



MEETING MINUTES

Please contact Superintendent Dr. Scott Blum or Board Secretary Michelle Wearmouth if you would like to speak about items appearing on the agenda at scott.blum@dcgschools.com or michelle.wearmouth@dcgschools.com

Link to meeting details: <https://tinyurl.com/DCGSimbli>

Attendance

Voting Members

Ryan Carpenter, President
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, Board Secretary

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. Denise Perez spoke in opposition to a proposed board policy change.

4. Approval of Agenda

Approve Agenda as published.

Motion made by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson

Voting:



Unanimously Approved

5. Appoint and Swear in Treasurer and Secretary

Recommend the appointment of Michelle Wearmouth as board secretary and treasurer.

President Carpenter administered the oath of office to Michelle Wearmouth.

6. Approved Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025 and the work session on Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

Motion made by: Nick Fiala

Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

7. Presentation of Bills for Approval

Approve the bills as presented.

Motion made by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Motion seconded by: Nick Fiala

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

8. Consent Agenda

Approve the consent agreement as presented.

Motion made by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

a. Open Enrollment

b. Contract Approvals, Resignations and Changes

c. Student Teaching and Practicum Agreements

d. Fundraising Activities for 2025-2026 School Year

e. Approve District Level External Bullying and Harassment Investigator

That the Board of Directors approve Dr. Gail Callahan as our District Level External Anti-Bullying and Harassment Investigator for the 2025-2026 school year.

f. Designation of LEA Homeless Liaison for the 2025-26 School Year

That the Board of Directors approve the Designation of LEA Homeless Liaison for the 2025-2026 school year as required by Iowa Administrative Code - Section 281, Chapter 33.

g. Accept into Record the FY 2025 GASB 75 Valuation Report (OPEB)

h. BerganKDV Agreement for Single Audit of Federal Funds for FY2025

i. Garratt Callahan Agreement

j. Qualtrics Annual Service Agreement for Learning and Assessment

k. MS-ISAC Membership Agreement

l. Edmentum/Apex License Renewal

m. Annual Movie Licensing and Streaming Agreement with Swank K12 / Iowa AEA

n. Activity Fund Balance Transfer

o. Official Publication

p. Approve School Attorney

q. Approve Depositories with Limits

r. Surety Bond for Board Secretary

9. City of Grimes Presentation

Jake Anderson, Grimes City Manager, and Alex Pfaltzgraff from the City of Grimes will give a presentation. They expressed appreciation for the partnership and coordinated efforts. Alex Pfaltzgraff, Grimes Development Services Manager, spoke regarding current and upcoming development projects.

10. OPN Presentation

Kristin Lewis and Ken Hagan of OPN Architects gave a presentation regarding the 10-year facility plan.

11. Reports

a. Written Reports

b. Building Level Reports

c. Associate Superintendent

i. New Teacher Orientation

Dr. Blum was happy to introduce Alyson Finley to the Board and welcomed her as our new Director of Student Services. Dr. Carenza updated the board with information about new teacher orientation and other pre-service work that will be done.

ii. All Staff Pre-Service Days

Dr. Carenza reviewed two documents for planned activities for pre-service days for all staff members.

iii. State and Federal Reporting

Dr. Carenza reviewed state and Federal reporting and preparation for Fall BEDS reporting.

iv. '25-'26 Professional Development Planning

Dr. Carenza reviewed professional development to be held for the 2025-2026 school year.

d. Superintendent

i. Building Permits within the District

Dr. Scott Blum reviewed building permits filed within the District for the month of June 2025.

ii. Facilities

Dr. Scott Blum provided an update regarding summer work in facilities.

iii. Enrollment

Dr. Scott Blum reviewed enrollment as of July 2025. He notes that registration is currently underway and numbers continue to evolve in advance of the school year.

e. Business Manager

i. Levy Review July 2025 for budget year 2025-2026

Director of Business Services Michelle Wearmouth reviewed the levies in place for the 2025-2026 school year.

f. Board Members

12. Old Business

13. Second Reading of Listed Policies

Recommend to approve the second reading of the listed policies:

NEW Policies

Administrative Updates (policies with suggested changes)

104-R(1) Anti-Bullying/Harassment - Bully/Harassment Incident Report

IASB Primer Updates

104 Anti-Bullying/Harassment

104-E(1) Anti-Bullying/Harassment - Bully/Harassment Incident Report

211 Open Meetings

402.02 Child Abuse Reporting

402.03 Abuse of Students by School District Employees

405.02 Recruitment, Qualifications and Selection

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501.03 Compulsory Attendance

501.09 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy

501.09-R(1) Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy

505.05 Graduation Requirements

507.01 Student Health and Immunization Certificates

603.01 Basic Instruction Program

603.05 Health Education

Annual/Mandatory Review (no changes recommended)

703.03 Classification of Accounts
704.03 Sales of Bonds
704.03-R(1) Sale of Bonds Regulation
704.04 Investments
704.06 Student Fee Waiver
704.06-R(1) Student Fee Waiver - Student Fee Waiver and Reduction Procedures
704.07 Material Fees-Students
704.08 Solicitation Projects By Groups or Individual

Rescind

501.03-R(1) Compulsory Attendance - Administrative Regs

Director Dickinson requested additional information regarding the removal of "gender identity" terminology from policy and our legal counsel's reasoning for this recommendation. Dr. Blum provided information about the guidance of legal counsel, and he reviewed the District's position that we work consistently to support and protect all students. Director Baker-Curtis asked about reporting of bullying changes, and the District's monitoring and responsiveness as a system. Dr. Blum discussed the change in process on forms for bullying reporting in various categories, and those criteria no longer impede the process of dealing with situations effectively. Dr. Carenza added that we are providing professional development, a student-led group, and that we will vehemently pursue dealing with any incidents reported. Director Baker-Curtis complimented the District on new practices implemented this year for improvement in this area.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Nick Fiala

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

14. New Business

a. First Reading of Policies

Approve the first reading of listed policies:

New Policies

Administrative Updates (policies with suggested changes)

705.03 Payment for Goods and Services
705.03-R(1) Payment for Goods and Services - Issuance of Checks
705.04-R(1) Requisitions/Purchase Orders



705.05 Private Purchases

705.06 District Provided Electronic Communication Devices

706.01 Payroll Periods

IASB Primer Updates

Annual Review (no changes recommended)

602.31 Appropriate Use of Online Learning Platforms

705.02* Advertisements

705.04 Requisitions/Purchase Orders

Rescind

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

b. Call for 2025 Legislative Action Priorities

Motion to table.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

c. Strategic Plan

Approve the Strategic Plan Roadmap.

Motion made by: Nick Fiala

Motion seconded by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

d. Conflict Waiver Request

Approve the conflict waiver request for Ahlers Cooney Attorneys to represent the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District regarding a real estate exchange with the City of Dallas Center.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson



Motion seconded by: Nick Fiala

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

e. Before and After School Childcare Rental Contracts for 2025-2026 School Year

Approve the before and after school childcare rental contracts for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion made by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

f. Financial Statements

Approve the financial statements as presented for June 2025.

Motion made by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Motion seconded by: Nick Fiala

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

g. Sale of Items on GovDeals

Approve the sale of listed items on GovDeal.

Motion made by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

15. Written and Oral Communications

a. Next Regular Board Meeting

Next regular board meeting is Monday, August 25, 2025.

16. Adjourn Regular Meeting

Adjourn. Time: 7:29 p.m.

Motion made by: Nick Fiala

Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson

Voting:



Regular Meeting
07/21/2025 - 05:30 PM
Administration Center-Board Room
Grimes, Iowa 50111

Unanimously Approved