

Dunkerton Community School

May 20, 2026

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

High School Library

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

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

Board Secretary: Present Lyle McIntosh

Guest:

In Person:

Online: Brandi Wilson, Ashley Fairchild, Abby Graham, Paige Donohue Graham

Call to Order Public Hearing Fy 26 Budget Amendment: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Gray to open public hearing 5:30 p.m. All Ayes

No comments on the public Hearing

Moved by Bedard 2nd by Gray to close public hearing 5:34 p.m. All ayes

Call to Order Regular meeting: Moved by Gray 2nd By Knebel. All ayes 5:35 pm

Public Forum: None

Community/Program Presentations: None

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

New Business:

Moved by Bedard, 2nd by Knebel to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of April, 2026 board Minutes, Bill Listing, Financials, open enrollment and Personnel changes which consisted of Garret Ramsey Resignation JH Girls Basketball, Jon Rathe Resignation HS Girls Basketball Assistant, Ashley Fairchild .5 Summer rec Coordinator, Steve Wissink .5 Summer rec Coordinator, Allison Jones HS Science Teacher, Addi McElrath JH Softball, Summer school Teachers, Allison Westfall, Val McGrane, Sara McIntosh, Emily tissue, and Jill Wurzer, and summer school Associates, Carrie Schaefer, Brittany Ohrt, and Esme Reedy . All Ayes

Administrative updates and reports:

Superintendent Kelchen- Legislative session is now over SAVE reduction is passed. Dunkerton is in a good position with only 2 years left on the SAVE bond but will affect totals for years to come. 8th graders allowed to play high school sports passed, waiting for more information from all parties. Technology limits and physical activity forK-5 students passed. Mrs. Foster and elementary staff will work through this. Nothing major for facility updates, the bus barn project started and will look into a shed for softball baseball storage of lawn mower and drag.

Elementary Principal Foster- We had our first annual Legacy Walk last week and it was a huge success! Our seniors and preschool students joined each other on the field, shared some advice for the future and passed the Raider legacy onto the next generation. Our fifth grade students were also recognized for their graduation from elementary to junior high. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Crawford for proposing, planning, and organizing this event. This was her vision and seeing it come to fruition was inspiring! I

also want to thank Mrs. Thurm, Mrs. Boies, Mrs. Prehm, and Mr. Knox for orchestrating all the logistics with rehearsals and scheduling. We had our first Track and Field Day in many years and what a great day it was! A big thank you goes out to Kylee Pexa, Abbi Waskow, and Mrs. McIntosh for their vision, planning, preparation, and facilitation of the day. Our students, staff, and families had a great time spending the day on our beautiful new track and field. We also had our annual Lunch on the Lawn during T&F day. Parents and families spread out their picnic blankets on the playground and spent time eating and visiting. Thankfully, Mother Nature was in a good mood and provided a beautiful (and a little hot!) day for both events! A big thank you goes out to our amazing PTO who brought the Timber Grove Coffee Truck to campus in honor of teacher appreciation week. They provided a beverage for each staff member and even delivered them! Thank you, PTO! Our preliminary ISASP data is in; however, the state is re-norming the achievement scores, so we don't have that information just yet. A shout out to Mrs. Wurzer who was chosen to be part of this team. She'll head to Des Moines in June to meet with other educators from across the state to do this important work. We will run our *Jumpstart* Reading Program and ESY on August 3rd-14th. We've started to receive RSVP's for both programs and we're hoping for a good turn out again this year. We invited over 60 students to these summer programs.

.*Secondary Principal Knox*- It has been an incredibly busy month filled with activities that highlight student achievement. Fine Arts Night, Senior Awards, Graduation, and State Track are just a few of the many celebrations from this past month. I want to congratulate all of our students on their accomplishments and extend my sincere appreciation to the staff, students, and parents who made these events possible. There were moments this month that were difficult and emotional for our school community. During those times, the support shown by the Dunkerton community was truly remarkable. It has been powerful to witness the care, compassion, and unity that define our school. Teachers are working hard to finalize grades and continue encouraging students to finish the year strong. Their dedication to student success remains evident as we close out the school year. Mrs. Hauptly will be honored on May 21 at 7:00 PM at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public—please consider joining us in celebrating this outstanding achievement. Rachel is incredibly deserving of this recognition, and her honor continues Dunkerton's strong tradition of Gold Star Teachers. As I reflect on my first year as principal, I cannot overstate how grateful I am to be part of the Dunkerton community. The support from our staff, students, families, and community members has made this year both rewarding and meaningful. I have learned a great deal in this role, and I am especially appreciative of the patience, encouragement, and collaboration that so many have shown along the way. It is clear that Dunkerton is a place where people genuinely care about one another and about doing what is best for students. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve in this role and look forward to continuing to grow and build on the strong foundation that already exists here.

Agenda

- a. Approve Fy26 Budget Amendment for other Expenditures Category: Director Gray asked if this was because the track project was over budget. Board treasurer McIntosh explained it is not over budget but rather a large portion of what was to be billed in FY25 was billed in FY26 due to late start on project. Superintendent Kelchen mentioned that the student parking lot was not in last year's original budget adding that cost as well. Moved by Bedard 2nd by Gray to accept as Presented All Ayes
- b. Approve the amended 28E agreement dated effective June 1, 2026 subject to any additional edits required by the Iowa Insurance Division in connection with the Trust's certificate of registration application: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Bedard to accept as presented. All ayes
- c. Approve Software Unlimited for FY27: Moved by Gray 2nd Bedard to accept at cost \$11,704.00. All Ayes

d. Approve Newline displays for the JH/HS: Moved by Knebel 2nd Gray to accept at a cost of \$17,716.00. All ayes

e. Approve Storage shed for Baseball/Softball: Moved by Bedard 2nd By Knebel at a cost of \$11,050.00. All ayes

f. Approve change to Strength and Conditioning contracts to 4 seasons: Moved by Gray 2nd by Bedard to accept as presented. All Ayes

g. Approve Central Rivers AEA service contracts for 2026-27 school year: Moved by Knebel 2nd By Gray to accept as presented. All Ayes.

h. Approve purchase of everyday math curriculum for 2026-27: Moved by Bedard 2nd by gray to accept at a cost of \$5,097.57. All ayes

i. Approve McGraw Hill literacy Curriculum and materials for 3 years: Mrs. Foster this will meet the new English standard for the state and was a yearlong process of research and teacher input. Moved by Knebel 2nd by Bedard at a cost of \$55,173.05. All ayes

j. Approve Newsela agreement: Moved by Gray 2nd By Bedard to accept as presented. All ayes

k. Approve community eligibility program for 26-27 school year. Moved by Knebel 2nd By Bedard to accept as presented. All Ayes

l. Enter Closed session under Iowa code 21.5 (1) (a) Moved by Bedard 2nd by Gray to go into closed session. All Ayes 6:45 pm

m. Exit closed session: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Gray to exit closed session. All ayes 7:16 pm

n. Open Enrollment Application: Moved by Knebel 2nd By Gray to deny application. All Ayes

Raider Pride: Director Bedard thanked the school and the community for all the involvement in all the recent activities and unplanned events. President Fettkether thanked all the staff for their handling of the passing of our senior student and all the events of the end of the school year. Director Knebel thanked Board Secretary McIntosh and his Family for all their work on events for the school.

The June meeting will be June 16 @ 5:30 pm.

Adjourn: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Gray All ayes 7:27 P.M,

Kim Fettkether, Board President

Lyle McIntosh, Board Secretary

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