

Dunkerton Community School

February 23, 2026

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

High School Library

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Directors: Present: President Kim Fekkether, Dan Knebel, Brett Delagardelle, Kayla Bedard, Denise Gray

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

Board Secretary: Present Lyle McIntosh

Guest:

In Person: None

Online: none

Call to Order regular Meeting: 5:31 p.m.

Public Hearing 2026-2027 school calendar: @5:32 P.M. Moved by Knebel 2nd by Bedard To open the public hearing. All Ayes. No comments or concerns were received. @ 5:34 P.M. moved by Gray 2nd by Delagardelle to close public hearing. All Ayes.

Community/Program Presentations: None

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

New Business:

Moved by Knebel, 2nd by Gray to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of January, 2026 board Minutes, Bill Listing, Financials, open enrollment and Personnel changes which consisted of hiring HS softball coach : all ayes

Administrative updates and reports:

Superintendent Kelchen - covered the legislation headed to the governor's desk setting SSA at 2%, the state will absorb the budget guarantee so that will affect how schools set tax base for this year. Bill allows TSS to charter schools and sets aside money again for hourly staff. The school is going to go a different route for a tractor will use the \$10,000 and no more than an additional \$15,000 for a new one this will come from PPEL.

Elementary Principal Foster - highlighted the celebration of the 100th day of school, where K-2nd grade students participated in various educational activities to mark their progress. The school is also prioritizing safety and support through crisis prevention training led by Mrs. Crawford. This training equips paraprofessionals, teachers, and administrators with trauma-informed strategies to manage student stress and unsafe behaviors effectively. Additionally, the district is in the process of reviewing its Special Education delivery plan; after receiving input from a stakeholder team on Feb. 16th, the revised plan is now open for public comment before moving toward final board approval this spring.

Secondary Principal Knox - focused on staff development and future planning, noting that recent professional sessions leveraged internal expertise to improve literacy strategies and analyze achievement gaps. The school is currently building the master schedule for the upcoming year, with students utilizing Xello to align their course selections with long-term postsecondary goals. On the extracurricular front, the

fine arts department is preparing for an upcoming spring concert and musical, while the athletic season concludes with several high notes, including a state bowling qualifier and regional tournament runs for the basketball teams.

Agenda

- a. Approve 26-27 School Calendar: President Fettkether asked about 27 graduation date. Mr. Kelchen showed that it was off and should be on week 46. Motion by Bedard 2nd By Delegardelle to approve the calendar with graduation date moved back to week 46 on the calendar. All ayes
- b. Approve Fy27 Budget Guarantee Resolution: Moved by Delagardelle 2nd by Gray to be on the Budget Guarantee for FY27. All Ayes
- c. Approve Fy27 Surplus Levy Resolution: Moved by Gray 2nd by Knebel to accept as presented. All ayes
- d. Approve Operational sharing for 26-27 school year. Mr. Kelchen explained the only change which would be sharing transportation with East Buchanan. Moved by Knebel 2nd by Delagardelle to accept as presented. All ayes
- e. Approve Technology Director sharing For 26-27: to be shared through the AEA will have them 50% instead of the 1-2 days a week we currently have and will not increase cost. Moved by Bedard 2nd by Delagardelle to approve as presented. All Ayes
- f. Approve fy27 Proposed Property Tax notice: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Bedard to set initial rate at 14.68%. All ayes
- g. Schedule public hearing for FY27 Certified budget: date set for March 25th 2026

Raider Pride: Mr. Kelchen congratulates HS Boys basketball coach Dan Knebel for being selected to coach in the state all star game, and girls basketball on continued success. Director Dellagardelle recognized our 6th grade girls Basketball team for qualifying for Jr high state in Iowa City. Director Fettkether thanked all involved with the senior night for basketball and cheer.

March Meeting is the 18th @ 5:30

Adjourn: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Gray All ayes 6:36 P.M,

Kim Fettkether, Board President

Lyle McIntosh, Board Secretary

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