

MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2025
7:30 p.m.

Mission Statement: *The mission of Overton Public School is to provide opportunities for everyone to be Engaged, Enlightened, and Empowered.*

Board President called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members Present:

Brennan
Jeffries
Kizer
Lassen
Meier
Walahoski

Notification: The September 8, 2025, meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School website, Beacon Observer, Overton Post Office, and the Security First Bank.

Open Meetings Information: To be in compliance with LB 898, The Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Board President informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted near the LMC check-out counter.

Administration Present: Mark Aten, superintendent, Brian Fleischman prek-4 principal, and Bill Johnson 5-12 principal.

Guests Present: Brooke Puffer, Kent Puffer, Cathy Luther, Pat Luther, Deb Jehorek and Marcia Herring.

Public Comments: Brooke Puffer, Kent Puffer and Pat Luther commented regarding their concerns with the prek program.

Reports: No Reports

Communications: OEA request to be recognize for the 2027-2028 negotiations.

Other: None

Action Items:

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Kizer to approve the agenda of the September 8, 2025, regular monthly board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no changes made to the agenda. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Lassen to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, Regular Board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
3. **Claims:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to pay the September General Fund bill roster in the amount \$12,943.05 and the September payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$327,478.53. Discussion: Superintendents provide additional information on the bill roster. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
4. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to appoint Heather Brennan to fulfil the board term vacated by Jacob Olmstead. Discussion: Board agreed that Heather would be an excellent option to fulfil Jacob Olmstead's remaining term. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

5. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Brennan to approve board policy 6035. Discussion. With the lack of boys in the Junior High, the board approved 6035 to allow sixth grade boys to participate in the Junior High football program. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
6. Moved by Kizer, seconded by Walahoski to approve the approve the Overton Education Association (OEA) as the official bargaining agent for the certificated staff for the 2027-2028 school year. Discussion: This is the first step in 2027-2028 negotiations process. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
7. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Kizer to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Discussion. Very little discussion as the board determined it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

Board Reports and Discussion Topics:

1. **Board Reports:**
 - a. Transportation:
 - b. Curriculum: No Report
 - c. Facilities: No Report
 - d. Negotiations: No Report
 - e. Interlocal Committee: No Report
 - f. Committee on American Civics: No Report
2. **Discussion Topics:**
 - a. October Board Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, October 8, 2025, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC.
 - b. Set the Budget and Tax Request hearings and Special Board Meeting date for Monday, September 22, 2025. Budget Hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the LMC.
 - c. September Financial and Budget Review.

Administrative Reports:

Prek-4 Principal Report:

- a. Calendar of Events
- b. Enrollment Update
- c. Junior High Sports Update

Grades 5-12 Principal Report:

- a. Positive Reinforcement Program

Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment Option Report

Option Enrollment:

Out:

- a. Riley Trinidad – Grade 3 - Lexington

In:

- a. Doran Loudon – Grade K from Elm Creek
- b. Hudson Sage – Grade 3 from Lexington
- c. Breckin Sage – K – from Lexington
- d. Kennedy Seberger – K – from Lexington
- e. Hayes Osborne – K – from Lexington
- f. Owen Olmstead – Grade 2 – from Bertrand
- g. Macie Olmstead – K – from Bertrand

Change of Status:

- a. None

2. Financial Information & Update
3. Financial Update
4. SRP Drills
5. School Audit
6. Budget Review