November 19, 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, Petersen and McCarter. Also present was administrator Stockdale.

Visitors present included Waylon Bern, Chad Bixby, Tom Textor, Brian Petullo, Cody Eichmeier, Claudia Irina, Tianna Butteris, Tenielle Stanbrough, Joanna Seymour, LeAnn Renken, Keegan Bolhuis, Heather Gutknecht, Jeff Mracek, Mark Muller, and Stephanie Muller.

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

Minutes of the October 22, 2025 regular meeting were approved as written on the motion of McCarter and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

Focus on Learning - Brian Petullo and Claudia Irina shared some details about a new opportunity that Ms. Irina created for the 8th grade students. The class is called “Teen Eats” and is offered to students who are not involved in choir or band to offer another class besides study hall. Students are learning to come up with recipes, plan dinners, and then cook the meal that will give them skills to cook at home along with basic safety and confidence in the kitchen. The goal at the end of the school year is to be able to have a cookbook with kid friendly meals that can be shared with the community.

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

On the motion of McCarter and second of Badker, the early graduation request for Seth Beasley was approved. Vote all aye.

The special education contract with Waverly-Shell Rock was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The memo of understanding for education clinical placements with Northwestern College was approved on motion of Horner and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

On the motion of Petersen, second of Badker, the Meraki license one-year renewal was approved. Vote all aye.

The board discussed creating an assistant junior high musical director position due to the high number of students participating this year. On motion of Badker and second of McCarter the position was approved. Vote all aye.

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

- Tom Textor - Dike Elementary Principal (Retirement)

Vote all Aye.

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

- Andi O’Neill - Dike Elementary Paraeducator

Vote all Aye.

The Board discussed the 1977 Quit Claim Deed between the school district and the City of Dike after it had been reviewed by Dickinson Bradshaw Law Firm. Since no verified claim was filed within twenty-one years after the 1977 deed was recorded, Iowa Code 614.24 bars enforcement of the revisionary clause. Even though the property

has not been used as a public pool for two years, the District's right of reversion lapsed by operation of law and cannot now be asserted against the City of Dike.

The approval of the quote from Freed Construction to repair sections of the roof in New Hartford was approved on motion of Horner and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

The approval of the quote from Konken Electric to replace the house lights in the high school auditorium was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The sharing agreement with Aplington-Parkersburg (AP) Community Schools to share a softball program on a one year basis, to be renewed annually, was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

Mr. Mracek shared concerns about declining participation numbers and stated that without a sharing agreement, the district may be limited to a varsity-only season, which could reduce opportunities for younger athletes and potentially impact long-term program viability. He noted that students from AP are primarily seeking the chance to play and that co-op experiences can be positive. He cautioned that without pursuing a sharing agreement now, the district may need one in the near future.

Ms. Renken spoke about her family's positive experience at DNH and emphasized that co-op agreements should benefit both districts. She shared concerns from parents and players about playing time, team dynamics, and whether DNH athletes would feel supported. She noted the district could field a team without a co-op and expressed hesitation about risking the loss of current players if DNH would share with AP.

Second reading of board policies 501.16 and 600.R1 was approved on motion of Horner second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Second 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 McCarter second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

First reading of board policy 708 was approved on motion of Horner and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

The application to the School Budget Review Committee for $4,781.51 for special education administrative costs with River Hills Consortium was approved on motion of Badker and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

The application to the School Budget Review Committee for $8,244.09 for special education administrative costs with LIED Center was 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 Iowa School Board Association conference that walk-ins are still welcome, an update in regards to the mandatory training for newly elected and appointed officials, as well as a reminder of the December 17 meeting being the annual, organizational, and regular meeting.

Enter into closed session at 6:46 p.m. as provided in 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being

considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session on motion by Badker second of McCarter. (Superintendent Quarterly Review)

Exit out of closed session at 7:29 p.m. on motion of Badker seconded by McCarter.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. The December board meeting will be held on December 17, 2025 in Dike at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary