



**Dietrich School District #314
Board of Trustees Board Meeting
January 20, 2025
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
7:00 P.M.**

Board Meeting Session

Board Chair Rick Bingham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The board members present were Rick Bingham, Starr Olsen, Valerie Varadi, Wyatt Weber and Ben Hoskisson. Staff members present were Superintendent Shaw, Amy Wood, and Diane Norman. Patrons Mindy Robertson and Angela Hubert were also present.

Starr Olsen made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ben Hoskisson. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Reorganization of the board

All board members signed the Code of Ethics and turned them in to Board Clerk Sarah Shaw. Ben Hoskisson made a nomination to appoint Valerie Varadi as board chairman. The nomination was seconded by Starr Olsen. Valerie Varadi accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations by acclamation, and Valerie Varadi was appointed as board chairman.

Rick Bingham made a nomination to appoint Wyatt Weber as vice chair. Wyatt Weber declined the nomination.

Wyatt Weber nominated Starr Olsen to remain as vice chair. Ben Hoskisson seconded the nomination for Starr Olsen to remain as vice chair. Starr Olsen accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations by acclamation, and Starr Olsen remains vice chair.

Ben Hoskisson made a motion to appoint Kacy Bradshaw as treasurer. The motion was seconded by Rick Bingham. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Ben Hoskisson made a motion to set regular board meeting dates to the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the boardroom. The motion was seconded by Rick Bingham. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Ben Hoskisson made a motion to name Times News as the Dietrich Schools' newspaper for publications. The motion was seconded by Starr Olsen. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Ben Hoskisson made a motion to designate Superintendent Stefanie Shaw as Title IX Officer. The motion was seconded by Wyatt Weber. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Team Lead Presentations

The elementary team lead presentation was given by Diane Norman.

The secondary team lead presentation was given by Amy Wood.

Superintendent Report

The superintendent report was as read with the following points:

- Financial Update

- Policy Updates Substantive Updates
- Upcoming Dates
- Maintenance Report

Principal Report

The principal report was as read with the following points:

- Christmas Caroling
- Sun Valley Museum
- 2nd Observations Scheduled
- Testing
- Cell Phone Policy
- Blue Devil Day
- Athletic Report

Finance

No action was taken regarding the SUI Budget and Payroll program. Discussion within the board yielded that the purchase of a new payroll system be made at the February regular meeting after administration and the board can collect more information and quotes on other potential programs.

Board Business

Wyatt Weber made a motion to approve Lumen as the schools' internet RFP. The motion was seconded by Rick Bingham. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Rick Bingham made a motion to approve the use of funds from the schools' general fund should no donations be made to pay to redo the main gym floor. The motion was seconded by Wyatt Weber. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Discussion was had concerning further elective courses. A main concern from administration, staff, patrons and board members present was the senior students meeting their graduation requirements and not remaining on campus for at least a half-day. The discussion was how the school could motivate students to utilize in-school hours to take dual-credit classes to prepare them for college instead.

Isation scores showed another drop this month and Superintendent Shaw speculated the reason to be that the tests were given to the students the week that they returned to school from winter break. Superintendent Shaw noted that if scores are not showing improvement within the next month, there will be some changes made to focus on improving those scores.

Superintendent Shaw informed the board about the recent Powerschool data breach. No data breaches specific to the Dietrich schools have been identified as of now, but the superintendent and staff member Don Vankleek are currently working to identify any sensitive data that may have been breached and will contact those individuals.

Policy

Rick Bingham made a motion to accept the second reading of policy 3265 (Cell Phone Policy).

The motion was seconded by Ben Hoskisson.

Rick Bingham cancelled his motion to accept the second reading of policy 3265 (Cell Phone Policy).

Starr Olsen made a motion to adopt policy 3265 (Cell Phone Policy). The motion was seconded by Ben Hoskisson. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Starr Olsen made a motion to enter into executive session as per code 74-206 (1) subsection(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public office, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. The motion was seconded by Ben Hoskisson. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor. The board entered into executive session along with Superintendent Shaw at 8:17pm.

Executive Session

Personnel was discussed from 8:17 pm until 8:27 pm.

The Superintendent evaluation was discussed from 8:27 pm until 9:11 pm.

The board exited the executive session at 9:11 pm.

Ben Hoskisson made a motion to approve personnel as recommended by Superintendent Shaw.

The motion was seconded by Rick Bingham. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Starr Olsen made a motion to accept the resignation of Ryann Gammit. The motion was seconded by Wyatt Weber. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Future Agenda Items

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.