



**Dietrich School District #314  
Board of Trustees Board Meeting  
December 17, 2024  
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, and Ben Hoskisson. Staff members present were Superintendent Shaw and Eric Mchan. Two students and patron Mindy Robertson were also present.

**Patron Input**

Mindy Robertson addressed the board to state her opinion in favor of combining the Dietrich highschool football program with Richfield in preparation for smaller numbers in coming years.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Senior Project Presentations**

Student 1 reported their senior project on an athletic trainer career path.

Student 2 reported their senior project on a personal trainer career path.

**Superintendent Report**

Superintendent report was as read with the following points;

- Policy Update
- 4 Disciplines of Execution Training - Superintendent Shaw emphasized the importance of strategic planning as it was an important portion of the training thus far.
- Upcoming Dates
- Attendance

**Principal Report**

Principal report was as read with the following points;

- Observations
- Veterans Assembly
- Glanbia Coats
- Grades
- Dress Code Policy
- Athletic Report

**Board Business**

- **Elective courses-** The board was given student input through a survey regarding potential elective courses to be integrated into the school for in-class instruction. Further information will be collected and provided to the board at the next regular meeting in January including a narrowed list of elective courses that the Dietrich schools could offer students moving forward.
- **25-26 Football Update-** Superintendent Shaw reported on a meeting with Dietrich administration, Dietrich football coaches, Richfield's coach, and Richfield's principal regarding a potential high school football program consortium between Dietrich and Richfield. Superintendent Shaw's recommendation to the board in light of the consensus of the meeting being the school board not move forward with the combining of Dietrich and Richfield high school football programs until it becomes an immediate need. More discussion was had both in favor and in opposition of the idea, and the board was in favor of putting together a committee with patrons and board representative Starr Olsen to gather input, develop a compromise, and report a plan back to both Dietrich and Richfield school boards.
- **Isation Scores-** It was noted that December recorded the first drop in isation scores for this school year. This drop is directly affected by the decrease in school days during Thanksgiving break.
- **Policy Committee-** Board Chair Rick Bingham presented an idea to the board regarding putting together a policy committee to gather input on hot topic policies. It was discussed that the administration should go through the manual and have a list of policies ready by the May board meeting to bring back to the board. The policy committee can then be put together to go through the list of policies, gather input from patrons, students, and staff and report back to the board in order to have a comprehensive report of the community's thoughts on these topics.
- **Main Floor Gym-** Board Chair Rick Bingham brought to the attention of the board the need for a new gym floor in the main gymnasium. It was discussed that the board would like input for a new school logo to be put onto the gym floor. The donor (who would like to remain anonymous) has offered to fund the new gym floor and the board's intention is to begin this project sometime in the summer of 2025.
- **IDLA Policy 3295-** Discussion was had regarding the wording of this policy and whether or not it subjects the district to litigation for IDLA course fees. The board recommended looking into the policy to further research and potentially revise wording under the direction of legal counsel.

### Policy

Discussion was had regarding a possible revision to the district's current cell phone policy in response to the emphasis on the topic from the recent ISBA conference held in November 2024. Superintendent Shaw reported the results of the survey from staff members on Policy 3265 (Cell Phone Policy). The main discussion was regarding whether or not to allow students/staff to use

their cell phones during passing periods and lunch period, as the school has an open campus for lunch. It was also discussed with the majority in favor that phones should not be allowed on all students' persons while on campus.

Starr Olsen made a motion to approve the first reading of policy 3265 (Cell Phone Policy). The motion was seconded by Ben Hoskisson. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Starr Olsen then asked Chairman Rick Bingham to allow him to amend his last motion. Starr Olsen made a motion to amend his previous motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3265, and instead to emphasize an enforcement of the policy moving forward on behalf of the board. The motion was seconded by Ben Hoskisson. The vote was unanimous in favor.

#### Future Agenda Items

The next regular board meeting will be held on January 20, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.