Dunkerton Community School
September 16, 2026
Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
High School Library
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Directors: Present: Dan Knebel, Kayla Bedard, Brett Dellagardelle, Denise Gray,
Absent: Kim Fettkether
Administration: Present: Kory Kelchen, Patty Foster, Kyle Knox
Absent: None
Board Secretary: Present Lyle McIntosh

Guest:
In Person: None
Online: Sara McIntosh

Call to Order: 5:33 p.m.
Public Forum: None
Community/Program Presentations: None

Moved by Gray 2nd by Delagardelle to approve the agenda;

New Business:
Moved by Bedard, 2nd by Gray to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of board Minutes, Bill Listing, Financials, and open enrollment. Personnel changes: Resignation of Jennifer Billmeyer JH Volleyball, Hires Randy McClain Bus Driver, Sara McIntosh/Abbey Graham Student senate, Eileen Rath Mentor teacher and JH volleyball, Christina Karmer $ year trip Coordinator, Amber Weaver-Cruz Paraeducator, and Dan Knebel Volunteer Coach.

Administrative updates and reports:
Superintendent Kelchen- We will not be hiring the social media position at this time, but will rather create a structure utilizing the people we currently have in similar roles. TFD will be putting together a video highlighting the district. The bus garage is coming along nicely, plumber should be here to finish early next week.
Secondary Principal Knox- The 2026–2027 school year is off to a great start! Students and staff have settled into routines, and we have seen a strong start across the 6–12 building. Staff have done an excellent job establishing expectations, building relationships with students, and creating a positive learning environment. I also want to recognize our staff for the tremendous amount of work that goes into preparing for a new school year. From scheduling and technology to classroom preparation and student support, there are many moving pieces behind the scenes, and our staff has worked hard to make the transition as smooth as possible for students and families. On Monday, September 14, our staff utilized professional development time to focus on collaborative work within our Professional Learning Community (PLC) teams. This gave teachers an opportunity to work together and begin digging into some of our early student data. PLC teams looked at areas of strength, identified areas where students may need additional support, and began discussing what that information means for instruction moving forward. Teachers were able to share observations, collaborate with colleagues, and begin identifying strategies that can be used to support student learning. We continue to place a

strong emphasis on early intervention and communication when students begin experiencing academic, attendance, or behavioral concerns. Our Student Success Team will start meeting this week. This provides another layer of support for students who may need additional assistance, and we are working to make sure communication between teachers, families, counselors, social workers, and administration remains consistent. We are also continuing to reinforce the importance of regular attendance. Consistent attendance remains an important factor in student success, and we will continue working with students and families when attendance concerns arise.Homecoming preparations are underway, and we are looking forward to another great week of activities. This year's theme is "Rio," and students and staff have already begun preparing plans for decorations and activities for the week.

Elementary Principal Foster- Our elementary committees have been established and facilitators will have their first meetings over the next week or so. The 2026-27 committees are: Community Involvement, Sunshine, Student Leadership, and Student Solutions. A huge thank you to all teachers who go the extra mile to make our school the amazing place it is! And speaking of committees, our district Wellness Committee also met last week and planned some fun activities and challenges for staff. This year, our focus will be on digital wellness, relational and social wellness, physical wellness, and emotional wellness. Thank you to committee members: Abbey Bumsted, Jill Wurzer, Rachel Hauptly, Stephanie Abels, Kyle Knox, and Kory Kelchen for spending time planning for meaningful and fun ways to connect with each other and ourselves. We are almost finished with Fall FAST (reading and math) Assessments. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Wurzer for all their help with these screeners. With the addition of learning and implementing new curriculum, teachers' plates are overflowing, so they appreciated the additional help getting this important work finished. Mrs. Wurzer and I will begin the process of creating the mandatory Personalized Reading and Math Plans for students who are below proficiency on reading and math screeners. These reports will be sent home in the next few weeks. Our primary focus will continue to be on our new ELA curriculum for the next few months. Teachers are digging in and learning about the digital platform and definitely helping each other as they go. Students are adapting to this new instructional framework as well! Mrs. Wurzer facilitated a Lunch and Learn last week and almost every teacher attended! This was an opportunity for collaboration regarding Emerge where teachers shared their knowledge, asked questions, and worked together to problem solve.

Agenda

a. 1st reading of board policy: 701.5 & 701.5-R1. 2nd reading October
b. 1st reading of board policy review of 600, 700, 800 series: 2nd reading October
c. Approve 2025-2026 Request for Allowable Growth and supplemental aid: Moved by Bedard and second by Delagardelle to accept request of allowable growth and supplemental aid in the amount of $81.870.83. All Ayes
d. Approve 2026-2027 school year STOP training opt out: moved by Delagardelle 2nd by Gray to Opt out of STOP for the 26/27 school Year. All ayes
e. Approve Board Policy 505.5: moved by Gray 2nd by Bedard to accept as presented. All ayes
f. Approve Board Policy 302.1: Moved by Gray 2nd by Delagardelle to accept as presented. All ayes
g. Approve Board Policy 303.2: Moved by Bedard 2nd by Delagardelle to accept as presented. All ayes

Raider Pride: Director Gray commented on how nice it is to have Friday night varsity football again after only a JV schedule in 2025, and all the participation school wide by the students in all extra curricular activities from student senate, year book, sports, great to see the kids out and active. Director Delagardelle thanked Cedar Media and the school for working with them to broadcast sporting events this fall

Closed session: None

Next meeting will be October 21 @ 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Moved by Gray 2nd by Bedard at 6:23 p.m. All Ayes

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Kim Fettkether, Board President

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Lyle McIntosh, Board Secretary
**These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next board meeting.