

Minutes of the Overton Public School Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.
LMC, Overton Public School
401 7th Street
Overton, NE 68863

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 July 13, 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: J.D. Ourada, Micah Noel, Alisha Remmenga, Alicia Lassen, and Cydney Weiss.

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

Board Reports:

1. CIP committee members Alisha Remmenga, Alicia Lassen, and Cydney Weiss presented an update on Year Four of the CIP Process.
2. Industrial Technology teacher Micah Noel presented to the board an update on the Industrial Technology program and goals for the next several years.

Communications: None.

Other:

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

Action Items:

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Brennan to approve the agenda of the July 13, 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, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Kizer.
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Brennan, seconded by Jeffries to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026, 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 Walahoski, seconded by Jeffries to pay the July General Fund bill roster in the amount \$119,333.05 and the July payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$310,33.05. Discussion: Superintendent provided additional information and answered questions 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 Jeffries, seconded by Meier to approve facility rental rates, substitute teacher pay, tuition, activity admission, milage rate, and food program meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion: Administration and food program director recommended the price and little discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Kizer.
5. Moved by Walahoski, seconded by Brennan to approve local substitute teachers. Discussion: Substitute teachers are an important of filling vacancies during the 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 Lassen, seconded by Jeffries to increase the district's overall Property Tax Authority up to an additional 7% or other maximum amount as permitted by law. Discussion: The increase is considered a way to ensure there is additional taxing authority if ever needed. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Kizer.
7. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Walahoski to authorize the superintendent or his/her designee to dispose of all obsolete equipment, furniture, books, curriculum and materials in the most favourable manner to the district in accordance with all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to such disposition for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion: The approval is required by Nebraska Law. It was also noted that any materials sold will be report back to the board and recorded in the minutes. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Kizer.
8. Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Brennan to approve the 2026-2027 handbooks. Discussion: The administration made the recommendation to approve the handbooks based on the KSB School Law updates in board policies. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Kizer.
9. Moved by Meier, seconded by Walahoski to approve board policies: 2008 Board Meeting, 3003 Biddings for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Site Improvement, 3003.1 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling Repair or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds, 3004.1 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds, 3048 Communicable Diseases, 3061 ACH Originator Policy, 4017 Relations with Employee Collective Bargaining Associations, 4019 Workplace Injury Prevention and Safety Committee, 4056 Resignation of Certificated Staff, 4065 Staf Use of AI Tools, 5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, 5003 Admission of Part-Time Students, 5035 Student Discipline, 5048 Emergency Response to Life Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis), 6009 Grade Placement and Academic Credits or Transfer Students, 6038 Student Use of AI Tools, 6046 Right to Access Library Materials. Motion carried 5-0-1. Voting Yes (5): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (1): Kizer.
10. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 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: No Report
 - e. Interlocal Committee: No Report
 - f. Committee on American Civics: No Report
2. **Discussion Topics:**
 - a. August Board Meeting Date and Time: Monday, August 2026, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC.
 - b. Board/Staff Dinner: Monday, August 10, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m.
 - c. Notice of Notice: Implementation of requirements to allow the board meeting notices to be placed on the school website without being published in the local newspaper.
 - d. Cybersecurity Update
 - e. CHS Propane Contract
 - f. Certificate of Accreditation
3. **Board Policy Review Schedule:**
 1. 3029 – Distribution of Flyers Advertising Non-school Organizations
 2. 3030 – Automatic External Defibrillator Program
 3. 3031 – Students Electing to Attend School in Adjoining State
 4. 3032 – fees for School District Records
 5. 3033 – Lending Textbooks to Children Enrolled in Private Schools
 6. 3035 – Chain of Command
 7. 3036 – Purchasing (Credit) Card Program
 8. 3037 – Petty Cash Policy
 9. 3039 – Threat Assessment and Response
 10. 3040 – School Safety and Security
 11. 3041 – Crisis Team Duties

Administrative Reports:

PreS-4 Principal Report:

- a. Recognition of Student/Staff Success
- b. 2026-2027 Handbooks

Grades 5-12 Principal Report:

- a. Student/Staff Recognition Success
- b. 2026-2027 Handbooks

Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment Option Report

Option Enrollment:
Out:
 - a. Taya Cox – Grade 4 to SEM
 - b. Weston Cox – Grade 6 to SEM

In:

- a. Owen Smith – grade 1 from Lexington
- b. Emmalynn Smith – Grade K from Lexington

Change of Status:

- a. Logan Benham – Grade 4 Dropped Option Status
- b. Noah Benham – Grade 7 Dropped Option Status
- c. McKenzi White – Grade 2 dropped Option Status

- 2. Financial Update
- 3. Budget Review
- 4. Project Update