

MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 2026
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

Notification: The January 12, 2026, 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: Pat Luther

Reports: No Reports

Communications: No Communications

Absence: Board excused the absence of member Walahoski. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.

Board of Education Election of Officers: The 2025 Board of Education was adjourned, and the 2026 Board of Education was convened. Board elected the following officers for the 2026 year: Board President, Joel Meier (5-0-1), Board Vice-President, Gordon Lassen (5-0-1), Board Secretary, Jared Walahoski (5-0-1), Board Treasurer, Clayton Jeffries (4-1-1).

2026 Board Committees:

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| Committee on American Civics: | Gordon Lassen, Jared Walahoski, and Clayton Jeffries |
| Interlocal: | Joel Meier and Clayton Jeffries |
| Curriculum: | Logan Kizer, Gordon Lassen, and Heather Brennan |
| Transportation: | Clayton Jeffries, Jared Walahoski, and Heather Brennan |
| Negotiations: | Logan Kizer, Joel Meier, and Jared Walahoski |
| Facilities and Properties: | Heather Brennan, Jared Walahoski, and Joel Meier |

Other:

- a. Appointed board member Kizer to act as Secretary for the meeting.

Action Items:

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve the agenda of the January 12, 2026, 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, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Meier, seconded by Brennan to approve the minutes of the December 8, 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, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.
3. **Claims:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Kizer to pay the January General Fund bill roster in the amount \$66,208.67 and the January payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$345,515.81. Discussion: Superintendent provided additional information on the bill roster. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.
4. Moved by Meier, seconded by Brennan to approve the Committee on Americanism. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.
5. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Jeffries to authorize the Superintendent to use facsimile signatures for the Board President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.
6. Moved by Kizer, seconded by Brennan to approve the enrollment option limits. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.
7. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to approve KSB School Law as the legal counsel for the school district. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.
8. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Brennan to recognize the Overton Education Association as the official bargaining agent for the certificated staff for the 2027-2028 school year. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.
9. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Kizer to accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Neben affective the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.
10. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Jeffries to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 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, Kizer, Lassen, and Meier. Voting No: (0). Absent (1) Walahoski.

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:

2. **Discussion Topics:**

- a. February Board Meeting Date and Time: Monday, February 9, 2026, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC.
- b. Board Policy 6040 Early Childhood Program
- c. NASB Calendar of Events

3. **Board Policy Review Schedule: 2000 Series**

- 2009 Public Participation at Board Meetings
- 2010 Preparation for Board Meetings
- 2011 Membership in Organizations
- 2012 Code of Ethics
- 2013 Violation of Board Ethics
- 2014 Relationship with School Attorney
- 2015 dent Board Member
- 2016 Participation in Insurance Program by Board Members
- 2017 Indemnification and Liability Insurance

Administrative Reports:

Prek-4 Principal Report:

- a. NSAA Meeting Update
- b. Activities Update

Grades 5-12 Principal Report:

- a. Scheduled School Activities
- b. Activity Updates
- c. Speaker Schedule
- d. In-service Agenda Update

Superintendent's Report:

- 1. Enrollment Option Report

Option Enrollment:

Out:

- a. Chisum Cox – Grade 7 to SEM

In:

- b. Titan Irish – Grade 4 from Lexington
- c. Evelyn Francisco – Grade 2 from Elm Creek
- d. Bryce Francisco – Grade 5 from Elm Creek
- e. Josselynn Francisco – Grade 8 from Elm Creek

Change of Status:

- a. None

- 2. Financial Update
- 3. Budget Review
- 4. 2026 Board Election