

Dunkerton Community School

July 15, 2026

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

High School Library

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

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 : 5:30 p.m.

Public Forum: None

Community/Program Presentations: None

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

New Business:

Moved by Knebel, 2nd by Gray to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of June, 2026 board Minutes, Bill Listing, Financials, open enrollment and Personnel changes which consisted of hires of Garrett Ramsey winter strength and conditioning, Jennifer Marquart summer school teacher, and Abbi Waechter .625 Spanish teacher, Resignation Bryce Rigdon winter strength and conditioning. All Ayes

Administrative updates and reports:

Superintendent Kelchen- there will be many changes in the coming month to board policy due to legislation. The day care is staying open for the fall and will continue to access. Mike has the bus barn project moving along with September completion. Janitors have been hard at work getting the school ready for the new year.

Secondary Principal Knox- Thank you to the school staff and students on a successful completion of the 2026 school year. Softball and baseball finished their season and it was enjoyable to see all the hard work and hear all the comments about the quality of our facilities during the season. We are getting geared up and ready for the 26/27 school year.

Elementary Principal Foster- The new reading curriculum is in the building from McGraw Hill and sorted. Teachers are ready to dive in and get going on it. We have a large number signed up for summer school in August. That is a good thing as we prepare for the New Year.

Agenda

- a. Approve Student Handbook for 26/27 school year: Moved by Gray 2nd by Bedard to approve as presented All Ayes
- b. Approve Staff handbook for 26/27: Moved by Delagardelle 2nd by Knebel to approve as presented All Ayes
- c. Approve Laprea decodable books quote: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Gray. Mrs. Foster explained these are for k-3 and help with the new curriculum. Quote \$9,900.47. All Ayes
- d. Approve Su insurance renewal for 26/27: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Delagardelle Premium amount \$25,443. All Ayes
- e. Approve Edgenuity Quote for 26/27: Moved by Gray 2nd by Knebel for \$6,798.00. All Ayes
- f. Approve board Policy 501.10 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy: moved by Delagardelle 2nd by Gray to accept as presented. All ayes
- g. First Reading of board policies 503.11,503.11-r(1), 503.11-r(2)- 2nd reading in August
- h. Approve plan for 8th graders playing high school sports: moved be Delagardelle 2nd by Knebel to accept as presented. All Ayes
- i. Approve Mini split for press box bid: Moved by Delagardelle 2nd Knebel to accept low bid of \$4,494 From Scotty's. All Ayes
- j. Approve 26/27 Head start contract for 26/27: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Knebel. All ayes
- k. Approve Atletico Athletic training agreement for 26/27: moved by Bedard 2nd by Knebel to accept as presented. All ayes

Raider Pride: Director Knebel thanked Principal Knox for his support of the summer baseball/softball teams. Director Bedard gave a shout out to the kids participating in the upcoming Black Hawk County 4-H and FFA fair along with Dunkerton Days. President Fekkether congratulated Director Dellagardelle for being named Dunkerton Days person of the year along with Chad Toneff.

Closed session: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Delagardelle to enter closed session at 6:55 pm (All Ayes), under Iowa code section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered. Moved by Gray 2nd by Bedard to exit closed session At 7:27 pm (All Ayes).

August meeting will be August 19 @ 5:30 pm.

Adjourn: Moved by Knebel 2nd by Delagardelle. All ayes 7:28 p.m.

Kim Fekkether, Board President

Lyle McIntosh, Board Secretary

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