October 22, 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, and McCarter. Also present was administrator Stockdale. Petersen was absent for the beginning of the meeting.

Visitors present included Waylon Bern, Chad Bixby, Tom Textor, Travis Druvenga, Brian Petullo, Cody Eichmeier, Jen Anderson, Leah Johnson, Sadie Slx, Tenielle Stanbrough, and Julie Cuvelier.

The regular meeting agenda was approved on motion of Badker and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

Minutes of the September 17, 2025 regular meeting and September 19, 2025 special meeting were approved as written on the motion of McCarter and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

Focus on Learning - Jen Anderson is a shared special education director between Dike-New Hartford and Independence. Ms. Anderson explained how she provides support to our special education teachers and works with them on writing IEPs, working on lesson plans, and being a point of reference for data entry compliance and reporting. DNH is in the 2nd year of an operational sharing contract with her.

Principal, Activities, Buildings and Grounds, and Technology reports were reviewed with no action taken.

On the motion of Horner and second of Badker, the early graduation request for Rylee Nolan was approved. Vote all aye.

Superintendent Stockdale reviewed the 2025-2026 certified enrollment data with the board with no action taken. Dike-New Hartford is down around 20 students this school year. This is primarily due to graduating 76 in the spring of 2025, and seeing only 50 students in our incoming Kindergarten class this fall. Enrollment data from surrounding Cedar Valley schools was also shared.

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

- Holden Kalter - Assistant High School Speech Coach

Vote all Aye.

Second reading of early retirement policies 407.6, 407.6E1, 413.6, 413.6E1 was approved on motion of Horner second of Badker. Vote all aye.

The 2025-2026 Superintendent goals were approved as presented by Superintendent Stockdale on motion of Badker and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

Petersen joined the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

The quote from Turf Tank to purchase the Turf Tank Pro model was approved on motion of McCarter, second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The approval of the quote from Hackman Painting to paint the Dike bus barn was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Badker. This will be done in the summer of 2026. Vote all aye.

First reading of board policies 501.16 and 600.R1 was approved on motion of Petersen second of Horner. Vote all aye.
First reading of board policies 208.E1(Rescinded), 401.1, 502.7, 507.2, 507.5, 607.2, 710.1E1, 802.2, 804.5 was approved on motion of Horner second of McCarter. Vote all aye. The board tabled policies 208 and 208.R1 for further discussion.

The Board discussed the 1977 Quit Claim Deed between the school district and the City of Dike in regards to the location where the city pool is currently located. The Board agreed to table further action until further discussion could be held after reviewing the deed in more detail in partnership with the City of Dike.

The Modified Allowable Growth request for 2024-25 Special Education Deficit of $292,333.64 was approved on motion of Badker and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The Annual Audit Report for 2023-24 was reviewed and 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 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 was an update on the National Forum to Advance Rural Education conference that Superintendent Stockdale presented at in Utah, a recap of the results from the Iowa Performance Profile, an update on the new Storm Protection Fund that has been established this year to protect against wind and hail damage deductibles, a reminder of the upcoming Iowa Association of School Board convention dates, and then a recap on the upcoming post season for volleyball, football, cross country, tennis and cheer.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. The September board meeting will be held on November 19, 2025 in Dike at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary