June 18, 2025
Dike, Iowa

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on this date at 5:00 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting with Lotts, presiding and members Badker, Horner, McCarter, and Petersen. Also present was administrator Stockdale.

Visitors present included Tom Textor, Waylon Bern, Brian Petullo, Cody Eichmeier, Julie Cuvelier, Steve Koop, Nicole Folkerts, Erika Lamp, Reegan Zinkula, Jenny Connolly, Mitzi Petersen, Dan Petersen, and Lindsay Schmitz.

The regular meeting agenda was approved as amended on motion of McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye. The agenda was amended to remove the Donovan Group agreement as well as the Level II Investigator appointment. The Donovan Group agreement was removed to allow the board more time to meet with the Donovan Group to discuss the agreement further. The appointment of a Level II Investigator was removed as recent legislation changes no longer require this to be done. The discussion on the Preschool-4th grade Educational Programming was also moved from the Superintendent Report to the beginning of the meeting.

Minutes of the May 21, 2025 regular meeting were approved as written on the motion of Horner and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

Superintendent Stockdale opened up the Preschool-4th Grade Educational Programming discussion informing the board and the public how and why the district has started to engage in conversation around the Preschool-4th grade logistical arrangement. He explained that the conversations held with the Administrative Team and District Leadership Team were driven by the teams' constant efforts to seek efficiencies and educational improvements within the DNH system as a whole while preparing for 'what ifs' that can be driven by peaks and valleys within enrollment. The administrative team made all staff aware of the conversation in May, and is currently working to gain all teachers' perspectives on the topic. Superintendent Stockdale emphasized there is no set plan or timeline for any changes to occur, and at this time it is only a discussion that will remain ongoing.

Julie Cuvelier shared her concerns with the board in regards to making any changes to the current structures of the elementary and middle schools. Jenny Connolly asked the board if the district has looked at what other districts are doing in the area and how the proposed changes compare. She also asked if changes in the Preschool structure would be changed, or if a Transitional Kindergarten class might be included in our conversations.

Focus on Learning - Mr. Stockdale presented on the Dike-New Hartford and Central Rivers AEA partnerships for the 2025-26 school year as well as the changes in funding requirements between the school district and Central Rivers Area Education Agency.

Principal, Technology, Building & Grounds, and Activity Reports were reviewed with no action taken.

On motion of McCarter and second of Petersen, the bid from Bytespeed to purchase computers for the Industrial Technology Building was approved. Vote all aye.

Resignations were approved on motion of Horner and second of Badker:

- Tammy Miller - JH Yearbook Advisor
- Kelsey Willett - 8th Grade English-Language Arts Teacher

Vote all aye.

Contracts were approved on motion of Badker and second of McCarter:

- Tina Freese - Dike Elementary Teacher Associate
- Cody Eichmeier - Amended HS At-Risk Coordinator/Activities Director Contract
- Michelle Jones - JH Student Council Advisor
- Joyce Willms - Dike Elementary Teacher Associate
- Karen Wedeking - New Hartford Teacher Associate
- Claudia Irina - 8th Grade English-Language Arts Teacher

Vote all aye.

On motion of McCarter and second of Horner, the superintendent contract was approved as presented. Vote all aye.

The student teaching agreement with Buena Vista University was approved on motion of Petersen and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

Lane changes were approved on motion of Badker and second of Horner:

- Mollie Graves

Vote all aye.

Revisions to handbooks for 2025-26 were all approved on motion of McCarter and second of Badker, moving the 2025-26 DNH Certified Staff Handbook to be reviewed in July. Vote all aye.

The fixed rate fuel bid from AgVantage was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

The second reading of board policies 503.9 and 503.9R1 were approved on motion of Horner and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

Policies in series 600 were approved for the first reading as part of the annual policy review on motion of Petersen and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

On motion of Badker and second of Horner the Central Rivers AEA Flow Through Dollars resolution was approved. Vote all aye.

IASB Legislative Priorities 2 (high quality teacher workforce), 7 (supplemental state aid) and 8 (safe & secure environment) were selected on motion of Horner and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Nutrition bids from Anderson Erickson for milk/dairy (escalator bid) and equipment repairs from Quality Maintenance were approved on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

Bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved for payment on motion of McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Financial Reports of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved as presented on motion of Petersen and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The depository resolution under Section 453.6 of the Code of Iowa sustaining and designation Peoples Savings Bank as depository for Dike-New Hartford Community School operating funds in an amount not to exceed $12,000,000 was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye, with Horner abstaining.

The 5-year facility plan was reviewed with the board to discuss both current and future projects for the district.

Other items of discussion with no action taken included an update on agenda items for the July board meeting, a discussion on preschool-4th grade educational programming, an update on dual sporting, and plans for August Professional Development.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m. followed by a walk-through of the Dike Campus.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary