

## MEETING MINUTES

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Please contact Superintendent Dr. Scott Blum or Business Manager Michelle Wearmouth if you would like to speak about items appearing on the agenda @ [scott.blum@dcgschools.com](mailto:scott.blum@dcgschools.com) or [michelle.wearmouth@dcgschools.com](mailto:michelle.wearmouth@dcgschools.com).

### Attendance

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#### Voting Members

Ryan Carpenter, President  
Brandon McNace, Board Director  
Nancy Baker Curtis, Board Director  
Nick Fiala, Board Director  
Shaylee Vander Velden, Board Director  
Meg Dickinson, Board Director

#### Non-Voting Members

Scott Blum, Superintendent  
Mr. Greg Carenza, Associate Superintendent  
Michelle Wearmouth, Secretary to the Board

### 1. Members present/Acknowledge quorum

Board President Ryan Carpenter called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A roll call was taken by the secretary and a quorum was acknowledged.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ryan Carpenter led the Pledge of Allegiance for those present.

### 3. Receive Visitors and Read Miscellaneous Communications

President Carpenter welcomed visitors and asked if there were any visitors who wished to speak to an item on the agenda. No one requested to speak.

### 4. Approval of Agenda

Approve agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace

Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

### 5. Approved Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 22, 2024 and special meeting on August 14, 2024.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Nick Fiala

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

## **6. Presentation of bills for approval**

Approve the bills as presented.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace

Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

## **7. Consent Agenda**

Approve the consent agreement as presented.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace

Motion seconded by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

### **a. Open enrollment**

### **b. Contract Approvals, Resignations and Changes**

### **c. Student Teaching and Practicum Agreements**

### **d. Title 1 Coordinator (2024-2025 School Year)**

### **e. Designate Hot Lunch Representative, Hearing Officers**

### **f. Annual approval of Continued District Plans**

### **g. 247 Security Camera Maintenance Agreement (Bus Cameras)**

## **8. Reports**

### **a. Written Reports**

### **b. Director of Communications**

Director of Communications A.J. Ellingson presented to the school board regarding the work of the communications department at DCG including a culture where everyone's story has power and about the great stories we tell about DCG every day in a variety of formats. He

discussed the success of the Parent Square platform for communication to keep families informed, and noted that 80 percent of parents are enrolled on this platform. He also discussed the success of the new DCG Activities website [www.mustangs.dcgsschools.com](http://www.mustangs.dcgsschools.com) and the great student successes shared on this platform. Goals for the upcoming year include expansion of sponsorship opportunities and website redesign.

### **c. Associate Superintendent**

#### **i. Back-To-School Meetings/Trainings**

Associate Superintendent Dr. Greg Carenza and Director of Teaching & Learning Shana Olson shared information regarding new teacher orientation and all staff pre-service training days.

##### **1. New Teacher Orientation**

##### **2. All Staff Back-To-School Pre-Service Days**

#### **ii. Professional Development Update**

Dr. Greg Carenza presented an overview of our professional development schedule and plans for the next four weeks.

#### **iii. Online Learning**

Associate Superintendent Dr. Greg Carenza discussed Edmentum EdOptions Academy to provide online to a very small portion of our total enrollment.

#### **iv. Anti-Bullying and Harassment Trainings**

Dr. Carenza reviewed training held regarding the recent Anti-Bullying and Harassment policies updated at the July board meeting. He noted that Dr. Gail Callahan has been an critical support in collaborating with our team to enhance training opportunities for our staff.

#### **v. State Reporting Updates**

##### **1. State Reports for HS this Week**

Dr. Carenza reported on SRI state reporting.

##### **2. CASA/CSIP Reporting**

Dr. Carenza reported on CASA / CSIP reporting completed this month.

### **d. Superintendent**

**i. Building Permits within the District**

Dr. Blum reviewed building permits filed within the district.

**ii. Enrollment**

Dr. Blum reviewed the current enrollment status noting a current increase of thirty students.

**iii. Facilities/Construction Update**

Dr. Blum reviewed the high school construction project, and improvements made to the facility. He noted that the new high school corridor should be completed during September. He applauded Director of Operations Paul Nutting and Assistant Director of Operations Sean Shatava and their teams regarding the condition of facilities to begin the school year and the many improvements made over the summer.

**iv. IASB Convention and Delegate Assembly**

Dr. Blum reported on the upcoming IASB Convention and Delegate Assembly, and he encouraged board members to attend.

**v. Thank You's**

Dr. Blum will shared some celebrations from around the district.

**e. Business Manager**

**i. Fiscal Audit**

Director of Business Services Michelle Wearmouth shared information regarding the annual fiscal audit, noting that test work was completed on August 22 and 23 and final audit work will continue on September 10 and 11, 2024.

**f. Board Members**

**9. Old Business**

**a. Call for 2025 Legislative Action Priorities**

Approve 2025 Legislative priorities to include teacher professional development and retention, student achievement, school safety, mental health, and teacher recruitment and licensure.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace

Motion seconded by: Nick Fiala

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

## 10. New Business

### a. 1st Reading of Listed Policies

Approve the first reading of listed policies that were updated to align with current law.

501.14. Open Enrollment Transfers - Procedures as a Sending District

501.15. Open Enrollment Transfers - Procedures as a Receiving District

705.08-R(1) Expenditures For A Public Purpose (Admin Update)

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

### b. Board Committee: IASB Delegate

Approve the required IASB Delegates Director Meg Dickinson and Director Shaylee VanderVelden.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace

Motion seconded by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

### c. Girls Cross Country Team Trip Crossing State Line

Approve the Girls Cross Country Team trip on September 19-20, 2024 that crosses the state line to Minneapolis, Minnesota to participate in the regional cross country meet.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace

Motion seconded by: Nick Fiala

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

### d. DCG HS Vocal Music Trip to New York City in June 2027 that Crosses State Line

Approve the 2027 DCG High School Vocal Music trip to New York City on June 6, 2027 through June 11, 2027 that crosses the state line to New York.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

### e. DCI Group Partnership Contract

Approve the partnership with DCI Group for the development of an RFP for an architect firm and for district master planning services.

Motion made by: Nick Fiala

Motion seconded by: Brandon McNace

Voting:  
Unanimously Approved

**f. Financial Statements**

Approve the financial statements as presented for July 2024.

Motion made by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson

Voting:  
Unanimously Approved

**g. Board Commendations**

Approve Board Commendations.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Voting:  
Unanimously Approved

**11. Written and oral communications**

**a. Next regular board meeting**

Next regular board meeting, Monday, September 23, 2024.

**12. Adjourn Regular Meeting**

Adjourn. Time: 6:18 p.m.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Voting:  
Unanimously Approved