

DUNKERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENDA - Regular School Board Meeting
January 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in HS Library
Rescheduled to: Wednesday, February 4th, 2026 @ 5:30 in HS Library

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

Administration: Present: Kory Kelchen

Absent: Patty Foster, Kyle Knox

Board Secretary: Present: Lyle McIntosh

Guest: In Person: none

Online: Mike Timmer, Jill Wurzer

Call to order regular meeting: 5:30 p.m.

Community/program Presentations: None

Moved by Bedard 2nd by Delargardelle to approve the agenda; All Ayes

New Business:

Moved by Knebel 2nd by Bedard to approve the consent agenda consisting of January list of bills, December 2025 board minutes, financials and personnel changes: Dalton Weepie Jr. High basketball coach, Emma Eden long term sub spring semester. All ayes

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. *Superintendent Kory Kelchen:* legislative update, news out of Des Moines is better than expected for SSA with the Governor suggesting 2%, Senate 1.75% and house likely to be higher than both better news than the 0.5-1% that was talked about early, Bill that will affect how schools use SAVE revenue will need to be watched as they look to reduce pay out by 30%, also discussed other legislative issues. The 4 day school survey was returned with 72% for the 4 day school week, 5% neutral, and 23% that like the 5 day. One of the most mentioned comments was to look into going to a 4-day schedule only with no Mondays. Mr. Kelchen will look into this with the calendar committee. Director Bedard asked about Champions success so far Mr. Kelchen has heard nothing but positives they will have their summer info meeting for parents this month.
- b. *Elementary Principal Patty Foster:* Our winter assessments are underway. A big thank you to Mrs. Wurzer and McIntosh for helping out. We'll meet in our collaborative teams on Wednesday to discuss math data and again on Feb.18th to discuss reading data. Our building leadership team is in the process of screening ELA curricula. Over the next few weeks we'll make a decision about one or two that we'd like to pilot for the the remainder of the year. Based on that, we'll make the decision for ELA curriculum for the 2026-27 school year. Plans are underway for our upcoming Literacy Night. Mark your calendars for March 30th when author Coach Sloth will join us to share his insight into bullying prevention through his inspirational talks and books.
- c. *Secondary Principal Kyle Knox:* The administration extends sincere gratitude to the community for their overwhelming support following the recent passing of a student and commends staff for their compassionate care, reaffirming a commitment to providing ongoing emotional and social support. On the academic front, recent professional development utilized staff-led collaboration to focus on analyzing ISASP data, strengthening Portrait of a Graduate implementation, and infusing literacy strategies to improve student outcomes. Operationally, the transition to the new semester is proceeding with grade and schedule finalization, while students in the Waterloo Career Center and Hawkeye Community College programs have successfully commenced their new terms.

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- d. Approve Gym Floor Refinishing: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Delagardelle to accept quote as presented from CAPSAN for \$7,175.00. All Ayes
- e. Approval of At-Risk/Dropout MSA Application: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Delagardelle to request the modified supplemental amount for At-risk/Drop out in the amount of \$66,181 with the local match being \$22,060.00. All Ayes
- f. Approval of At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan for the 26-27 School Year: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Bedard to accept as presented. All Ayes
- g. Approval of Early Retirement Policy: Moved by Knebel 2nd Delagardelle to offer early retirement at a payout of \$85,000 and \$50 per sick day. Will be open until next board meeting on the 23rd of February. All Ayes
- h. Approval of Tractor Bids: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Delegardelle to accept the high bid of \$10,000 From Code Red Repair. All Ayes
- i. Finance Presentation- For the boards' information Mr. Kelchen presented current and past financial positions for Dunkerton Community School.

February Meeting Scheduled for February 23 @ 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library

RAIDER PRIDE: Director Knebel is proud of the number of Basketball boys who are participating in FCA, thanked Don Bosco schools and the teams for the nice presentation for Ciara, and the composure of the boys team in a high pressure game. Director Bedard thanked the Administration and Teachers for all their support during a difficult January for the school. Mr. Kelchen thanked the community, teacher and surrounding schools who have reached out and helped during this time of loss.

ADJOURN: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Sadler to adjourn @ 6:39 p.m. All ayes