

Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 11, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Room 129 at Potter Site

1. Call to Order

President Joe Nicklas called the January 11, 2024 regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Publication of Meeting

President Joe Nicklas stated the meeting was published in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Western Nebraska Observer, Potter, and Dix.

3. Open Meeting Act

President Joe Nicklas stated the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall.

4. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 6:00 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Tim Maas
Royce McConnell
Joe Nicklas
Linda Shoemaker
Trustin Vrtatko
Quintin Wills

5. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

6. Previous Board Meeting(s) Minutes

Motion Passed 6-0: To approve the December 11, 2023 CAC meeting minutes and the December 11, 2023 regular board meeting minutes as presented with a motion by Royce McConnell and a second by Quintin Wills.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Yes
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes
Quintin Wills	Yes

7. Monthly Claims

Motion Passed 6-0: To approve the January 11, 2024 monthly Lunch and General Fund Claims as presented with a motion by Linda Shoemaker and a second by Trustin Vrtatko.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Yes
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes

Quintin Wills Yes

8. Monthly Financial Reports

Motion Passed 6-0: To approve the January 11, 2024 monthly financial reports for all funds as presented with a motion by Royce McConnell and a second by Tim Maas.

Tim Maas Yes
Royce McConnell Yes
Joe Nicklas Yes
Linda Shoemaker Yes
Trustin Vrtatko Yes
Quintin Wills Yes

9. Board Reorganization

9.1. Election of Officers

Motion Passed 5-0-1 with Nicklas abstaining: To cease nominations and a unanimous ballot to be cast for Joe Nicklas for President with a motion by Tim Maas and a second by Royce McConnell.

Tim Maas Yes
Royce McConnell Yes
Joe Nicklas Abstain
Linda Shoemaker Yes
Trustin Vrtatko Yes
Quintin Wills Yes

Motion Passed 5-0-1 with Wills abstaining: To cease nominations and a unanimous ballot to be cast for Quintin Wills for Vice President with a motion by Trustin Vrtatko and a second by Linda Shoemaker.

Tim Maas Yes
Royce McConnell Yes
Joe Nicklas Yes
Linda Shoemaker Yes
Trustin Vrtatko Yes
Quintin Wills Abstain

Motion Passed 5-0-1 with Shoemaker abstaining: To cease nominations and a unanimous ballot to be cast for Linda Shoemaker for Secretary with a motion by Royce McConnell and a second by Quintin Wills.

Tim Maas Yes
Royce McConnell Yes
Joe Nicklas Yes
Linda Shoemaker Abstain
Trustin Vrtatko Yes
Quintin Wills Yes

Motion Passed 5-0-1 with McConnell abstaining: To cease nominations and a unanimous ballot to be cast for Royce McConnell for treasurer with a motion by Linda Shoemaker and a second by Trustin Vrtatko.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Abstain
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes
Quintin Wills	Yes

9.2. Committee Appointments

Committee on American Civics / Curriculum: Tim Maas, Chairman, Royce McConnell, Joe Nicklas

Transportation / Buildings & Grounds: Trustin Vrtatko, Chairman, Tim Maas, Quintin Wills

Finance: All Members

Negotiations: Linda Shoemaker, Chairman, Royce McConnell, Quintin Wills

School Cancellation: All Members

10. Meeting Agenda

11. Special Recognition

Motion Passed 6-0: To recognize the December Students of the Month

K - Addison Deal

1 - Gabi Sharples

2 - Jady Hinton

3 - Clay McConnell

4 - Emerson Frerichs

5 - Brooklyn Deeds

6 - Vanessa Ramsey

7 - Madysen Price

8 - Sawyer Knoll

9 - Trenton Hickman

10 - R.J. Ramsey

11 - Amanda Waggoner

12 - Caden McConnell as presented with a motion by Trustin Vrtatko and a second by Linda Shoemaker.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Yes
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes
Quintin Wills	Yes

12. Recognition of Visitors/Communication with the Public

13. New Business/Discussion Items

13.1. Board of Education Report(s)

13.2. K-6 Principal/Activities Director Report

13.3. 7-12 Principal/Superintendent's Report

14. Action Items

14.1. Declare district designees

Motion Passed 6-0: To approve the school designees for 2024: School Depository - Potter State Bank Official Newspapers - Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Western Nebraska Observer and Omaha World-Herald Emergency Outlets - NewsChannel Nebraska, KNEB Radio and Remind Legal Counsel - KSB School Law Auditor - Neihardt CPA, PC with a motion by Royce McConnell and a second by Quintin Wills.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Yes
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes
Quintin Wills	Yes

14.2. Appoint State and Federal representative.

Motion Passed 6-0: To designate, Mr. Chris Arent, Superintendent of Potter-Dix Schools, as the district's representative for state and federal programs with a motion by Trustin Vrtatko and a second by Linda Shoemaker.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Yes
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes
Quintin Wills	Yes

14.3. Discuss and consider possible action on a contract with Ryan Stearns of Hewgley and Associates for roofing and drainage projects at both Potter and Dix.

Motion Passed 6-0: To contract with Ryan Stearns of Hewgley and Associates for the roofing and drainage projects at both Potter and Dix with a motion by Royce McConnell and a second by Trustin Vrtatko.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Yes
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes
Quintin Wills	Yes

14.4. Consider and take action on the resignation of Ms. Ashley Ingerle, K-12 music teacher.

Motion Passed 6-0: To accept with regret the resignation of Ms. Ashley Ingerle, K-12 Music Teacher with a motion by Linda Shoemaker and a second by Quintin Wills.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Yes
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes
Quintin Wills	Yes

Motion Passed 6-0: To enter closed session at 6:57 p.m. to discuss Negotiated Agreement with PDEA with a motion by Quintin Wills and a second by Royce McConnell. All of which is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest in compliance with the law. President Nicklas re-stated that closed session will only be used to discuss the Negotiated Agreement with PDEA.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Yes
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes
Quintin Wills	Yes

Motion Passed 6-0: To reconvene into regular session at 7:04 p.m. with a motion by Tim Maas and a second by Trustin Vrtatko. President Nicklas re-stated that closed session was used only to discuss the Negotiated Agreement with PDEA, which is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest in compliance with the law and there was no action taken in closed session.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Yes
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes
Quintin Wills	Yes

14.5. Discuss and take possible action on the negotiated agreement between the Potter-Dix Board of Education and the Potter-Dix Education Association for the 24-25 school year.

Motion Passed 6-0: To approve the negotiated agreement between the Potter-Dix Board of Education and the Potter-Dix Education Association for the 2024-2025 school year with a motion by Quintin Wills and a second by Trustin Vrtatko.

Tim Maas	Yes
Royce McConnell	Yes
Joe Nicklas	Yes
Linda Shoemaker	Yes
Trustin Vrtatko	Yes
Quintin Wills	Yes

15. Adjournment

President Joe Nicklas adjourned the January 11, 2024 regular Board of Education meeting at 7:11 p.m. and set the next regular meeting for February 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Potter site.

President

Secretary