

## Dunkerton Community School

April 15, 2026

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

High School Library

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

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

**Board Secretary:** Present Lyle McIntosh

**Guest:**

In Person: Rachel Hauptly, Alayna Fairchild, Kylie Moore, Ashley Fairchild, Mike Schares

Online: Sara McIntosh

**Call to Order Public Hearing FY27 Certified Budget:** Moved by Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> by Delagardelle to open public hearing 5:30 p.m. All Ayes

Final tax rate percentage will be \$14.29. Mike Schares asked Superintendent Kelchen if the proposed budget had any significant projects in it. Superintendent Kelchen stated that all significant projects for the time being are completed. No other comments.

Moved by Delagardelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gray to close the public hearing at 5:34 p.m. All ayes

**Call to Order Regular meeting:** Moved By Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> By Delagardelle. All ayes

**Public Forum:** None

**Community/Program Presentations:** Kylie Moore and Alayna Fairchild presented on their projects that qualified for FCCLA nationals in Washington DC. Mrs. Hauptly discussed what the trip involves and cost.

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

**New Business:**

Moved by Bedard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gray to approve the consent agenda consisting of March, 2026 board minutes, bill listings, financials, open enrollment and personnel changes which consisted of volunteer HS assistant softball coach, Lily Fettkether science teacher resignation, Hannah Fettkether assistant HS Volleyball coach resignation, Abbi Waechter spanish teacher resignation. All Ayes

**Administrative updates and reports:**

*Superintendent Kelchen-* The sign on top of the gym will be replaced and he was able to get a better price on replacement. There are many bills out there with the state legislature, Property tax/UAB reform, play base learning for pre-k-kindergarten, advisory committees for discipline, and sports participation for transfers and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will need to be watched and planned for when and if passed.

*Elementary Principal Foster-* On Monday (4/27), we'll have our last LETRS training with Lexia! Our year two teachers have learned quite a bit, and are very excited to be finished. We have two teachers who are just finishing up their first year and will continue with year two during the 2026-27 school year. We'll begin ISASP testing this week. Fourth and fifth graders will test this week and third graders will complete theirs next week. Students set goals, engaged in practice tests, and learned about test taking strategies over the past few weeks to prepare. We are READY! Third graders spent last week learning so much at all the different museums and learning spaces at the Waterloo Grout Museum District. They were great

representatives of our amazing school and received many compliments from the Museum School staff. Our fifth graders and parents will attend Camp EWALU on Friday (4/17). We're crossing our fingers for some warm, sunny weather! Thank you to our amazing PTO for supporting this annual trip. Teachers will begin their end of year Benchmark and FAST assessments in the next few weeks. We're looking forward to seeing all the growth our students made this year. Personalized reading and math plans will be sent home mid-May. Our 3rd annual Lunch on the Lawn will be Friday, May 15th. Families are encouraged to grab a picnic blanket and join us for lunch out on our playground. We'll also have Track and Field Day the morning/afternoon of May 15th. A big thank you goes out to Abbie Waskow, Kylee Pexa, and Sara McIntosh for organizing this fun event. We can't wait to use our amazing new track!

*Secondary Principal Knox*- We successfully began ISASP testing this week and are off to a strong start. Teachers have shared that students are approaching the assessments with focus, taking their time, and putting forth solid effort. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Steph Abels, Shannon Prehm, and Britney Turpen for their leadership and coordination in organizing this year's testing process. Additionally, I appreciate our teachers for the intentional preparation leading up to testing, which has helped ensure students feel ready and confident. Our spring musical, Alice in Wonderland, was a tremendous success. Students delivered an outstanding performance, and it was evident how much time, dedication, and effort went into the production. From the lead cast to the backstage crew, every student played an important role in making the show memorable. Special recognition goes to our Music Department for their leadership and commitment to providing this high-quality experience for our students and community. We recently concluded our Grand March and Prom, and both events were very successful. Students represented our school well and created a memorable evening. I also heard that after prom was a success and some students came away with some great prizes. Thank you to Kramer, our chaperones, the junior class, and the parents on the prom committee for their extensive time and effort in planning and supporting these events. Their contributions are greatly appreciated. As we move into the final weeks of the school year, we have a full calendar of important events. It will truly take a collective effort from staff and the community to ensure a strong finish to the year.

## **Agenda**

- a. Approve FY27 Certified Budget: Moved by Delagardelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to approve as presented All ayes
- b. Approve Xello renewal: Mr Knox explained the importance of Xello with scheduling and helping lay out what students will need in high school and beyond. Moved by Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to accept as presented All ayes
- c. Approve Fees for the 2026/27 school year: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Delagardelle to approve as presented with the addition of \$10 to the tech/book fees.
- d. Approve non-certified, extra-curricular and administration contracts for FY27: Moved by Delagardelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gray All Ayes
- e. Approve district developed special education service delivery plan: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Delagardelle to accept as presented. All ayes
- f. Approve Student Chrome Book Purchases: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gray to accept low bid from CDW\_G of \$16,320.00. All ayes
- g. Approve 2026 graduates: Moved by Delagardelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gray All ayes

h. Approve administration credit card limits: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Delagardelle to move limits Kelchen \$10,000, Foster, Knox, Timmer, and McIntosh \$5,000 upon ok with bank. All ayes

i. Set public hearing for FY26 budget amendment: Moved by Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to set hearing for May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. in the high school library. All Ayes

j. Approve summer rec funds for new city rec field: Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gray to spend up to an additional \$6,000 from the rec fund on the new field. All ayes

k. FYI for board members DCAP District Career and Academic Plan: Mr. Knox explained the DCAP to the board and how it is scored and evaluated each year.

**Raider Pride:** Mr. Kelchen congratulated Mrs. Hauptly for being named Goldstar teacher, just 1 of 10 in the cedar valley for 2026, and all the staff as we have had 3 teachers in the last 4 years receive this award. Director Bedard thanked the seniors and the staff for a school spirit filled and safe clean fun senior prank week. President Fekkether congratulated the FCCLA students. Director Gray praised the well done musical and the great school pride shows with so many grades 6-12 involved.

May Meeting is the 20<sup>th</sup> following the public hearing for the Budget Amendment

**Adjourn:** Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gray All ayes 6:43 P.M,

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Kim Fekkether, Board President

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Lyle McIntosh, Board Secretary

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