

MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 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
Lassen
Meier
Walahoski

Notification: The December 8, 2025, meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School website, The Lexington Clipper Herald, 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 Pres-4 principal, and Bill Johnson 5-12 principal.

Guests Present: Brooke Puffer, Kent Puffer, Pat Luther, and Cathy Luther.

Public Comments: Brooke Puffer

Reports: No Reports

Communications: Resignations (2)

Other:

- a. Board excused the absence of member Kizer. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
- b. Appointed superintendent president pro-temp for the January 2026 board meeting.

Action Items:

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve the agenda of the December 8, 2025, regular monthly board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no changes made to the agenda. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Brennan, seconded by Jeffries to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025, as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
3. **Claims:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Walahoski to pay the December General Fund bill roster in the amount \$55,825.61 and the December payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$346,825.61. Discussion: Superintendent provided additional information on the bill roster. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
4. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Lassen to approve the schoolwide Title 1 Plan. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.

5. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Lassen to accept Mr. Dea's resignation effective the end of the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
6. Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Meier to approve the teaching contract for Mr. Micah Noel effective the beginning of the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
7. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve the 2024-2025 school audit. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
8. Moved by Meier, seconded by Lassen to approve the contract renewal for the superintendent. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
9. Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Jeffries to approve the superintendent's evaluation. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
10. Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Brennan to enter executive session at 10:00 p.m. to discuss board policy 6040. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
11. Moved by Meier, seconded by Brennan to exit executive session at 10:20 p.m. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss board policy 6040. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.
12. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Walahoski to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m. Discussion. Very little discussion as the board determined it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Kizer.

Board Reports and Discussion Topics:

1. **Board Reports:**
 - a. Transportation: No Report
 - b. Curriculum: No Report
 - c. Facilities: No Report
 - d. Negotiations: Determine next meeting date
 - e. Interlocal Committee: Annual Interlocal Meeting scheduled for January 12, 2026
2. **Discussion Topics:**
 - a. January Board Meeting Date and Time: Monday, January 12, 2026, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC.
 - b. Superintendent evaluation at the December board meeting.
3. **Board Policy Review Schedule:**
 - b. 1001 General Policy Statement
 - c. 1002 Creation, Amendment and Distribution of Policies
 - d. 1003 Mission Statement
 - e. 2002 Organization of the Board
 - f. 2003 Development and Education of Board Members
 - g. 2004 Oath of Office
 - h. 2005 Conflict of Interest
 - i. 2006 Complaint Procedure
 - j. 2007 Reimbursement and Miscellaneous Expenditures
 - k. 2008 Meetings

Administrative Reports:

Prek-4 Principal Report:

- a. 2026-2027 School Calendar Update
- b. Football Helmets Purchasing Plan

Grades 5-12 Principal Report:

- a. Scheduled School Activities
- b. Principal Conferences
- c. Activity Updates

Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment Option Report
 - Option Enrollment:
 - Out: a. None
 - In: a. None
 - Change of Status: a. None
2. Financial Update
3. Budget Review
4. 2024-2025 School Audit
5. Dawson Count Election Certification Form