring leadership to start the FCA program. Director Knebel welcomed new board member Brett Delegardelle and how proud he is to serve with a former athlete he coached.

**Adjourn**

Moved by Knebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard @ 6:47 p.m. All ayes

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Kim Fettkether, Board President

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Lyle McIntosh, Board Secretary

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