

## Dunkerton Community School

March 25, 2026

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

High School Library

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

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

**Board Secretary:** Present Lyle McIntosh

**Guest:**

In Person: Karen French

Online: Sara McIntosh, Mike Timmer

**Call to Order Public Hearing:** 5:30 p.m.

### **Public Hearing- Proposed tax rate for 2026-2027 school year**

Superintendent Kelchen discussed the proposed tax and the effect of the state picking up the budget guarantee. The tax rate will drop to 14.29. No further discussion or questions were presented to the board by the public.

Moved by Knebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gray all ayes to close the public hearing 5:38 P.M.

Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knebel to open regular meeting 5:39 P.M. All ayes

Moved by Delagardelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bedard to accept the agenda. All ayes

### **Agenda**

- a) Accept the AEA filling FY26 E-rate. Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knebel to have AEA fill for FY26. All Ayes
- b) Discuss FY27 Staffing: The board discussed possible cuts to Pre-K vs Pre-K and an Elementary teacher. Elementary Principal Mrs. Foster explained the needs of the current elementary grades with low student numbers. Superintendent Kelchen presented the financials showing the current Negative balance with Pre-k and the continued deficit with current enrollment projections for Fy27. Moved by Knebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Delagardelle to reduce pre-k to 2 rooms with combined 3 and 4 year olds. All Ayes
- c) FY27 Teacher salaries: Moved by Delagardelle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gray to accept the agreed upon raise with the teachers of 2.96% \$1250 on the pool. All Ayes

April Meeting and final budget hearing is the 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 P.M.

### **Adjourn**

Moved by Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> Delagardelle @ 6:18 P.M. All Ayes

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Kim fettkether, Board President

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Lyle McIntosh, Board Secretary

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